Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of Christ the King | St Mary of the Assumption | St John the Baptist BURNLEY

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th November 2026 Year A



Today's Gospel speaks of gifts with which the Lord has entrusted us. They are in a sense just loaned to us. The Lord is immensely generous, and he is looking for the same generosity with his gifts from those who receive them. We are all unique and are all given a variety of gifts that we are to use to make a difference with our lives.

As we see in the parable the Lord is delighted with the two faithful servants who have used the gifts that they received to great effect; they had made something of what they had been given. We are to show courage at times of great challenge; we are to give our all to bring out the best in ourselves and others; we are to be utterly selfless in our giving and in our approach to life.

The Lord is far from impressed with the third servant in the parable who makes excuses to try to cover over his unfaithfulness; falsely putting the blame at the door of his Master. He had merely hidden his gift and not used it. He had been lacking in generosity and in the right attitude to life. He was selfish, lazy and cowardly. We are urged by Jesus not to make the same mistake ourselves. We are not to hide our light under a bushel but rejoice in our blessings and put them to proper and frequent use. We are to glorify God in using the things with which he has blessed us, for to do so is not to take pride in ourselves but is to rejoice in making repayment to the Master, from whom come such blessings. Life is God's gift to us; but what we make of ourselves and how we use our gift of life to make a difference is our gift to God.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT NEXT SUNDAY

CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIME AT ST MARY'S 22ND NOVEMBER

The BFC vs Blackburn Rovers match is at Turf Moor **NEXT Sunday 22nd November** at midday. This may cause problems for Mass goers at St Mary's as well as for the volunteers running the football car park. Therefore we have decided to have Mass on that day **ONLY at 9.00am** not 10.00am We will also unfortunately need to cancel tea and coffee and home produce stall in the parish rooms after Mass that day.. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

ADVENT MASS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND – 5TH DECEMBER 2026

The SVP are holding their annual Advent Mass on **Saturday December 5th in St John's Parish Hall starting at 12.15 pm**. This is followed by our usual Christmas party. We invite our housebound parishioners and any new people who find themselves alone or in this situation to come and join us. **Transport can be provided if needed**. Contact Maria on 07929256496 or Klaus on 07977913092.

SVP CHRISTMAS FOOD BAG APPEAL

Last Christmas the SVP made up twenty-seven food bags to give to families paid for out of our funds. This year our funds won't stretch that far. To help us achieve this objective we ask for your help. Every week **until 29th November** we ask you to buy an item for a Christmas hamper. Suggested items, tinned meats or fish, non-perishable food, chocolates, biscuits, selection boxes etc. A box is at the back of each church for donations. **Thank you in advance for your gifts.**

PARISH CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Once again, we are delighted to be able to put on a Christmas day lunch for those who would like to attend, especially people who might otherwise be on their own. This is of course due to the generosity of a strong team of volunteers. The event will include a two- course lunch, some spontaneous singing, a present under the tree for all our guests and hopefully some "serious" dancing after the meal!! There is no charge for attending this event, which is supported by some generous donations. Lunch will be served at 2pm with arrivals at the Parish Rooms from 1.30pm. Bookings have started to come in now at a healthy rate so if you would like to book a place, please contact Mike tel 07929451566.

REMEMBRANCE AND AFTERNOON TEA AT BLESSED TRINITY CC

Thanks to everyone who came to this very enjoyable and touching event at BTCC. The young people really were a credit to the music staff, the school, their families and themselves.

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts and abilities you have placed within me. Give me the wisdom to recognise them, the courage to step out in faith, with a humble heart to use them in service to others and for your glory. Amen.

CAFOD NEWS - NOVEMBER 2026

Cancel the Debt Petition: Many parishioners signed CAFOD's Cancel the Debt petition during the summer. The Salford diocese collected 2,172 signatures out of a total of 29,916 nationally. The petition has made a difference. As part of the wider UK Cancel the Debt movement our signatures are starting to bear fruit. At the I.M.F and World Bank meetings in Bangkok, the Foreign Secretary, Ed Milliband, called for a 'new deal on debt' which would include faster and deeper relief for countries in crisis. Alongside CAFOD's development work, its campaigning makes a real difference to the lives of our sisters and brothers in need. Please pray for the continued success of CAFOD's campaigning.

THANK YOU

Massive Grateful Thanks to all contributors large and small for the Anthony Joseph Whittle memorial way walk in remembrance of Christopher's late brother who passed away in Bangor, Wales on 25th November 1994 aged 30yrs, Thankyou for the parishioners of the parish of the Good Samaritan as well as to the staff from Dove Court Nursing Home. Chris has so far raised over £200 with a few donations still to come in this week. Payments will be made to Mind.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

If you, or someone you know cannot get to Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please ask their permission, then talk with Fr. David to arrange things.



Mass Intentions



Lately Dead: Jackie Killian, Kathleen Harrison, Andrew Kelly, Stephen Rodgers, Ita Thomas, Christina Thompson, Joan Ashworth,

Anniversaries: Mary Coupe, Jean Cunliffe, Cyril Minihan,

In Memoriam: For the Holy Souls

PARISH BEREAVEMENT MASS

Thanks to all who supported and helped organise our Parish bereavement Mass at St Mary's last Thursday evening. It all went really well. Particular thanks to Fr Theo, those who helped with the beautiful liturgy, and for those who contributed to the wonderful refreshments afterwards. Special thanks to the newly formed Parish of the Good Samaritan Bereavement support team , for whom this is their first event. We are sure that many grieving families were greatly helped, some of whom had travelled a long distance to be present. **Well done everyone.**

NELSON KSC CHARITY SUNDAY - 29TH November 2026

The Charity Afternoon starts at 1.00pm on Sunday 29th November, at the KSC Club on Forrest St **Nelson** (BB97NB)**.** offering music from A L Take 2, and a variety of fun activities including raffle, auction and lots more. Proceeds will support the Alzheimer's |Society and Walton Lane Day Care Centre. Admission £3.00



Pope Leo's Intention for November

For the proper use of wealth.

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.

For those in Mourning

May you see God's light on the path ahead
When the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear the gentle singing of the lark.

When times are hard may hardness
Never turn your heart to stone,
May you always remember
when the shadows fall,
You do not walk alone.

MISSIO BOXES AT CHRIST THE KING

For the Christ the King Community this is the month for the collection of the Missio Red Boxes. Please bring your boxes to Church or call Stephen on 07593 854661 to arrange collection.
Thank you for your amazing continuing support.

FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES, OLD ENGLISH COINS AND NOTES, MEDALS AND GOLD

If you have any of these items please bring them to church and place them at a box at the back of each church . Thank you to all those concerned which is greatly appreciated.

PARISH BONUS BALL GAME

Thanks to all who support the Bonus Ball game in each of the three churches, which will continue each week. Since changes to the National Lottery, **we will use the first of the two draws** as our source for our Bonus Ball. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday was number 16 **.** Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's: ~ Rose **St Mary's: ~ Sarah** **Christ the King: ~ rollover**

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate sacristy.

MASSES AND SERVICES : MONDAY 16th NOV TO SUNDAY 22nd NOV 2026

Monday *St Margaret of Scotland*
9.30am St Mary's

Tuesday *St Elizabeth of Hungary*
9.30am St Mary's 12.00 noon St John's

Wednesday *Dedication of the Basilica od Ss Peter and Paul*
9.30am Christ the King **6.00pm St John's**

Thursday *Weekday*
6.30pm at St Mary's NB Only one Mass today

Friday *Weekday*
11.30 – 11.55 Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's
12.00 noon St Mary's

Saturday *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
9.30am St Mary's
10.30 to 11.30 Exposition with Reconciliation at St Mary's
Reconciliation with Exposition at John's from 5.15pm to 5.55pm

Vigil Masses
6.00pm: St John's
6.30pm at St Mary's,

Sunday ***Christ the King***
9.15am Christ the King, 5pm Mass Christ the King
9.00am St Mary's

Please note the change of this Mass time – (for this week only)

(This Mass will be livestreamed on the Parish website and a recoding available later from Sunday afternoon.)
10.45am St John's

Stay with us Lord on our Journey

EXPOSITION: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before all of the Masses from Monday to Friday. (Except before funerals)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER

You can make your contributions to the parish online by Standing Order; Please contact your bank and inform them that payment should now be made as follows: Name: The Salford Diocesan Trust: The Good Samaritan Parish. Sort Code: 205558 Account number: 50404640

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 7/8 Novembner for £ 1574.91, for which many thanks.

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