Parish of the Good Samaritan

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

Christ the King

22nd November 2026 Year A



On the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, we bestow the title of Universal King upon Jesus. Through the Incarnation God comes among us. He rubs shoulders with us and sees what real life is like as humans.
In today's Gospel we hear the Universal King's "great speech"; after his experiences among us he is able to speak with authority as to what really matters as humans. Like the shepherd, as a great King he is concerned about all his subjects especially the most vulnerable and those who might be treated as outcasts or forgotten about. He speaks of the way we have treated other people as determining our eternal destiny. God sees everything we have done and will judge us says Christ the King on how we have treated the lowly. God is in everyone, so we are to be judged on how we have treated the hungry, the stranger, the needy, the prisoner and the sick. The King tells us that all the little things matter; the times when we were too busy to show a little act of kindness are really important. He highlights that fact that little details and little acts of kindness really matter. We are of course to be judged on the amount of love we have shown or not shown. On this feast of Christ the King we pray to imitate the Lord who came in humility among us to show us the way of love. Let us dwell on the powerful words of a song by Brenton Brown called the "Humble King"

"You are the God of the broken
The friend of the weak
You wash the feet of the weary ,
Embrace the ones in need
And I want to be like you Jesus
To have this heart in me
You are the God of the humble
You are the humble King"

SVP CHRISTMAS FOOD BAG APPEAL - LAST COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

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.**

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.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

Following on from the very well-received Parish Bereavement Mass on 12th November, there will be a meeting for the newly formed parish bereavement support team at St Mary's presbytery on Tues 24th November at 7.15pm. All are welcome

'SPECIAL' 1ST OF THE MONTH' ON SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Our "1st of the Month" in December has a request!

Christabel, who is part of the Parish family each Sunday morning, has been invited, through Sir John Thursby college, where she is a student, to journey to Uganda with the children's charity "Edukid". The charity removes barriers to education for children living in extreme poverty and conflict. It invites young people to journey with them to become socially aware and understand how they can contribute positively to other people's lives. **Christabel is actively fundraising towards the cost of the journey** and would be grateful for any help from our Parish family.

So on December 5th after the 10.45am Mass at St Johns we have - homemade soup, sandwiches, cakes - there will be a raffle and for our entertainment a 'Hoopla Championship', 20p a throw, with the highest score, in the fastest time, being declared the winner!!

Lots of fun in store showing our loving support for one of our young people!

CAFOD NEWS - NOVEMBER 2026

Cancel the Debt Petition: CAFOD's Cancel the Debt petition, which many parishioners signed during the summer, is gaining momentum. Our Prime Minister, in his recent speech at the COP31 climate conference, talked about his priorities for the UK hosting the G20 group of nations in 2027, including action on the debt 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 work and that CAFOD and others' efforts on debt cancellation will be successful and help create a better world for all.

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. A good number of people have already booked for this year's lunch so **if you would like to book a place, please contact Mike on 07929451566 .**

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

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, Andrew Kelly, Stephen Rodgers, Ita Thomas,

Anniversaries: Jean McAulay, Albert (Bert) Hill, George Joseph, Kathleen Kinsella, Christopher McKnight, David and Stephen Yousef, Peter Francis Shackleton,.

Other Intentions:: Michael Eccles, Joe, for healing, Sharon

Birthday Memoriam; Irene Moore,



ROSARY FOR ITA THOMAS RIP

Rosary will prayed at Alderson and Horan chapel of rest for Ita Thomas RIP on Tuesday 24th November at 6pm All are welcome.

ENJOY TIME WITH OUR SCHOOLCHILDREN - TWO OPPORTUNITIES

INVITATION TO PARISH CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY - ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

On **Wednesday 16th December, St John the Baptist Primary School** will hold its annual Parish Christmas Tea Party. Tickets are available from the school office or from Michael Mulrooney. The concert starts at 1.30pm and includes an afternoon tea. There is no charge for this event.

SCHOOLS' CONCERT AT ST MARY'S CHURCH - 8th December

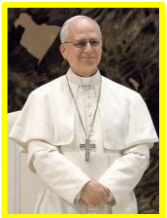
Pupils from the three primary schools in the parish are taking part in the Salford Diocese Schools' Singing Programme this year. On Tuesday December 8th at 6.30pm there is a **Christmas Concert at St Mary's church** in Burnley at which the pupils will be singing.

Members of the parish are invited and welcome to this free concert.

POPE LEO: *"In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanization, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human."*

NELSON KSC CHARITY SUNDAY - 29TH November 2026 - NEXT SUNDAY

The entretainment starts at 1.00pm on Sunday 29th November, at the KSC Club on Forrest St **Nelson** (BB97NB)**.** offering music, other fun activities 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.

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 **53.** Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's: ~ Roy St Mary's: ~ Amy Christ the King: ~ rollover

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate presbytery

MASSES AND SERVICES : MONDAY 23rd NOV TO SUNDAY 29th NOV 2026

Monday *St Clement*
9.30am St Mary's

Tuesday St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
9.30am St Marys 12.00 noon St John's

Wednesday *St Catherine of Alexandria*
9.30am Mass at St John's
10.00am Funeral Mass at Christ the King for Andrew Kelly RIP

Thursday *Weekday*
9.30am St Mary's **Only one Mass today**

Friday *Weekday*
9.15 am Mass at Christ the King School
11.00am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Ita Thomas RIP
NB: No Exposition and Reconciliation today

Saturday *Weekday*
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 ***First Sunday of Advent***
9.15am Christ the King**,** 5pm Mass Christ the King
10.00am St Mary's**
***(This Mass will be livestreamed on the Parish website and a recoding available later from Sunday afternoon.)*
10.45am St John's

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

Stay with us Lord on our Journey

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 21/22 November was £1528.38 , for which many thanks.

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