

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

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

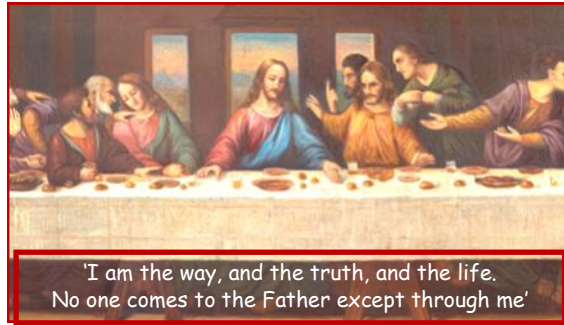


## NEWSLETTER FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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During the Last Supper, the apostles were thrown into crisis when Jesus started to talk to them about his death. On hearing this their hearts were troubled



and filled with fear. Knowing that their faith would be severely tested by the horrors of Good Friday, Jesus tried to prepare them for this terrible ordeal. He tells them do not let their hearts be troubled, to believe in God and believe in him. He knew they had faith but it's a faith that would be massively helped by the promise of the Resurrection. The Resurrection that we continue to celebrate in this Easter season changes everything and especially it changes our approach to suffering, death and life itself.

For a true picture of what God is like, we should recall how Jesus says

in answer to Philip's question about seeing the Father "Show us the Father and we shall be satisfied". He said "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." He

shows what the invisible God the Father is like: concerned for all, interested in all, respecting everyone and calling us home to him.

Let us all strive to be more humble, carrying out even the smallest acts of kindness to help each other, having a life founded on prayer and a good relationship with the Risen Christ. We are to model our lives on Christ who says "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life".

We are also to be people like him who serve; this calls for a spirit of cheerfulness, generosity and willingness to give our time and our love.

### GAMES ON THE LAWN AT ST JOHN'S—THIS WEEKEND



"Games on the Lawn", hopefully in the sun, is the first of the month, this Sunday May 3rd after the 10.45am mass at St Johns. We have badminton, football, hula hooping, cricket, swing ball and more ... and yes, it's all on the same lawn!!

Cakes and drinks are in the parish hall - for the less energetic.

### MISSION POSSIBLE!

### APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there will be appeal for this project led by Catholic teachers serving the Burnley area. They will give up their forthcoming half term holiday in order to teach for a week in schools in Africa.



## PARISH MIDSUMMER MEAL – BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

We're planning a whole-parish meal at Dempsey's on Briercliffe Road on **Friday 12th June 6.30pm for 7.00pm**. There will be a menu for adults and children (under 12's) to choose from as the restaurant requires advance ordering of your meal. The menus are at the back of each church so please take a look. **Places are limited so, if you're interested, here's what to do:**

**Step 1:** Look at the menus at the back of church and decide if you want to come. Please don't take the menus away - take a photo of the menu to give you time to think about your choices.

**Step 2:** If you decide to come, call Frank or Barbara McNamara to make your reservation, giving you name, number of places, and contact number. Call 07930 508 209, or 07713 718 700.

Next weekend we will leave individual / group booking forms for your menu choices.

**Step 3.** Complete the forms, and put them, and full payment in an envelope marked 'Parish Meal'.

**Step 4.** Give the envelope to Frank or Barbara, or drop it into St Mary's presbytery letterbox.

**Your reservation is only confirmed when we receive your payment.** Thank you.

## DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?



Do **you** enjoy singing? Would you like to come and sing with St Mary's singing group at the 10.00am Sunday Mass? Singing is a very healthy pastime for mind and body, and when you sing prayer, you sing twice. You will be very welcome.

**Come and talk with us after Mass**

## PRAYER FOR HUMILITY AND KINDNESS

*Father of all, Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ lived a life of humility and service. He lived His life showing mercy to the humble and meek.*

*Help me to imitate Christ's attitude of humility and kindness. May my life be of humble service to You and everyone I encounter.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## KSC: BFC SIGNED FOOTBALL SHIRT RAFFLE—A COLLECTOR'S ITEM??



Alas! The Clarets are going down! Who knows when they will be back ....?

We have what may become a unique memento of having a Premier League team for the town ..... and it could be **YOURS**.

**It's a signed, framed BFC official shirt** and we're offering you the chance to win this potential collectors item in our raffle. Numbers are only £5.00, and you can get yours by calling Brother Tom (07891 124951) to buy or for more information.

**All proceeds will go to Pendleside Hospice and the Georgia Fourie Butterfly Fund.**

## GIFT AID ENVELOPES

These are now available at the back of each church. They will be labelled with your name. At Christ the King church please take a box of envelopes and look for the form inside the box, please complete form and return to the sacristy or please give to Mick Frazer or Tim McCarthy. Those who use non Gift Aid envelopes please just take a box of envelopes.

## CATENIAN CURRY EVENING

Burnley Catenians are holding their annual Curry Evening at the Usha on Wednesday 20 May; !8:30 for 19:00 for the Mid Week Special menu @ £15.95 pp. Parishioners welcome, names to Mick Armfield 0759 124 9211 by 13 May [marmfield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marmfield@hotmail.co.uk)

## 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.



## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Antony Steciuk, Sr Lucy Dunne, Geraldine Hopkins, Grace Gee, Michael Carter, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Ken Gorton, Susan Shuttleworth,

**Anniversaries:** Francis Fallon, Francis Carter, Norah Murray, Trevor Ryder, Agnes Variyam,

Terence Walne (1st Ann), Mina D’Cunha (1st Ann),

**Birthday Memoriam:** Harry Giltrow

**Other intentions;** In Thanksgiving to St Joseph

**In memoriam;** Bernard Hargreaves and his donor, Betty Murphy,

**Special int;** Reuben and Bobby Masson,

### DANIEL FRAZER

We are delighted to hear the news that Daniel Frazer from our parish along with a Manchester based young man called Matthew have just been accepted by Bishop John to commence their formation for the Diocesan priesthood for the Diocese. We hope they will both initially go to Valladolid, in Spain for their propaedeutic year. Please keep them in your prayers.

### KSC CHARITY CONCERT

Our local Knights of St Columba continue to raise money for two worthy local charities. There will be a concert featuring the superb singer Paul Scholey at Burnley Cricket Club on Friday 29th May, starting at 8.00pm Tickets including Pie and Pea Supper are only £7.00 and are available by calling Trevor (07526 014 568), Pat (07947 151 931), or Bernard (07800 867 554). The profits will go to Holly Grove, the school looking after children with learning difficulties, and to Pendleside Hospice whose work is well known and admired.

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even when they do not love us.*

### LAUDATO SI' PARISH AWARD – OVERALL WINNER

We're delighted to share some wonderful news: **St Mary's Bible Garden has been named Overall Winner of the Laudato Si' Parish Awards!** It recognises 'outstanding achievements in caring for God's Creation'. The garden was celebrated at a joyful awards event led by Bishop John Arnold at Wardley Hall on Tuesday, 14th April. Members of the St Mary's gardening team travelled to collect the plaque and certificate.



**To find out more, visit [www.stmarysbiblegarden.co.uk](http://www.stmarysbiblegarden.co.uk).**

### A DAY WITH THE LORD IN SOUTHPORT

Thanks to all who organised and supported the excellent day of Recollection at Southport. Fr Kevin gave us a powerful talk about God's presence in his life, then led us in a beautiful Mass. He booked us into an excellent fish and chip restaurant in the town centre. Many thanks to everyone who had a part to play in making this a memorable occasion.



### STRUNG SUNG SUPPER

Thanks for all those who Have bought tickets for this event on 8<sup>th</sup> May, at St John's which is now sold out. Thanks so much for your support.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop John will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for St John Vianney Deanery at St. Mary's church, Burnley at 7pm on Thursday 25th June.



### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2026

#### That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



## MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 4TH MAY TO SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026

Please note the changes this week

<b>Monday</b>	<i>English Martyrs</i> 9.30am St Mary's
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> <b>9.30am St Mary's, 12 noon St John's,</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> <b>9.30am Christ the King School</b> <b>2.00pm Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Mary Coyle RIP</b> 7.00pm St John's
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> <b>9.15am St Mary's</b> <b>NB: Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> <b>10.00am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Brenda Ashworth RIP</b> <b>Nb no Confessions or Reconciliation today</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 9.30 St Mary's      10.30 to 11.30am Exposition with Reconciliation at St Mary's <b>5.15pm to 5.55pm St John's Reconciliation and Exposition</b>
	<b>Vigil Masses</b> 6.00pm St. John's 6.30m St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b> Christ the King:      9.15am      5.00pm St. Mary's:      10.00am (This Mass will be live-streamed on the parish website*). St. John's:      10.45am (*A recording of the Mass should be available later from Sunday afternoon)

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

### PARISH BONUS BALL GAME—WINNERS!

Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game in each of the three churches, which will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball last Wednesday was number 27.



Congratulations to this week's winners

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

**St John's ~ Lourdes      St Mary's ~ Marie      Christ the King ~ Maggie**

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 25/26 April for £1485.80, for which many thanks.

### 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

### Clergy Team

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