

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

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



NEWSLETTER SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17TH MAY 2026 YEAR A



In today's Gospel Jesus is at the Last Supper and he is waiting for the terrible ordeal that is going to happen the next day; that first



when he will face Passion and Death. He uses the time well to prepare his disciples for these horrors that he knows lies ahead for both himself and them. He encourages them and uses it as a time for prayer. In today's extract from John's Gospel, Jesus is praying for himself to remain obedient and faithful to his mission for his Father. He also prays for his gathered disciples that they may have eternal life. This is of course the whole point of what the Death and Resurrection of the Lord will bring for all those who believe in him and respond in faith to his Gospel.

How are we going to prepare for Pentecost which we will celebrate next

Sunday. How are we going to use the time wisely to prepare for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us this week. I would recom-

mend we also imitate the example of the Apostles and dedicate some time each day of the coming week to pray. I suggest you can set aside just a few minutes of time each day this week to pray for three simple intentions; Firstly pray for Pope Leo and Bishop John that their faith may remain strong. Secondly say thanks to the Lord for something good that has happened to you that day. Thirdly pray for some one by name who needs our prayers at the moment.

Let us use these days leading to Pentecost well, let us be positive, let us think of others and let us use this time of waiting to come closer to God through giving some our time each day to the Author of life.

STRUNG SUNG SUPPER—8TH MAY

This was a very enjoyable evening and raised over £1000 for the Fellowship. Thanks to all who supported the event as well as all who organised and prepared everything.

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.



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 **14**. Congratulations to this week's winners



St John's ~ Maureen St Mary's ~ Pat Christ the King ~ Adrian

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Grace Gee, Michael Carter, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Fr Peter McGiveron, Susan Shuttleworth, Derek Woolley

Anniversaries: Vincent Ford, Mary Dunne, Mary McLaughlin

In Memoriam: John McNabb, deceased Franciscan Sisters

Birthday Memoriam: Mary Featherstone

Other Intentions: For prayers answered, the living Sisters of the Franciscan convent, special intention, Christopher and Deborah Whittle 2nd wedding anniversary, special intention for hospital stay



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.



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.

DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION—SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

Many of our parishioners will remember the beautiful Corpus Christi processions that were once such a familiar and cherished part of Catholic life. These were wonderful occasions when we came together publicly to give glory to God and to witness to our faith in the Eucharistic Lord. Sadly, in many places, this tradition has waned over the years.

Following the visit of the relics of St Carlo Acutis to the Diocese in February, many people were inspired anew by the deep Eucharistic faith of this young saint, who reminded us that: "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." Since then, there has been a real desire among the faithful to respond to this call to rediscover the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives.

In response, St John Vianney Deanery is organising a Corpus Christi Procession on **Sunday 7th June at 3.00pm at St Mary Magdalene's RC Church, Burnley**. The afternoon will include the Blessed Sacrament procession, devotions, reflections from some of the deanery priests, and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession.

What makes such an occasion truly prayerful—what makes it a moment of grace where faith is deepened and love for the Lord renewed—is simply this: **that we come**. That we accept the invitation. The Lord himself beckons us:

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Matthew 26:40)

and again, in the mystery of the Eucharist:

"Do you also wish to go away?" (John 6:67)

He calls each of us personally.

All are warmly welcome. The Lord is calling—will you come and be with Him?

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.



MISSIO AT CHRIST THE KING

In 2025 Christ the King community raised a total of £2,267.60 through the Red Boxes, included individuals giving directly. This is a magnificent achievement, helping communities flourish around the world as they are being supported by missionaries.

Thank you so much for your continuing support.



ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL FOR THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL (MSP)

Fr Samuel Alabi MSP and Fr Anthony Cosmas Udoh MSP, of the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP), will make the mission appeals this weekend. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a second collection at all Masses. Additionally, you can donate by setting up a direct debit or by cheque using the provided account details:

Account Name: The Missionary Society of St Paul

Sort code: 202963

Account No: 73306224

Bank Name: Barclays Bank

Online donations can be made using the following link:

<https://donate.mydona.com/missionary-society-of-st-paul>

PARISH HIKE

Our next parish hike will be led by Fr David and take place on Sunday 31st May. It will comprise 6.5 miles in the Gisburn area. We will meet on the car park at St Mary's at 12.45pm. Please bring walking boots/shoes, water proof, a flask, water and a packed lunch. We will hopefully have sufficient cars for everyone who wants to take part, so please come and join in.

PARISH IN COUNCIL MEETING

Our Annual parish meeting will take place in the Parish Rooms at St Mary's on Thursday 28th May at 7pm following on from 6.15pm Mass that day. The meeting which will be led by Fr David comprises a review of the last 12 months in the life of the parish, a presentation of the parish accounts and sharing a few ideas for the future. All are welcome.

PARKING AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

We have had a few comments recently from our neighbours at Christ the King that some less than thoughtful parking and turning around of cars has been taking place recently. Because the car park is very small and the church is in the middle of residential area, when attending Mass or services at Christ the King, please park on Manchester Road if at all possible. This would free the car park up for those who need it and make life easier for our neighbours. Thank you.

Prayer for Peace:

God, I pray for peace, not confusion. Calm my mind and sooth .my heart.

Bring clarity to my thoughts and serenity to my everyday living. Help me to trust in your plans. Amen

PARISH MIDSUMMER MEAL – MENU CHOICES AND BOOKING

The meal will be at **Dempsey's** on Briercliffe Road on **Friday 12th June, 6.30pm for 7.00pm**. The menus are available at the back of church—£26 per adult or £10 fro children (under 12) for two mouth-watering courses plus hot drinks and mints.. **Now is the time to book your place and make your choice of meals.** We've put mini-booking forms at the back of church, with the details of the menus listed on them so you can choose at your leisure. **Please take one for each person you think will be coming to the meal.**



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 mini-booking form for each person in your party, to give you time to think about your choices.

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

Step 3. To confirm your reservation, make your choices and tick the boxes on the mini-booking form 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.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 18TH MAY TO SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>St John I</i> 9.30am St Mary's	
Tuesday	<i>St Dunstan</i> 9.15am St Mary's	12.30pm St John's
Wednesday	<i>St Bernadine of Siena</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>St Christopher Magallanes</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St John's
Friday	<i>St Rita of Cascia</i> 12.00 noon St Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation from 11.30 to 11.55am	
Saturday	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 9.30 St Mary's	10.30 to 11.30am Exposition with Reconciliation at St Mary's 5.15pm to 5.55pm St John's Reconciliation and Exposition

EXPOSITION:

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

Vigil Masses

6.00pm St. John's
6.30m St. Mary's

Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

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)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of **9/10 May** for £1514.82, for which many thanks.



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.

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

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.

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