Parish of the Good Samaritan

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

All Saints

1st November 2026 Year A



The saints we celebrate today were just ordinary men and women like us. These are the people who have inspired us; parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbours, teachers, friends, work colleagues and others by their example and their love. These are people who have touched us by their closeness with God: we realise that they are holy people, whole people, because God completed their lives. They may have been people of prayer, people who showed their gratitude to God through their faithfulness to Mass and the Sacraments and through their activity in the Church. In addition, their relationship with God and Christ will have been noticeable in every dimension of their lives.

Today's Gospel tells us how we need to be to reach Heaven. In the Beatitudes, Jesus gives his followers a "self-portrait" in words, of how he is. Every one of these words of Jesus ring true and are illustrated by actions from his life. They are like a mirror for us to look at and to see how closely the way we live, resembles the life of the Lord. Among other things we are to be pure in heart, peacemakers and poor in spirit. If we want to be truly happy then as his followers, we are to imitate and put the Beatitudes into practice through our faithfulness to Christ.

Today we are celebrating all those who to a certain extent imitated Christ by living the Beatitudes to arrive at heavenly bliss. On the feast of All Saints, the Church invites us and encourages us to imitate the lives of the saints by embracing the teachings of Christ ourselves and over everything putting on love.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH -- PLANNING MEETING THIS WEEK

We are hoping to once again put on a Christmas day lunch for those who would like to attend, especially people who might otherwise be on their own. There will be a planning meeting for anyone wishing to volunteer to be part of this event at **St Mary's presbytery at 2pm on Saturday 7th November**. Your help will be ***really*** welcome!

For more information, please contact Fr David

As we enter November we remember our deceased family and friends. There is a list inside of Masses giving you the opportunity to spend time thinking of them and praying for them.

"1ST OF THE MONTH" AT ST JOHN'S - THIS SUNDAY

"1st of the Month" is **next Sunday November 1st at St Johns after the 10.45am Mass**. It's an energetic half hour outside in the 'sunshine' and just in case 'it doesn't' we could try our first attempt at boules on the carpet! Lots of coffee and cake are available in the upper room too!!

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 to buy an item for a Christmas hamper. Suggested items, non-perishable food, chocolates, tins, biscuits, selection boxes etc. A box is at the back of each church for your donations. **Thank you in advance. for your support.**

CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIME – 22ND NOVEMBER

The Blackburn Rovers match at Turf Moor on Sunday 22nd November at midday will cause problems for St Mary's Mass goers and for the people running the football car Park. **We have decided that the Mass on that day ONLY will be at 9.00am NOT 10.00am** We also need to cancel the and coffee in the parish rooms after Mass that day. We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause. **Thank you for your understanding. and cooperation.**

AFTERNOON TEA FOR REMEMBRANCE

This will take place at 12.30 On Wednesday 11th November 2026 in St Mary's Parish Rooms. The Cost is £7.00. A list is at the back of the church at St Mary's. All are welcome For information contact Elaine 01282 413127.

REMEMBRANCE AND AFTERNOON TEA AT BTCC

This annual event will take place on **Tuesday 10th November at 1.00pm** at Blessed Trinity. Through song and dance the children provide excellently produced performances of remembrance, as well as communal singing of songs , sad and cheery, of the war years. Places are limited. There is no charge for the event but a donation to the British Legion would be appreciated. If you are interested please contact Fr David.

CAFOD NEWS - NOVEMBER 2026

HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL A huge thank you from the parish CAFOD Group to all who donated to the Harvest Fast Day appeal which raised £1,268.81, some of which was boosted by Gift Aid. The CAFOD Group also thank those who donated online or by post and those who make regular donations by standing order. CAFOD will use your donations wisely to improve lives.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR THIS CHRISTMAS Share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD World Gift - from safe water to school supplies! A meaningful way to bless loved ones while putting your faith into action in solidarity with families around the world. Since 2004, when CAFOD World Gifts was launched, over £21.5 million has been raised bringing joy to people and communities in povert. Visit **worldgifts.cafod.org.uk** to view all the gifts.

CAUSE FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF PEDRO BALLESTER

The Diocese of Salford has formally opened the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Pedro Ballester, a young man from Manchester who died in 2018 aged just 21. Pedro was known for his warmth, generosity and strong faith. After being diagnosed with cancer he faced his illness with remarkable courage, offering his suffering in prayer and trusting deeply in God.

As part of this process, the Diocese is inviting anyone who knew Pedro, or who has memories, testimonies or writings relating to him, to come forward to help build a fuller picture of his life and character. Contact: tribunal@dioceseofsalford.org.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.



Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Eileen Ennis, Jackie Killian, Mark Silcock, David Elliot, Sr Elizabeth, Sr Margaret Bernadette,

Anniversaries: Christopher Burrow, Bernard Dooley, Ann Gorton, Eileen Gorton,

In Memoriam: Eddie Bratton, Kathleen Worden, James Worden, Margaret Williams, Francis Carter, John Worden, Margaret Carroll,

All Souls Memoriam: Mary Fleming, Deceased members of the Fleming family, Deceased members of the Murray family, Kathleen Worden,

Birthday Memoriam: Eddie Heap, Malcolm Robinson,

Other Intentions:

NOVEMBER MASSES IN THE PARISH FOR THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we remember our dead -- family, friends, and people we have known. We ask God's mercy on their journey to heaven, and we also ask them to intercede for us as we pray. The parish offers a number of Masses to help us focus on this aspect of our own journeys:

ALL SOULS DAY 2nd November - ADDITIONAL MASS

On Monday 2nd November, in addition to the usual morning Mass at 9.30am, there will be **an extra** Mass in the parish at **6.30pm in Christ the King church**.

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE - Thursday 5th Nov

This will take place at St Mary's church on **Thursday 5th November at 10.00am**. All are welcome.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT MASS – Thursday 12th | December

The parish comes together for a Mass, celebrated at St Mary's church, at **7.00pm on Thursday 12th November.** During the Mass the names of all who have died and have had their funeral in or through the Parish of The Good Samaritan in the last 12 months will be prayed for individually . A candle will be lit for each of the faithful departed by a member of the family (or a friend) who have been invited personally to come to the Mass. Light refreshments for all present will follow in the parish rooms.

KSC MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS Saturday 14th November

The Knights of St Columba come together to remember deceased brothers, their families, and all those who have supported them in their work at **9.30am on 14th November St Mary's**.

Try to take an opportunity during the month to quietly and prayerfully remember a loved one.

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.



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.

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

St John's: ~ Rollover **St Mary's: ~ Ita** **Christ the King: ~ Rollover**

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate presbytery

MASSES AND SERVICES : MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 8th NOV 2026

Monday ***All Souls Day***
9.30am St Mary's
6.30pm Mass at Christ the King

Tuesday *St Martin de Porres*
9.30am St Marys 12.00 noon St John's

Wednesday *St Charles Borromeo*
9.30am Christ the King 7.00pm St John's

Thursday *Weekday*
10.00 Deanery Mass at St Mary's for Deceased Priests of the Diocese ;

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 *St Willibrord*
9.30am St Mary's 10.30 to 11.30 Exposition with Reconciliation at StMary's,
Reconciliation with Exposition John's from 5.15pm to 5.55pm

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

Stay with us Lord on our Journey

Sunday *32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
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)

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 24/25h Oct for £1205.96 for which many thanks.

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