

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
22ND AUGUST 2021 **YEAR B**



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are all given the gift of free will by God to make choices that will determine the direction in which our lives lead us. He hopes we will choose to follow him, but we do have a choice.

In the Gospel Jesus gave to his disciples a different perspective. He noticed that many people seemed to be disillusioned with his teaching that we have reflected on the last month or so on the Bread of Life. He asks them to obey out of love not fear of punishment. Seeing many people deserting him, he turns to Peter and the other disciples and asks them "will you leave me too?" It is Peter who speaks up and says "Lord who shall we turn to, you have the message of eternal life". For Peter and the others this was the second key



"..You have the message of eternal life, and we believe .."

moment of being asked to choose Jesus. They were being asked again to follow Christ when it was seemingly not the popular thing to choose to do. Peter had left behind his nets and the others had left their various commitments for a reason. They did this because they believed that the message of Jesus offered them the hope of eternal life. They

might not have fully understood what Jesus was trying to teach them but they were fully aware of what he was promising them and that meant everything to them.

Let us reflect on the gift of the Eucharist which is so central to our Catholic faith. May we reflect on this great gift to the Church, whereby Christ is truly present and treasure it always.

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES

We are continuing the usual parish programme developed since St Mary's church closed (—update on page 2). The plans for the coming week are as follows:

Monday: 9.30am St John's 7pm Christ the King
Tuesday: 9.30am Christ the King 12.00 noon St John's
Wednesday: 9.30am Christ the King 7pm St John's
Thursday: **NO MASS at 9.30** 10.30am at St John's,
Friday: 9.30am St John's 12 Noon Christ the King
Saturday: 9.30am Christ the King

Sunday: **Vigil Masses:** 6.00pm St John's 6.30pm Christ the King
9.15am and 5.00pm Christ the King 9.30am** and 11.00am St John's
**The Sunday 9.30am Mass from St John's will be live-streamed.

Please Note: There will be no 9.30am Mass on Thursday this week

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays from 5.30pm to 5.55pm at St John's church, prior to the Vigil Mass.

EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation every Saturday at Christ the King church from 10.30am to 11.30am.

Exposition There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 mins before all the weekday Masses.



Thank You

CHURCH STEWARDS



Huge thanks to our stewards who make attendance at church possible as we continue to work at remaining safe whilst in church. Please call Fr David if you would like to join this invaluable team.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Sr Francine Clough FMSJ , Delia Veldon, Mark Thomas, Teresa Burke, Bryan John Peter Fergus, Marie Greenwood, Kevin Nicholls, David Walmsley, Edna Whale, Sally Thompson.

Anniversary: Patrick Canning, Alan Oldham, Michael Hope, Terence Hardy, Anthony Moore,

Birthday Memoriam: Michael J Reynolds, Mary Jane Waddington.

In Memoriam: The Kilday Family

Other Intentions: In thanksgiving for Parish family and friends, Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, Brian Bennett, For recovery from Covid, Peace for a mental health problem. For a safe journey,



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IN THE PARISH



Thanks again for your ongoing generosity and support. We have been able to take on regular financial support for a second SVP conference in India as well as the one we have supported for many years. The SVP conferences in India are able to do so much more with this support.

At home, as Covid-19 restrictions are eased we are hoping that we can resume some home visits to people who are housebound. We are also helping a lady with her shopping on a regular basis. We encounter people in need, and try to help in any way we can. Worthwhile and rewarding work.

If you would like to find out more about the SVP and perhaps become a member , please speak to Maria Boys, Klaus Lamle, (01282 448272) or Lynne Middleton.

Most of our current workers are in the St John's community and we would really welcome volunteers from our other parish communities.

FOOTBALL CAR PARK VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



Our wonderful team of volunteers which runs the car park at St Mary's during Burnley FC matches needs strengthening. This is an important fundraiser for the parish and a good service to the wider community. If you are willing to give 90 minutes of your time once a month, please contact Danny 07485 002 097 or Fr David. Thank you.



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Intentions in Ordinary Time

- A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews
- Those who suffer persecution oppression and denial of human rights
- Europe; • Seafarers;

Papal Intention for August

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of



Stay with us Lord on our journey

ST MARY'S CHURCH UPDATE

St Mary's church is still unfortunately currently temporarily closed until further notice as it needs essential repair. As well as internal problems with the ceiling, they have discovered that extensive external repairs to the roof are needed. We will continue to keep you informed through the Newsletter and through the Web site.



LIVE STREAMING—CAN YOU HELP ONCE A FORTNIGHT!



Our live stream is a vital, and sometimes the only connection for many of the people in the parish, who, for whatever reason, cannot get to Mass on Sundays. We need someone to join the streaming team for an hour or two every other Sunday. Full training given. It's not too hard and it's a new skill, a new insight into how we live stream services.

From time to time we need help mid-week, for eg funeral Masses, weddings, etc), again an invaluable service, broadcast to many at home and abroad If you cannot commit to a Sunday, are you sometimes available during the week on an ad hoc basis?

If you think you may be interested and would like to know more, please contact Mike Morris on 07929 451 566 or email him at website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk

CAFOD

CAFOD is working to help and support: > in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. > in Afghanistan, for the safety of our local partners and communities. > in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger. You can read more on the website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.



Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together to support so many communities in so many difficult situations. Thank you.

FOODBANK—PLEASE KEEP GIVING



Sadly the appeal has to continue. However there are many ways you can support this work. You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving> by making one-off or monthly payments. You can donate cash at St John's Presbytery, drop it off in a clearly marked envelope. This led to **£155** being donated during July.

There are lots of places where you can drop off actual groceries—non-perishables please unless it's oranges. All the 'big' supermarkets and Spar shops have drop-off points, as do Barclays, Lloyds, and Nationwide banks in the town centre. Why not choose a few extra pieces with your weekly shopping, if you can afford, and help families in great need.

Congratulations to Blessed Trinity—**their Just Giving webpage has passed the £9,700 marker!! Help them get to £10,000!** Thank you all for your great generosity.

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 23RD AUGUST

Monday	St Rose of Lima	Friday	St Monica
Tuesday	St Bartholomew	Saturday	St Augustine
Wednesday	St Louis	Sunday	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday	Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God		

COVID UPDATE FOR THE PARISH

To enable people to continue to feel safe in church, we retain the current layout of our seating, continuing to enable social distancing. We also request that adults continue to wear face coverings and sanitize their hands before entering church. We will continue with these measures and review them as appropriate.

Clergy Team

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