

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19TH JULY 2020



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION FOR 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I really have difficulty in seeing someone as all bad, as someone to dislike. I suppose the same is true about saying someone is entirely good too. We are all imperfect ~ no-one is perfect ~ there is surely therefore always something we can notice that is good about everyone. No-one should be condemned or written off. All judgement is to be in the hands of God.

Our own heart is a mixture of both what is good and what is not good. If we think about ourselves, there are bits we like and love about ourselves, there are aspects also that we are not proud of, that we really don't like.

In the parable of the wheat and the darnel, # at the beginning of the growth process, both wheat and darnel look the same # the darnel looks like wheat. Only as harvest time approaches do we notice a difference ~ they all grow together. The difference between the two then become apparent. In any relationship people enter into a friendship or even a marriage with good intentions ~ it takes the test of time to work out what are the good bits and what are the bad. Everything in life needs the test of time to see what the reality is. There is no substitute for real life. Like the weed and darnel growing together.



Let us ask the Lord's mercy upon our lives ~ may we be careful and lenient in our thinking and our treatment of others. May we try to eradicate evil in the world and in our community by firstly getting our own lives in order

THE GRADUAL OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES TO THE PUBLIC

Fr David continues to work to his practical and successful 'Festina Lente' philosophy and we are gradually adding to the opportunities for parishioners to return to worship in church.

PUBLIC PARISH MASSES IN ST MARY'S CHURCH.

DAILY MON — SAT 9.30AM AND THURSDAY 7.00PM



We plan to celebrate a public 9.30am Mass at St Mary's each day this coming week from Monday to Saturday. The church will be open from 9am. We also plan to have an additional public Mass at 7pm on Thursday 23rd July, for which the church will be open from 6.30pm. Fr David feels that the time is not yet right to have a public Mass on Sundays.

NEW! OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH THREE DAYS PER WEEK

We are delighted to announce that St John's church will be open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next week from 10.30am to 11.30am **Tues, Wed and Thursday**. Stewards will be present to greet you and guide you.



EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION AT ST MARY'S

St Mary's church will be open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 24thth July from 10.30am to 11.30am. During this time the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Please be guided and directed by the stewards.



MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead:

John Fletcher, Veronica Lee,
Michael Long, Fr Arthur Neary,
Edna Connelly, Edward Heffernan,
Moyra Kenny, Jim Baxendale,
Margaret Hirst, Neil Doherty,
Edna Connolly, Bridgit Walsh

Anniversaries:

Mary Fleming John Flynn
Ann Jackson

Birthday Anniversary:

Shaun Gaughan, Eunice Morgan,



PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2020



Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Stay with us Lord on our journey



CARITAS SALFORD

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A sum of £10,000 to the Diocese is available until the end of September from which one-off payments of up to a maximum of £400 per family can be made to provide immediate relief to families or individuals in exceptional need or crisis. For further details please see the parish website or go to <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/gubay-fund/>.

*Prayer of St John Henry Newman
May the Lord support us all the day long,
Til the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,*



*and the fever of life is over,
And our work is done.
Then in his mercy may he give us
a safe lodging
and a holy rest,
and peace at last. AMEN*

SUMMER IS BLOOMING AT ST JOHN'S!



So Many thanks to Patrick and Eileen for a further addition of the plants and bushes in the church side garden, really is an oasis of calm and beauty. Thanks also to the 'What's Apps' teams tremendous weeding all around the outside of the church, and Myles marathon presbytery lawns scything and mowing.

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS ABOUT RECONCILIATION

These words from the Holy Father should help us while the Sacrament is not currently available:

"Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterwards I will go to confession.'

"You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the Catechism teaches us to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand."



FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 20th July: St Apollinaris
Tues 21st July: St Lawrence of Brindisi
Wed 22nd July: St Mary Magdalene

Thurs 23rd July: St Bridget of Sweden
Fri 24th July: St Sharbal Makhluaf
Sat 25th July: St James the Apostle
Sun 26th July: 17h Sunday of Ordinary Time

CLERGY CHANGES

Fr Kevin Tierney will be leaving to go to St Peter's Middleton as Assistant Priest to Fr Peter Hopkinson at the end of July. Fr Kevin has spent 9 years amongst us at St John's and latterly at St Mary's so is a familiar face that we will miss. We are delighted that Fr Damien Loudon, currently Assistant Priest at St James the Less Rawtenstall, will be coming to the parish as Assistant Priest to Fr David in mid-August. We look forward to welcoming him.

STREAMING SUNDAY MASS AND PRIVATE DAILY MASSES IN THE PARISH



We will continue to stream the **Sunday Mass** at 9.30am from St Mary's which will be conducted **in private** as before. We will stream it 'live' and it will be recorded and available to be watched later in the day.

Fr Emmanuel and Fr Benneth will continue to celebrate Mass **in private** at 9.00am Monday to Saturday. letter and parish website.

Fr David or Fr Kevin will be celebrating the daily public Mass in St Mary's at 9.30am (Mon— Sat) and additionally Thursday at 7pm.- see page 1.

CAFOD

CAFOD are working hard to keep in touch with their supporters with the following items.

BE SURE TO BADGER BORIS

We are living through the biggest public health crisis in a century. Right across the UK, coronavirus is having a devastating impact on all of our daily lives, and many people have lost precious loved ones. But in many developing countries where poverty is widespread and healthcare systems are much more fragile, the effects are likely to be disastrous. Out of love for our sisters and brothers overseas, sign CAFOD's petition asking the Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people are the priority in the UK's international efforts as well as at home:

<https://e-activist.com/page/59334/petition/1>



CAFOD EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

At 6pm on Wednesday 22 July, join us online to pray and sing together at Mass celebrated by Fr Liam Hayes. To Register, click on this link – <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/>



CAFOD STORIES

Geoff O'Donoghue Director of Operations shares stories of some of the people who have been helped by CAFOD on <https://youtu.be/HDgI25yoFIs>.

FOODBANK—KEEP IT UP!

Sadly, the need continues for us to support the Foodbank. Here's how:

Every local Spar shop should have a collection point for non-perishable food

There are two ways to make monetary donations:

Online Donations: Blessed Trinity are supporting the Foodbank. Here is the website <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving>. They have raised £3.501 so far! School will close this week, but the site will still work—but school donations may drop so extra help will be welcome.

Cash Donations (at St John's only). You may leave a cash donation (in a clearly marked envelope) at the presbytery or contact David H on 07434 763822 and we will see if we can collect. We will pass these on to the Foodbank via the Blessed Trinity website (above)—£90 was sent this week.

Thanks to everyone who helps with this vital work



DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER - ANOTHER CHANGE!

Royal Mail has restarted its delivery service on Saturdays so our deadline your items and Mass offerings is back once more. It is now to **Thursday mid-day**. Please send any items you would like to include to itemsforfrank@gmail.com for the Newsletter. If you would like it to also go onto the Parish Website please also send it to website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk Thank you

Many people are still self- isolating so make a call!

Keep in touch! Keep others in touch through you! Call them and have a chat.

There is new material on the website every single day—to lift you spiritually, to bring news, to stay together.

The longer this goes on, the more these friendly calls are needed. Friendship and enjoyment!

LOOK AT THE PARISH WEBSITE. IT HAS NEW, INTERESTING STUFF EVERY DAY

PASS THE NEWS TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ON THE INTERNET

<http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

IN THE LIGHT OF THE CORONA VIRUS

Because of the position the Church still finds herself in, the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on Sunday and on a Holy day of Obligation remains lifted until further notice.

PARISH SUNDAY MASS — LIVE STREAMING

There will be a 'live' stream of the Mass from St Mary's every Sunday at 9.30am. A recording will be available later in the day for those who cannot view the live stream. The public are not allowed to attend this Mass.

Daily Private Masses in the Parish

Fr Emmanuel and Fr Benneth will continue to celebrate Mass daily **in private** at 9.00am. This will enable you, the people of God, to join in "spiritual Communion" with the priests and each other.

Daily Streamed Masses

There are live streams of daily Mass from Walsingham; www.walsingham.org.uk and from The Good Shepherd parish in Colne; www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk.

Offertory Collection and Donations

As there are still no Sunday Masses If, in the circumstances, you are able to donate on line, it will be most welcome. If not, please keep your envelopes until churches re-open and make your donations as usual. To make a donation go to the website. On the right there is an icon (aside). Click on it and follow the instructions. Please Gift Aid if appropriate. It's fully recognised that some people will now be in a worsened financial position and less able to give at the moment so please do not feel obligated. Thank you.



Mailing the Newsletter

While the churches remain closed, if you need a paper copy of this Newsletter please contact Fr David tel 422007 with your name and address. He is happy to forward it to you. If you would like to include an item, or make a Mass Offering, please email your request by midday on Wednesdays.

Thought for the Day

These daily reflections from the parish clergy team are available on the parish web site each day.

The Lord's Day at Home

These sheets, available on the parish website, are great for providing sacred time at home while the churches are closed. Go to. <http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/> and follow the link

Government guidelines

Please do heed the Government's current guidelines about staying safe. This will help protect yourself and the vulnerable in the community.

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