

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1ST AUGUST 2021 **YEAR B**



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND



I have a happy memory from childhood during the school holidays going to the local bakers in the North East with my grandad Michael Featherstone for a freshly baked loaf of bread. This was a little task he did enjoy doing every day of his retired life. Bread is often described as the staff of life because it is synonymous with life itself. It is an item of food that most people in the world eat every day so it is a symbol of the way that God gives us all we need for each day of our lives.

The first reading reminds us of the way that God faithfully and generously provided for the chosen people in the desert by sending "manna" for them each day. It was bread from heaven provided by God that they had to go and collect everyday.

In the Gospel, Jesus goes much deeper than this by describing himself as the bread of life. Jesus is telling us we are to yearn for God in our lives like we hunger for food. If we truly believe in Jesus and accept Him as the Son of God then not only does he give us what we need for daily life but also what we need for eternal life.

"Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life."

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES—RECENT CHANGES

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: 9.30am Christ the King 10.30am at St John's,
Friday: 9.30am St John's 12 Noon Christ the King
Saturday: 9.30am Christ the King

Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's 6.30pm Christ the King
Sunday: 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.

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



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—ADDITIONAL AVAILABILITY: As from 31st July, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 5.30pm to 5.55pm at St John's church.

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



CHURCH STEWARDS

Thank You



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: Archie Martin, Marie Greenwood, Velia Peet, Canon Francis Deeney, Jozef Bialas Katie Pickles, Stephen Frazer, John Monaghan,
Anniversary: Mary Laverty, Fergus Toman, Kieron Toman.

Other Intentions: Brian Bennett, Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, Natalie Marten, David Walmsley,

Birthday Memoriam: John O'Boyle



COVID UPDATE FOR THE PARISH

Following the lifting of Government restrictions in England on 19th July, we would like to clarify our approach in the parish. In the spirit of "Festina Lente" and encouraged by Bishop John, the parish clergy team plan to continue to seek the help of our wonderful stewards at Masses and services in the parish. To enable people to continue to feel safe in church, we will 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 until the end of August when we will review them.

FOOTBALL CAR PARK VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



Our wonderful team of volunteers for staffing 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 07485002097 or Fr David. Thank you.

WHICH MASS TO CHOOSE?

At the moment the demand for the Vigil Masses is less than those on Sunday mornings, so it may ease the continuing stewarding and social distancing considerations if you choose to attend either of the two Vigil Masses. Midweek Masses are more lightly attended, and can be used unless your only option is at the weekend.

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

James Capstick sincerely thanks everyone who supported his recent sponsored bike ride which raised an amazing £2000. Many thanks. Well Done Jamie!!



*Stay
with us
Lord
on our
journey*

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 the Gospel.*



FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 2ND AUGUST

Monday	St Eusebius
Tuesday	Weekday
Wednesday	St John Vianney
Thursday	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
Friday	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Saturday	Ss Sixtus and Companions
Sunday	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

KEY DATES THIS WEEK

English Martyrs: We remember Blessed Thomas Whitaker who was executed on 7th August 1646.

We Commemorate

The opening of St Mary's Church
2nd August 1849

ST MARY'S CHURCH UPDATE

St Mary's church is still currently temporarily closed as it needs essential repair. The builders continue with their investigatory work before giving their assessment of how to proceed. The investigation includes internal problems within the ceiling and possibly external repairs to the roof. We will keep you informed through the Newsletter and Web site.



CANON FRANCIS DEENEY R.I.P.

As very few parishioners were able to attend Canon Deeney's Requiem Mass at Ribchester, we intend to host a Memoriam Mass for him as soon as St Mary's church is reopened. We will notify of this as soon as it is possible to do so.

May he rest in peace.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



The special day which Pope Francis declared for grandparents and the elderly (last Sunday) caught us a bit unawares! So here's a little catch-up.

A comment from Pope Francis: *"How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith! Speaking about family life, I would like to say one thing: today, as Brazil and the Church around the world celebrate this feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents Day is also being celebrated. How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogues, especially within the context of the family."*

And an extract from the Prayer for this special group of people: *"I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me."*

CAFOD

Thanks to your ongoing generosity a further £200.00 has been forward to CAFOD. Thank you for your support which ensures we can continue to work alongside people around the world living in poverty, helping them build better futures for themselves and their families. From helping people whose lives have been affected by HIV and AIDS to earn a better living, to supporting communities that have been devastated by natural disasters including COVID or conflict, you are helping some of the world's most vulnerable people to make a difference to their own lives.



CATENIAN ASSOCIATION



Good news! After 17 months of virtual Zoom meetings, Burnley Catenians are meeting in person, on the 11th August at Burnley Football Club and just in time to celebrate their Centenary Banquet (albeit a year late!) at the same venue on the 12th November. To outline what the Catenians do and the benefits parishioners can get out of it by joining, we have produced a short informative video. You can view it by visiting <https://youtu.be/RtKf41p1jwA>

For more information about the Catenians please contact the Burnley Circle Membership Officer, Mick Armfield, on 01282 459424. Please give him a call, and he'll tell you how "It's a great organisation to be part of".

FOODBANK—PLEASE KEEP GIVING



Sadly the appeal has to continue. You can drop food off at most Spar stores. You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving> You can donate cash at St John's Presbytery, drop it off in a clearly marked envelope. This led to **£125** being donated during June. Congratula-

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