

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
25TH OCTOBER 2020

FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS



The emphasis of the question from the Pharisees in today's Gospel about the greatest commandment is not on the obvious love of God but on the love of neighbour, which they were trampling upon. Jesus summarized everything into two great commandments; love of God and love of neighbour. We should heed the message of Jesus in today's Gospel: that true love of God and true love of neighbour are two sides of the same coin.

True love of God leads us to love our neighbour. A scribe in Luke's Gospel asked our Lord the question about who our neighbour is, and He answered with the story of the Good Samaritan. The parable teaches what love is and how to love. It tells us that Love is more than just a feeling; Love is an act of the will, to will the good of another whether it feels good or not and to put another's good before our own. This is true love, a love centred on love of God and self-sacrifice.

When you love God then you will be able to love others as Christ does, with patience and sacrifice. Then you will care for what matters most: care for the person God has placed in your path. If we want a simple idea to sum up what Jesus is saying, then look at the cross: a vertical piece of wood, representing me and God, and a horizontal piece of wood representing me and my neighbour. With both love of neighbour and love of God, you have the cross. Without both pieces you are not truly following the way of Jesus. To be an authentic Christian, we need to follow the cross, the way of love.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

SUNDAY MASSES

We now have some limited number of public Sunday Masses We will continue with this programme on a temporary basis for the time being, and expand when Lockdown circumstances permit. There will be one Mass in each church at a time different from the usual Sunday Programme.

St Mary's 9.30am (which will be also live-streamed)

St John's 10.45am

Christ the King 5pm

Because of the current restrictions on numbers able to attend our churches for services, we suggest that at that moment, people who can come during the week to weekday Masses could kindly leave Sunday Mass for those who are unavailable during the week. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation about this.

Because of the Covid situation the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on Sunday and on a Holy day of Obligation **remains lifted** until further notice.

Please note that the 9.30am Mass at St Mary's will continue to be live-streamed, however as people will be present, there are some restrictions to remember including being currently not permitted to have singing or having the Prayer of the Faithful.



MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: John Harward, Jack Stansfield, Joan Collins, Gary Sagar, Derek Gill, Ana Da Conceitao Savio, Imelda Morris, Fr John Laide, John Renny.

Birthday Memoriam: Michael Long, James Taylor

Wedding Anniversary Memoriam: Ronnie and Alice Smith

In Memoriam: Fay Connolly, Sylvia Barcroft, Paulina Ximene, Cristina Freitas Moreira.

Anniversaries: Hugh Tumelty, Bernard Dooley, Tom Macadam, Phonoo Bezboruah, Joe Lord, Mary Clarke, Patrick Corrigan, John Frazer.



Towneley Park 2020

*Stay with us Lord
on our journey*

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2020

*The Laity's Mission in the Church
We pray that by the virtue
of their baptism, the laity, especially women,
may participate more in areas of
responsibility in the Church.*



RESUMPTION OF OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

As we are resuming a temporary programme of Sunday Masses there will be an opportunity at all Masses (i.e. including weekday Masses) to place your offertory money, whether loose or in envelopes. The opportunity to do this will be on exiting the church at the end of Mass.

However, if you are unable to attend Mass please keep your envelopes until you are able to, and then make your donations as usual. Alternatively, you can make your donations online through the parish website. On the right of the Home page 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.



ON LINE TALKS FROM CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE, STONYHURST

You may be interested in this talk from the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Please share these with anyone who may be interested.

"Newman 101: Why Newman Matters" – an online colloquium celebrating the 10th anniversary of beatification and 1st of canonisation. Leading Newman scholars will present short papers on different themes from Newman's legacy. 4pm on Saturday 31st October. For more information visit

www.christianheritagecentre.com/events.



ANNIVERSARY OF CANONISATION OF THE FORTY ENGLISH MARTYRS



The Canonisation ceremony for the Forty English Martyrs was 50 years ago today. If not a Sunday, today would be their feast day. The website carries a record of the local Mass which was celebrated to mark the occasion.

*Nothing can happen to me that
God doesn't want. And what he
wants is really for the best*

St Thomas More

SUCH A SUPER WEBSITE—GO THERE! ENJOY! SHARE!

Our Parish website has gone from strength to strength! Its content is excellent, and has grown to meet the demands of our current lockdown isolation, thanks to the tireless work of our small, dedicated team. Enormous thanks to them. And look out for the new Quotes and Quips offerings!

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

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 26th Oct	Ss Chad and Cedd	Fri 30th Oct	Weekday
Tues 27th Oct	Weekday	Sat 31st Oct	Weekday
Weds 28th Oct	Ss Simon and Jude	Sun 1st November	Feast of all Saints
Thurs 29th Oct	Weekday		

WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr David continues to work to his successful 'Festina Lente' philosophy and we now have the established regular pattern of weekday Masses, which will be as follows during the coming week:

Monday 26th October	St Mary's 9.30am	Christ the King	7pm
Tuesday 27th Oct	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	12.00 noon
Wednesday 28st Oct	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	7pm
Thursday 29nd Oct	7.00pm ONLY	St John's	10.30am
Friday 30th Oct	St Mary's 9.30am:	Christ the King	12.00 noon
Saturday 31st Oct	St Mary's 9.30am	10.30 Exposition and Reconciliation	

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT / RECONCILIATION



Exposition: Monday to Friday There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before all of the weekday Masses— only.

Exposition and Reconciliation: Saturday 31st October the regular Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's which will continue from 10.30 to 11.30am. The Reconciliation will take place on the Sacred Heart altar. Please be guided by the Stewards.

Fr David continues his recovery, please keep him your prayers for his full recovery

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY



The CAFOD group at Good Samaritan are very grateful for your continued generosity over Harvest Fast Day. But the need is still great, so, after discussion with Fr David, anybody wishing to make a contribution to the Harvest Family Fast Day by cash or cheque can still do so. Please label an envelope "CAFOD" and leave it in the collection baskets at the rear of any of the three churches.

Online donations can still be made direct to CAFOD by using the following link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

We also wish to thank the fantastic fundraising achievements of our students, parents and staff at Blessed Trinity College, who have raised an amazing £825.93 Family Fast Day. Well done one and all!

As we approach the time of year when we remember our deceased family members and friends, CAFOD also remembers its deceased supporters and volunteers through memorial services and Masses. At this time, CAFOD promotes its free will writing service for people who wish to leave a gift for CAFOD's work in their own wills. For further details, follow the link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Leave-a-gift-in-your-will>

Don't forget to check out the CAFOD webpage on the parish website for more detailed news, including the latest campaigning news and online CAFOD petition to our Prime Minister.

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 £4,391 so far! Well done them

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)—£40 was sent this week.



Thanks and God bless to everyone who helps with this vital work

MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Streamed and Recorded Sunday Mass from St Mary's church: Please note that the 9.30am Mass on Sunday at St Mary's **will** continue to be live-streamed. This Mass will be recorded and available to view later on Sunday morning, or early afternoon.

Privately Celebrated Masses: Fr Emmanuel will continue to celebrate Mass in private at 9.00am on Friday and Saturday.

Thank You: We have built excellent teams of stewards over the weeks and they do a really splendid job. Our thanks to them—without your help none of this would be viable!



COVID 19 KEEP SAFE

Clearly, the spread of the virus continues to increase relentlessly, and we must make responsible, Christian decisions to help the health of our families and our friends and our communities. Although the exact instructions may be confusing and they are likely to change, the core directions for staying safe are the same:

Hands (wash) **Face** (cover) and **Space** (keep your distance)

When asked about other safeguards the Deputy Chief Health Adviser for the UK said the 'The 3 C's' are really worthwhile. He said that in addition to the above, we should all look for situations to AVOID. These are The 3 C's.



AVOID THE 3 Cs to prevent COVID 19 clusters



**CLOSED spaces
with poor
ventilation**



**CROWDED places
with many people
nearby**



**CLOSE CONTACT
settings and
conversations**

It is a challenge to us all to look at these in relation to our social activities. Do we really need to go to these places? Are they poorly ventilated? Are there too many people to avoid the 2-meter rule? Do you spend time talking to people near us, face-to-face?

Remember, that we are all responsible for our neighbours' well-being. (See Fr David's reflection).

Keep safe, protect your family, friends and community. It's our Christian duty.

"When you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen the mall!"

Here's one of the Quotes sent from a parishioner on the website. There are many more—and Quips! Have a laugh! Enjoy the wisdom! Send us one of your own favourites!

MAILING THE NEWSLETTER

Until we get back to normal activities, 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 (itemsforfrank@gmail.com) your request before midday on Thursday.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

After a break of a couple of weeks, these daily reflections from the parish clergy team will once again be available on the parish web site each day

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