

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS YEAR A
1ST NOVEMBER 2020



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON ALL SAINTS' DAY

"I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language ..."

Apocalypse 7:9

When we are talking about saints it's important to remember that these were also sinners. We can never get too far away from our humanity and entwined with our humanity is a deep sense of our sinfulness. We have an image of heaven in today's 1st reading from the Book of Revelation. The Lamb is Christ – "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins

of the world". It is the blood of the Lamb which alone can restore innocence before God and the saints in heaven are those who "have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb". In most weeks of the year we have days in the Church designated to a particular saint and at Mass we often have a chance to hear about their lives and hopefully be inspired by them. All Saints Day is a complete celebration of all these saints' days, but it is much more than that. The saints are those who are now in heaven with God, so on this feast we also celebrate all the "little" saints, perhaps some only known to God who are with him now. We all hope to be with God in Heaven, so we believe that we are all called to be saints. Saints are people who have inspired us, and who have touched us by their communion with God. We realise that they are holy people, whole people, because their lives add up and make sense. They may have been people of prayer, thanked God in their faith through their activity in the Church, but also outside of this they have lived out their communion with God through their relationship with Christ.

St Bernard once said: The Saints have no need of honour from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs.. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning. This feast should inspire us to join all the saints; that's our calling from God; to be saints for the 21st Century.



SUNDAY MASSES

We now have a 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 not permitted to have singing or having the Prayer of the Faithful. Mass will be recorded and available later on Sunday.



MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Gary Sagar, John Renney, Derek Gill, Sheila Anforth, Isaac, Imelda Morris, Patricia Trotter, Kevin Feeney, Michael Reynolds, Pat Parker,, Alf Duffield.

Anniversaries: Ellen Cunliffe, Stephen Yousef and David Yousef, Joe Lord., Christopher Burrow.

Russell and Nora Ingram, Arthur Aspden

In Memoriam: Holy souls in Purgatory, Teresito Palorma, Moises Binalingbing, Lutgarda Ruben, Teresa Lynch, Mary Fleming.

Other Intentions: Deceased members of the Fleming family, Edith Brierley, Teresa Kilday, A sick parishioner.

Towneley Chapel Lamp: Andrew Harrison



*Stay with us
Lord on our
journey*

"Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted."



PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2020

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

RESUMPTION OF OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Because we now have 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.



"We should use what Mother Nature gives us before Father Time takes it away!"

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 your own favourites! website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk

S.V.P. in Action in our Parish. Catch up

Grateful thanks for the support and caring in such times of difficulties.

Thanks for all the donations for monies, women's, men's and children's good quality clothing. Toys, etc received by the SVP which are enabling us to help people in desperate need. Last Saturday members made up and delivered 37 Picnic Teas to the Housebound Mass members within all three communities of our Parish Family. SVP members have spent very many hours sorting homes and families that we can help support, through your caring. Your prayers and caring really help to sustain and strengthen us, giving hope for now and in the future.

"How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

BLESSED TRINITY THEME OF THE WEEK

Miss Wilkinson is again organising input on the parish website. Each week there is a different theme, based around scripture. Pupils from the College and Fr David contribute thoughtful items, giving spiritual insight and inspiration.



FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 2nd Nov	All Souls Day	Fri 6th Nov	Weekday
Tues 3rd Nov	St Winifride	Sat 7th Nov	St Willibrord
Weds 4th Nov	St Charles Borromeo	Sun 8th Nov	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thurs 5th Nov	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 2nd November	No Mass	Christ the King	7.00pm
Tuesday 3rd Nov	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	12.00 noon
Wednesday 4th Nov	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	7.00pm
Thursday 5th Nov	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	No Mass
Friday 6th Nov	St Mary's 9.30am:	Christ the King	12.00 noon
Saturday 7th Nov	St Mary's 9.30am	St Mary's 10.30am	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 7th November 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 to improve, please keep him your prayers for his 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 £4,636 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)—£75 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 for All Saints Day will 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 daily 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? Don't go unless it's necessary!

Remember, that **we are all responsible** for our neighbours' well-being.

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

KEEP IN TOUCH—SUCH A SUPER WEBSITE—GO THERE! ENJOY! SHARE!

As we look to months of restrictions because of Covid, please keep in touch with your friends—especially those who may be lonely. A good source of chat is the website—so much information and inspiration! The new Quotes and Quips offerings are worth passing on! <http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

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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