

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



## NEWSLETTER

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING**

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### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE LITURGY

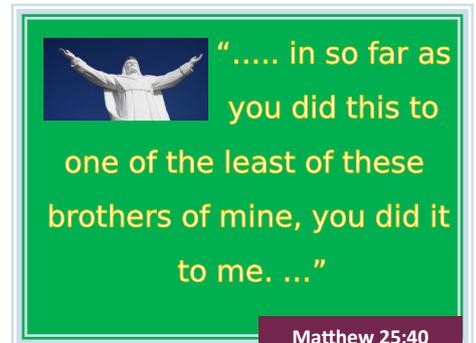


At this time of year we are bestowing the title of Universal King upon Jesus. Through the Incarnation God comes among us, He rubs shoulders with us and sees what real life is like as humans. In the First reading we hear speak of the Shepherd who reaches out to raise the lowly, to feed the hungry, reach out to the lost and bind up the weak and poorly. The image of shepherd and King obviously are brought together in the figure of Jesus. It is hard to reconcile the two roles otherwise.

The Gospel is the Universal King's great speech ~ after his experiences among us he is able to speak with authority as to what really matters as humans. Like the shepherd, a great King is concerned about all his subjects and especially the most vulnerable and those who might be overlooked or forgotten about. He speaks of the way we have treated other

people as determining our eternal destiny. God sees everything we have done and will judge us. says Christ the King, on how we have treated the lowly. God is in everyone so we are to be judged on how we have treated the hungry, those who thirst, the stranger, the prisoner and the sick. The King tells us that all the little things matter; the times when we were too busy to show a little act of kindness are significant; also little details and little acts of kindness really matter. We are to be judged on the amount of love we have shown or not shown.

On this feast of Christ the King may we imitate the Lord who came among us to show us the way of love. May we make him the king of our hearts by showing practical acts of love and kindness to each and every person we encounter.



Blessings to our friends in the community of Christ the King as we celebrate their Patronal Feast

### LOCKDOWN CHANGES

Due to the Government Lockdown we have revised all of the church openings as we are not allowed to have Masses or any other services. We can open for private prayer and exposition.

#### Private Prayer and Exposition

We plan the following opportunities:

#### St Mary's

Mon, Tues Thurs and Friday

10.15am to 11.15am

Wed 10.45am to 11.45am

Sat and Sun 10.30 to 11.30am

Please Note change on Wed



#### St John's

Tues Wed Thurs

from 11.30am to 12.30pm

**Christ the King**

Mon 6.30pm to 7.30pm

We will review the programme when we can and keep you informed.

We are very grateful to the stewards who have been so faithful and committed through this Pandemic and on whom we totally rely to be able to continue to keep the churches open.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Joseph Balshaw, Derek Gill, Fr Christopher John Rogers.

**Anniversaries:** Thomas Langton, Giovanni Albanese, Kathleen Kinsella, Ronnie Whittaker, Winifred Taylor

**Birthday Memoriam:** Douglas Clegg, Cyril Minihan, Malcolm Robinson, Irene Moore

**In Memoriam:** Sarah Langton, Kathleen and Bob Beckett, deceased members of family, friends and neighbours, Clifford Scott,

**Other Intentions:** a sick relative, Fr David, Elizabeth Ashworth, 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Happy birthday and good health wishes,

### Towneley Chapel Lamps

Joseph Balshaw      Andrew Harrison



### Papal Prayer Intention Nov 2020

#### Artificial Intelligence

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



### POPE FRANCIS SPEAKING ABOUT CHRIST THE KING



At the end of our life we will be judged on love, that is, on our concrete commitment to love and serve Jesus in our litest and neediest brothers and sisters. That mendicant, that needy person who reaches out his hand is Jesus; that sick person whom I must visit is Jesus; that inmate is Jesus, that hungry person is Jesus

### 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 Frs David and Damien contribute thoughtful items, giving spiritual insight and inspiration.



*Stay with us Lord on our journey*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The new regulations means that there are on longer opportunities to make our weekly offerings. Please keep your envelopes and gifts until we can have collection boxes in church again. You can make your donations online through the parish website. Open the Home page and 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.



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

*"I used to have an open mind, but my brain kept falling out!"*

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'

### KEEP IN TOUCH—USE OUR WEBSITE FOR THE NEWS

As we're back in strict lockdown 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! Our clergy offer an excellent 'Thought for the Day every day, and there is news there, as it arises. It's a good read, even if you don't pass it on! Go to: <http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

### FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

**Mon 23th Nov** St Clement the First  
**Tues 24th Nov** St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions  
**Weds 25th Nov** St Catherine of Alexandria  
**Thurs 26th Nov** Weekday

**Fri 27th Nov** Weekday  
**Sat 28th Nov** Commemoration of the BVM  
**Sun 29th Nov** **First Sunday of Advent**



## LOCKDOWN BIG CHANGES

In the light of the latest Government National Lockdown, We have had to end our temporary programme of Masses and Services (other than funerals) We can open for Private prayer, so our plans for this are on page 1.

### Masses in the Parish

**Live Stream:** We will continue to live-stream the Mass at 9.30am on Sunday from St Mary's. It will be celebrated in private, with no members of the public present. It will be recorded and available to view later on Sunday. Thanks to everyone involved in streaming.

**Private Celebrations of Mass:** To enable you to be in Spiritual Communion, please know that the clergy will celebrate a **private** Mass each day at 9.30am at St Mary's and 9am at St John's.

**Removal of Obligation to attend Mass:** 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.

**Message from Pope Francis about Reconciliation:** These words from the Holy Father should help us while some of us cannot go to the Sacrament:

"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.'"

## 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.

**Your News in the Newsletter:** If you would like to include an item, or make a Mass Offering, please email (itemsforfrank@gmail.com) your request before midday on Thursday.

## CAFOD NEWS UPDATE NOV 2020

The CAFOD group are very grateful for your continued generosity over Harvest Fast Day and beyond, but due to recent events in Central America and the Philippines with hurricane/typhoon flooding, the need is still great. Therefore, if possible, please make online donations direct to CAFOD by using the following link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>

Some people in the parish raise money for CAFOD by keeping a small CAFOD cardboard collection box in their homes, in which they place any small change. If you would like one of these boxes for Advent or at any other time

then please get in touch with Anne Marie Coppock on 721701 or [amcoppock@hotmail.com](mailto:amcoppock@hotmail.com)

Unbelievably, Christmas is around the corner and if you're struggling to find the perfect, unique, ethical gift for someone special in your life, then look no further than CAFOD's World Gifts. To see the new look selection of life-changing gifts use the following link:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/World-Gifts>

Don't forget to check out the CAFOD webpage on the parish website for more detailed news, including the latest campaigning news and a new action to support CAFOD's brave overseas partners.

Send a '**Message to the Brave**' within a Christmas card to show your solidarity for their efforts to protect the vulnerable and the planet.



## 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 £4,946 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 it. We will pass them on to the Foodbank via the Blessed Trinity website (above).



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

## Don't Drop your Guard!!

**Remember!** This virus doesn't spread on its own: you, (yes, you), and others spread it when we go outside our households and mix with others in other places.

**DON'T RELAX!** We pray that the vaccine is successful, but please don't drop your guard—the virus is still spreading like wildfire!

**READ ALL ABOUT IT!** We have discovered a really good and informative website with simply worded but high quality guidance. It has 18 different sheets like the one aside. It runs from what to do if you have symptoms to looking after children who are going to school.

Please look at it, use the information, and pass it on to family friends and neighbours. It is also available in several languages so pass it on to people who speak and understand their own language best.

**THE WEBSITE IS:**

<https://covid19graphics.info/>

This virus is killing people, and leaving others with long-term health problems—don't let it be you or yours. Take no risks, stay safe,

**We are all responsible for this!**

Latest update: 03/05/2023:30

Information from:  **Coronavirus** - MYTHBUSTERS - 

Reference: WHO 2020. Myth Busters. [online] Available at: [www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters](http://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters)

- 1** COVID-19 can be referred to as the "Chinese virus", "Wuhan virus" or "Asian Virus"

**FACT:** The official name (COVID-19) was chosen to avoid:

 Stigmatizing and discriminating behaviours
- 2** "5G mobile networks spread COVID-19"

**FACT:** There is **no evidence** that 5G mobile networks spread COVID-19

 COVID19
- 3** "COVID-19 only infects older people"

**All** ages are **susceptible**



However, older people (60+) and those with medical conditions are **at higher risk**
- 4** "COVID-19 is less dangerous than the seasonal flu virus"

COVID-19 is **more** dangerous as it **spreads faster** and is **less well-understood** than the seasonal flu


- 5** "Holding your breath for 10s without feeling discomfort means you do not have COVID-19"

**FACT:** The **only** way to confirm COVID-19 is through **laboratory testing**


- 6** "Ingesting alcohol or chlorine (bleach) will kill the virus"

**FACT:** Inappropriate use of these substances is **harmful to health**


- 7** "Exposure to extreme climates (hot or cold weather) prevents COVID-19"

**FACT:** Countries with **hot** (+25°C), **humid**, and **cold** climates have reported cases of COVID-19


- 8** "Herbal remedies, such as garlic or turmeric, can prevent/ treat coronavirus"

**FACT:** There is **no evidence** that herbal remedies can protect you from COVID-19



## Remember the Golden Rules!

**Hands\*** The virus travels through touching things that an infected person has touched or coughed / sneezed over. If you then touch your nose, mouth or eyes, you may transfer the virus into your own body. So wash your hands, for 20 seconds, every time you have had any contact outside your home.

**Face\*** You are legally obliged to cover your face in all shops, hospitals, church and other places. It prevents you spreading the virus to others, with some exceptions.

**Space\*** When a person coughs or sneezes it is thought that the miniscule droplets travel up to two meters. So you keep safe by keeping apart from others. Unfortunately, there are many people who seem to disregard this, so they offer a risk to others, especially indoors.

\*Seek more detailed guidance if you are worried

 **NHS**

 **HANDS**

 **FACE**

 **SPACE**

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