

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



## NEWSLETTER

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**29TH AUGUST 2021**      **YEAR B**



### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

A person who is holy is someone who is a whole person. They are whole or complete because they have God in their lives, therefore the way they live their lives makes sense. We can often recognise this more easily in other people rather than in ourselves. Holiness is something we should all strive for. Holiness is something internal and it is something we are all called to attain.

In today's Gospel Jesus insists, since holiness is primarily a matter of the heart if you want to know whether a person is holy or not, see what comes out of their heart. He lists many of the vices that we are capable of cultivating within our hearts. By the same token, on the positive side, we could think of virtues that would demonstrate true holiness



of heart.

In the Second Reading, St James shows the essential link between faith and love. When he virtually defines "pure, undefiled religion" as "coming to the aid of orphans and widows

in their distress". This means that a priority for us as Christians should be the most vulnerable and needy members of our community. He goes on to say we also should be "keeping oneself unstained by the world". By this, I think St James is telling us to keep focused on Christ and not be tempted to prioritise the values of the world, which are more materialistic and superficial.

May we strive in the coming week to draw closer to God by ensuring that our hearts are pure and uncontaminated by the lure of sin and selfishness.

### AFGHAN REFUGEE CRISIS

Full details of how our parish, working with Caritas and New Neighbours together are helping in the crisis. Full details on page 4 of the Newsletter



### PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES

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 St John's**      7pm St John's  
**Thursday:** 10.30am St John's,      **7pm Christ the King**  
**Friday:** 9.30am St John's      **7pm Christ the King**  
**Saturday:** 9.30am Christ the King  
**Vigil Masses:** 6.00pm St John's 6.30pm Christ the King

**Exposition** There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 mins before all the Mon to Fri Masses..



**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.

**Please note the above changes (in bold) to the current schedule due to road works on Healey Mount near Christ the King church. These commence on Wed 1st September .**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays from 5.30pm to 5.55pm at St John's church, prior to the Vigil Mass.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Delia Veldon, Teresa Burke, Bryan John Peter Fergus, Canon Francis Deeney, Edna Whale, Joan Doidge, Christine Bassek. Fr Michael Sharrat,

**Other Intentions:** Brian Bennett, Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, Fr David's intentions.

Special intention, Recovery from Covid, Tom and Eileen's intentions, Monsignor Paul Smith Golden Jubilee.

**Anniversaries:** Pat Bell, Samuel Irvine, Anthony Ives, Derek Robinson, Winifred Edmondson. Michael Keohane, Noella Regan, Tom Edmondson (1st Anniversary)

### COVID UPDATE FOR THE PARISH

The parish clergy team has reviewed the current arrangements. In the light of the rising numbers of cases, hospitalisations and deaths we decided to leave arrangements unchanged until further notice. This means that, to enable people to continue to feel safe in church, we retain the current layout of our seating, continuing to enable social distancing. We continue to request that adults continue to wear face coverings and sanitize their hands before entering church. Thank you for your help and cooperation in these difficult times.

### ACCESS TO CHRIST THE KING CHURCH—ROAD WORKS

On weekdays between 9am and 3.30pm from Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Sept and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept resurfacing work will be carried out on Healey Mount which leads off Manchester Road to Christ the King church. Please bear in mind that access to the church will be restricted during that period. Please note the changes to the weekday Mass Programme for this week which reflects our attempt to reduce the impact of the disruption caused by the roadworks. We recommend during this period that those who can should park on Manchester Road and walk up to the church. Thanks for your cooperation

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IN THE PARISH



Thanks again for your ongoing generosity and support. We have been able to take on regular financial support for a second SVP conference in India as well as the one we have supported for many years. The SVP conferences in India are able to do so much more with this support.

At home, as Covid-19 restrictions are eased we are hoping that we can resume some home visits to people who are housebound. We are also helping a lady with her shopping on a regular basis. We encounter people in need, and try to help in any way we can. Worthwhile and rewarding work.

If you would like to find out more about the SVP and perhaps become a member, please speak to Maria Boys, Klaus Lamle, (01282 448272) or Lynne Middleton.

Most of our current workers are in the St John's community and we would really welcome volunteers from our other parish communities.

### 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.*

"Love one another as I have loved you...."

"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions".

Pope Francis

### ST MARY'S CHURCH UPDATE

St Mary's church is still unfortunately currently temporarily closed until further notice as it needs essential repair. As well as internal problems with the ceiling, they have discovered that extensive external repairs to the roof are needed. We will continue to keep you informed through the Newsletter and through the Web site.



## LIVE STREAMING—CAN YOU HELP ONCE A FORTNIGHT!



Our live stream is a vital, and sometimes the only connection for many of the people in the parish, who, for whatever reason, cannot get to Mass on Sundays. We need someone to join the streaming team for an hour or two every other Sunday. Full training given. It's not too hard and it's a new skill, a new insight into how we live stream services.

From time to time we need help mid-week, for eg funeral Masses, weddings, etc), again an invaluable service, broadcast to many at home and abroad If you cannot commit to a Sunday, are you sometimes available during the week on an ad hoc basis?

If you think you may be interested and would like to know more, please contact Mike Morris on 07929 451 566 or email him at [website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk](mailto:website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk)

## CAFOD

CAFOD is working to help and support: > in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. > in Afghanistan, for the safety of our local partners and communities. > in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger. You can read more on the website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.



Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together to support so many communities in so many difficult situations. Thank you.

## FOODBANK—PLEASE KEEP GIVING



Sadly the appeal has to continue. However there are many ways you can support this work. You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving> by making one-off or monthly payments. You can donate cash at St John's Presbytery, drop it off in a clearly marked envelope. This led to **£155** being donated during July.

There are lots of places where you can drop off actual groceries—non-perishables please unless it's oranges. All the 'big' supermarkets and Spar shops have drop-off points, as do Barclays, Lloyds, and Nationwide banks in the town centre. Why not choose a few extra pieces with your weekly shopping, if you can afford, and help families in great need.

Congratulations to Blessed Trinity—their **Just Giving webpage has passed the £9,700 marker!! Help them get to £10,000!** Thank you all for your great generosity.

## FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 30TH AUGUST

**Monday** St Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward  
**Tuesday** St Aidan and the Lindisfarne Saints  
**Wednesday** St Edmund Arrowsmith  
**Thursday** Weekday

**Friday** St Gregory the Great  
**Saturday** St Cuthbert

**Sunday** **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Saints we honour this week have a particularly British 'flavour' (except St Gregory). Please pray for the future of the UK

Thank You



## CHURCH STEWARDS

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.

## Clergy Team

Parish Priest: Fr David Featherstone  
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## AFGHAN REFUGEE RESPONSE APPEAL

**Concerned about the plight of those seeking refuge from the turbulent, dangerous situation in Afghanistan?**

**Wish you could do something to help?**

The parish of The Good Samaritan, and the local refugee charity New Neighbours Together are responding to the Appeal under the wider umbrella of Caritas Salford, the Catholic Diocesan charity.

The immediate need is for those people who have fled their homes in Afghanistan and are currently in hotels in and around Manchester Airport, in Covid isolation, and awaiting eventual allocation to a new home. They have few belongings, and so need the following items, as soon as possible.

**Can you donate Please!**

We plan to have two occasions when you can come and drop goods off your gifts

### Drop-Off arrangements

If you have goods and donations, we will have two drop-off sessions, and would ask you to bring your goods to either one. They will be at **St John's Parish Rooms, Ivy Street, Burnley** as follows:

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 5.00pm until 7.00pm, and**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am until 1.00pm.**

### What's needed

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| ⇒ <b>Clothing:</b> men's Women's and Children's (especially older children- new or used. | ⇒ <b>Scarves</b>  |
| ⇒ <b>Personal hygiene</b> products especially tooth-paste.                               | ⇒ <b>Shoes and trainers</b>                                 |
| ⇒ <b>Incontinence Pads</b>   | ⇒ <b>NEW underwear and socks</b> (children and adults)      |
| ⇒ <b>Baby-care products:</b> Nappies, cot blankets, baby wipes,                          | ⇒ <b>Children's Activity packs</b>                          |
| ⇒ <b>Packs for expectant mums</b> including maternity wear                               | ⇒ <b>Adapters</b> to enable people to plug into UK sockets. |

### Guidelines for your Donations

Please make sure that any used goods you donate are **CLEAN**, and are of **GOOD QUALITY**. Please only send anything that you would pass on to a friend or relative, feeling proud of what you're giving.

With clothing, please sort into separate bags and label them as follows:

Men's Clothes,

Women's Clothes,

Boys/Girls Clothes separate in age groups: Aged 1 - 5, Aged 6 -11, Teenage—12+

Ideally put them into separate bags, each one labelled.

Remember, we can only accept **NEW** underclothes and socks.

I'm sorry, but we can't arrange pick-up.

For safety's sake we will ask you to observe Covid 'rules' if you can: wearing a mask and respecting social distancing whilst in the Parish Hall. We hope you can oblige for the few minutes involved.

**You can also make online donations of money.**

Go to <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/afghanistan-appeal-2021/>

**Thank you so much for your generosity and thoughtfulness.**