

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5TH SEPTEMBER 2021 **YEAR B**



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

In today's Gospel, some people bring to Jesus a man who is deaf and has a speech impediment. Having a double disability was a great affliction. Without hearing and speech the man was isolated in the community. Jesus takes the man away from the crowd which was an act of kindness to avoid alarming the man and not draw attention to what he was about to do. Rather than speak directly to him as he would not be heard, Jesus uses gestures to heal the man. The gestures will help the man to understand what Jesus is doing for him. Jesus puts his fingers into the man's ears, and touches his tongue with spit. The sigh or groan is often an indication of deep prayer. With a sigh, Jesus then prayed "Ephaphata"; be opened. Mark makes it clear that it was



*"Ears to hear
and eyes to see—
both are gifts
from the Lord"*
Proverbs 20:12

the prayer of Jesus not the gestures that healed the man. In the Sacraments we use gestures that draw us deeper into the action of God in our lives. These outward signs illustrate the reception of inward Grace. In fact in a baptism service the priest has the option of blessing the ears and mouth of the newly baptised; using the "Ephaphata Rite", which reminds us that Christ touches our ears so we can hear his word and also our tongues so we can profess our faith. If we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear we will witness all around us great signs of God's faithfulness and presence. When we are prepared to identify and listen to the action of God all around us then we can play our part in building the kingdom of God.

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES

DISRUPTION TO MASS TIMES UNTIL 10TH SEPTEMBER

Resurfacing work on the road leading to Christ the King: Resurfacing work will take place every day 9.00am until 3.30pm until Friday 10th September. The road will be closed to traffic. You will be able to walk up from Manchester Road, but please take care—surfaces will be uneven and there will be large vehicles. You are advised to park on Manchester Road even if you attend the evening Masses we plan. We have re-scheduled all the Masses during the working hours daily and moved some to St Johns. Access at weekends will be wholly free. Mass times are as listed below, changes in bold.

Monday	10.00am St John's Funeral Mass for Ronald Perry	7pm Christ the King
Tuesday	9.30am St John's	12 Noon St John's
Wednesday	9.30am St John's	7pm Mass at 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
Sunday:	9.15am** and 5.00pm Christ the King	9.30am and 11.00am St John's

**The Sunday 9.15am Mass from Christ the King will be live-streamed.

NEXT Sunday 12th September the streamed Mass will be at 9.15 from Christ the King.

Saturday Vigil Masses: Please consider attending at either of the Vigil Masses in the parish where there is currently more capacity.

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



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: Ron Perry, Mgr Tom Devaney, Fr Michael Sharratt, Edna Whale, Albert Airey, David Ingham,

Birthday Memoriam: Ian Stewart

Anniversaries: Leonard Ramsden, Irene Fell, Tom Edmondson, Peter Frayne,

Other Intentions: Brian Bennett, Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, 25th Wedding Anniversary, Return to good health, For a terminally ill cousin, Donors intention, People of London, Alfred Singh, Norah and Walter Lister .

In Memoriam: Peter Reynolds,

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.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

"The faith Christ taught us is what we see in Saint Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it. Joseph's attitude encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak, for God chooses what is weak (cf. 1 Cor 1:27). He is the



"Father of orphans and protector of widows" (Ps 68:6), who commands us to love the stranger in our midst. I like to think that it was from Saint Joseph that Jesus drew inspiration for the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father (cf. Lk 15:11-32)."

Pope Francis in 'Patris Corde'

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>.

Additional News: We would like to acknowledge a generous cheque for £100 plus £157 cash received in August to support the emergency work detailed above. Sincere thanks to all.

"Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can."
John Wesley

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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 her-
self in the light of the
Gospel.



"Be who God wants you
to be and you will set the
world on fire"
St Catherine of Siena

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What do these words
inspire me to do?



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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.



AFGHAN REFUGEE APPEAL—THANK YOU



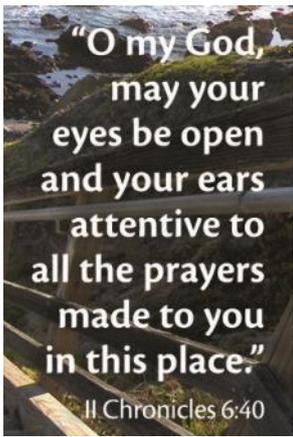
Although the collection of goods has not happened at the time of writing, all the signs are that you will have shown your usual huge generosity. So, thank you in anticipation. Full report-back next week.

The appeal was for the immediate needs of the refugees who are awaiting to move from hotels into their UK homes, so please, no more donations of goods at the moment although the online facilities for donations remains available <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/afghanistan-appeal-2021/>.

As the people are placed in their new homes, New Neighbours Together, the local refugee charity will continue to work with the parish and Caritas in support of their all-round settlement into their new lives. We will let everyone know how they can help when the time is right.

If this work has given you an interest in helping people who have to flee their homes, then New Neighbours will be happy for your support. They offer welcome, peer group support, practical help and advice to try to make transition to living in Burnley as easy as is possible. Just go to nntburnley.org for details of how.

ENORMOUS thanks again to everyone for their help and their generosity



O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now so that, following your son, we may walk alongside vulnerable refugee families as they build a new life in the bounty of your love and mercy

Open our ears to hear your gentle voice call out to us.

Open your eyes to see your guiding hand held out for us

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 **£253.61** being donated during August.

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 £10,000 marker!! Well done young'uns!!** Thank you all for your great generosity.

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 6TH SEPTEMBER

Monday	Weekday	Friday	St Ambrose Barlow
Tuesday	Weekday	Saturday	Weekday
Wednesday	Nativity of Our Lady	Sunday	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday	St Peter Claver		

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