

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley

## NEWSLETTER

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

4TH OCTOBER 2020



### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS



Today's Gospel presents us with the parable of the vineyard. The vineyard, entrusted to the tenants, grows and matures and becomes rich with potential and is ripe for harvesting. But the tenants refuse to share the gifts entrusted to them. They have instead become obsessed with security and they fiercely defend their possessions. They kill off anyone, including the king's son, who invites them to share what they have with others. In the end the greed of the tenants becomes their undoing for the king will have nothing to do with them.

Our lives are like a vineyard that God entrusts to us. And each of our lives, is richly blessed by God. The voice of God's Son Jesus calls out to us to share our talents, our riches, our gifts with those around us and with those who have less than we have.

But sadly, we too often become more interested in security...in building walls and towers around ourselves we protect our own interests rather than sharing what we have with those around us. We forget that our gifts, our talents and our richness entrusted to us by God are meant to be used and not just stored up.

The spirit of the Pharisees which we are warned against adopting is an inability to listen to the other side. As St Augustine said "hear the other side" ~ this means being open to seeing what God is doing in other peoples lives and in the world around us. The Lord is calling us to a gentleness that leads to an open-ness and a generosity.

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*"I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last says the Lord"*

*Alleluia*

### A WORD OF THANKS

Fr David warmly thanks you for your prayers, messages, cards and good wishes during his recent illness and need to self-isolate. He looks forward to returning to ministry very soon.

### A WORD OF THANKS (2)

An opportune moment to reflect on all the wonderful work Fr David has done leading us through the difficulties of the pandemic. His enthusiasm and commitment has led to so many innovations to keep us informed and sustaining our sense of community. He has engaged many to support his efforts, and used his gifts of people-relationships to keep us all together. Thanks you Father, and everyone who has contributed alongside you.

We pray for your speedy recovery and return to full health. Take care.

God  
bless you

### JOIN THE TEAM! STREAMING SUNDAY MASS—IMPORTANT NEED FOR THE PARISH!

**The streaming of Mass has been a vital element for everyone during the Lockdown. Please help if you can.** Can *you* help? Do you *know someone* who can—perhaps someone who would benefit from learning this skill, add it to their CV? Please have a think! All you need to begin with is basic computer knowledge. You would be 'in action' every other Sunday—less if we get more volunteers!

If you'd like to learn a new skill while at the same time providing an invaluable service to those who are not in a position to attend Mass, contact Mike Morris on 07929 451 566 or email him via [website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk](mailto:website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk)



## MASS INTENTIONS



*"Allow the light and healing presence of Christ to shine brightly through your lives"*

Pope St John Paul II

**Lately Dead:** Peter Frayne, John Renney  
**Anniversaries:** Joe McLaughlin, Raul Gonzalez Navas.  
**In Memoriam:** John and Mary Howarth

**Other Intentions:** Fr Raphael Gallagher CSSR

### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

This Sunday, 4th October, is traditionally the feast-day of St Francis. (1181—1226)

He is the inspiration for the Holy Father's choice of Papal name. He chose the name in honour of Saint Francis, and had done so because he was especially concerned for the well-being of the poor.



*"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some people hear today"*

He is patron saint for:  
 ♦ animals, merchants and ecology;  
 ♦ against dying alone;  
 ♦ families, peace, and needle-workers.

*St Francis promoted the practice of creating our Christmas Crib*



*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 baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



### GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH CAFOD GROUP — HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY—THIS WEEK

The CAFOD group at Good Samaritan is very grateful for your generosity over the summer months, but the need is still great. Sadly we are unable to hold our normal Fast Day collections at our three churches. Don't forget to check out the CAFOD webpage on our parish website for more detailed news.



This is a **"Harvest like no other"**; around the world, many families face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. So this Harvest, CAFOD is launching a series of online events around Family Fast Day from 8-11 October so that we can come together and bring hope and help to those who are most in need. There is something for everyone, join with your school, parish or friends and family. There will also be a live online Mass on 9 October. To register and further details, follow this link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

### HOPE IN THE FUTURE—STREAMED HOLY HOUR THIS SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

On Sunday 4th October, the day Stage 4 of Hope in the Future would have been launched, Instead Bishop John will lead a Holy Hour, from Salford Cathedral, which will be live streamed on ChurchServices.tv at 3.00pm. The theme will be 'Hope in Difficult Times'. The focus is not on moving on to Stage 4, but to reflect on the presence of the Lord throughout lockdown and to pray for those who have died, have suffered and are grieving. It is also to give thanks for all the good works during these most challenging times and to ask God for His grace as we continue on our Hope in the Future journey.



### FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Mon 5th Oct</b>	Weekday	<b>Fri 9th Oct</b>	St John Henry Newman
<b>Tues 6th Oct</b>	St Bruno	<b>Sat 10th Oct</b>	St Paulinus of York
<b>Wed 7th Oct</b>	Our Lady of the Rosary	<b>Sun 11th Oct</b>	28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
<b>Thurs 8th Oct</b>	Weekday		

## SUNDAY MASSES

We now have some limited public Sunday Masses We will continue with this programme for the time being. This will be a limited to just one Mass in each church and is a bit different to the usual Sunday Programme.

St Mary's 9.30am (which will be also live-streamed)  
St John's 10.45am  
Christ the King 5pm



Please bear in mind that this is very much just a temporary programme and when Lockdown regulations allow, we hope to expand it.

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.

## 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:

<b>Monday 5th October</b>	St Mary's 9.30am	Christ the King	7pm
<b>Tuesday 6th Oct</b>	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	12.00 noon
<b>Wednesday 7th Oct</b>	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	7pm
<b>Thursday 8th Oct</b>	St Mary's 9.30am <b>and</b> 7.00pm:	St John's	10.30am
<b>Friday 9th Oct</b>	St Mary's 9.30am:	Christ the King	12.00 noon
<b>Saturday 10th Oct</b>	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 10th 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.

## Blessed Trinity Theme of the Week

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



## 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 see p4 for details of other approaches where you will see other opportunities to donate.

## MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE PARISH

**Streamed Sunday Mass:** Please note that Fr David and Fr Damien will concelebrate the 9.30am Mass on Sundays at St Mary's and it **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!



## TESTING FOR COVID 19—FREE—STILL AVAILABLE —PLEASE HAVE ONE!!

You will see that the problem of the virus spreading and we have had extra restrictions coming in. This testing programme is to help the authorities to know how widespread it is, and learn how to manage and control it better. It is continuing for these reasons, in spite of problems we are seeing elsewhere, so please don't be put off from being tested. It's free, and available on Centenary Way near the Gala Bingo, **Saturday to Wednesday**, between 10.00am and 3.00pm. No booking needed. Just turn up. No injection—they just take a swab. Waiting times vary but queues keep moving.



Our thanks to the staff and volunteers who run the service.

## FOODBANK—KEEP IT UP! AN EXTRA PLEA!

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 £4,036 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)—£25 was sent this week.

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

## SVP IN LOCKDOWN—PARISH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN UPDATE

Our Good Samaritan caring parish family reaching out with donations of food, children's toys clothing for adults and children and for selfless giving in transporting furniture, plus many cash donations fed through David H to St John's S.V.P. funds to enabling more help for those in need. Sincere appreciation. A Mass will be offered for intentions of our benefactors.



## IN THE LIGHT OF THE CORONA VIRUS

### Other Daily Streamed Masses

There are live streams of daily Mass from Walsingham; [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) and from The Good Shepherd parish in Colne; [www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk](http://www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk).

### Offertory Collection and Donations

You will see, on page 3, that people attending Mass are invited to resume their donations by using their envelopes. 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.



### 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 your request by midday on Thursday.

### Thought for the Day

These daily reflections from the parish clergy team are available on the parish web site each day.

### Government guidelines

Please do heed the Government's current guidelines about staying alert and safe.

### Clergy Team

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