

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

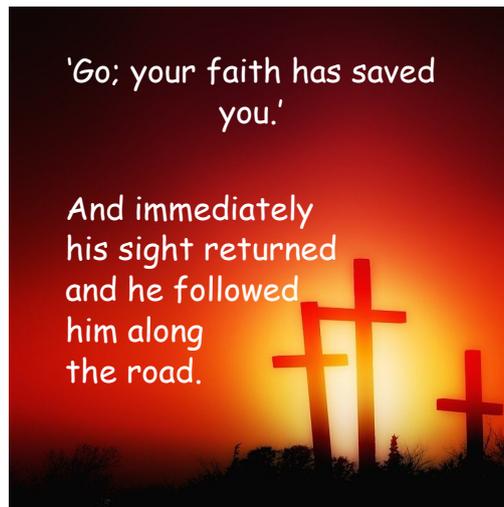
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FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Over the last few weeks, Mark has been presenting to us people who were unable to see clearly who Jesus really is. Mark presents to his readers this week someone who really does get it. Mark states that the perfect disciple turns out to be Bartimaeus, a blind beggar from Jericho.

Bartimaeus shows what is possible if we have faith in Jesus. He is not disheartened when he is told off by the crowd for shouting out to Jesus. Jesus does not respond to him immediately, but eventually through someone else he is able to invite him over to him to ask him what he wants him to do for him. He shows the depth of his faith by being more determined than ever to meet the Lord. Even though he is blind he is able to "see" who Jesus really is through his



eyes of faith.

Perhaps we need a bit of the spirit of Bartimaeus. To see clearly who Jesus is for us and to be prepared to shout about it. He left behind his cloak, a symbol of his livelihood and security to show he was prepared to let go of everything he had to fol-

low the Lord. He clearly understands that Jesus is about mercy as he says to him "your faith has saved you". Faith is more important than everything else we have because it leads to our salvation. If we see in the same way as Bartimaeus then we would then be able to see the Lord all around us as he sustains us, empowers us, and cares for us in so many different ways. May the Holy Spirit enable us in the coming week to clearly see the Lord in all creation in each other as well as in every aspect of our lives.

COP26 LETTER TO OUR LOCAL MP, ANTONY HIGGINBOTHAM

The parish CAFOD group tried unsuccessfully to arrange a meeting with our local MP regarding the upcoming UN Climate Conference in Glasgow, COP26. The meeting was going to involve group members, pupil representatives from our parish schools and other interested parishioners or constituents. Since Antony Higginbotham is unable to meet us, as a group we have decided to write a letter urging him to ensure our UK Government leads by example and helps secure a just climate deal for all the world. **We think it is very important that he knows the views of his constituents and we are hoping parish groups will add their signatures to this letter** and you can view the letter on the CAFOD group page of our parish website: <http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/index.php/home-page/cafod>
Please have your name added as a signatory to this letter, please contact Paul Carney, a member of the CAFOD group, by email: paul1955@btinternet.com



MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Sheila Macaulay, Jeffrey Biddulph, Stephen Bentley, Fiona DeSousa, Joan Skinner, Peter Bates.

Anniversaries: John Frazer, Matthew Irvine, Arthur Aspden.

In Memoriam: Agnes Minihan.

Wedding Anniversary Memoriam: Eunice Morgan.

Other Intentions: Brian Bennett, Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, Fr Raphael Gallagher CSSR, Donor's Intention, Joe Lord, Norah and Walter Lister.



*Stay with us Lord
on our
journey*

INTER-FAITH WEEK OF CELEBRATION



Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th of November sees a week of various inter-faith activities, organised by Building Bridges in Burnley. Events include A Remembrance Day Walk, A ten-year Celebration Meal, a presentation by Christian Aid on the Middle East, rounded off with a Football Tournament hosted by BFC. A rich variety to reflect our community of cultures and faiths. Come and join in the fun. There are fuller details and contact numbers on our parish website.

FROM POPE FRANCIS' INTEFAITH PRAYER

*"A prayer for our earth, All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe,*



*and in the smallest of your creatures.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one".*

PAPAL INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY SESSIONS AT ST JOHN'S

The sessions have restarted at St John the Baptist. They will take place during the Sunday 11am Mass. Parents are welcome to accompany their children if necessary during the first few weeks.



"The Father of European Football" and a Parishioner

Fr David conducted a service of remembrance as a headstone was raised for the late Jimmy Hogan and other family members. Jimmy was buried from St Mary's church in 1974. Jimmy is known across footballing Europe as 'the father of football'. He started his career at Burnley, and 10 years on he coached many European national teams and laid the foundations for their success in World and European Championships. He is given credit for masterminding England's first home defeat by a non-British side- the 3 - 6 defeat by Hungary which shook the nation in 1953.

There's a fuller article on the parish website outlining his career and achievements, as well as describing his strong faith and its impact on his life and work, A 'forgotten hero'.



BURNLEY CATENIANS' CENTENARY BANQUET

Burnley Catenians will be celebrating their centenary (albeit a year late!) with a black tie event, which includes a banquet meal and disco, open to everyone, in the newly re-furnished function suite at Burnley Football Club on Friday 12th November 2021. Tickets, priced at £35.00, are available by contacting Peter Nuttall on 07546261012



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. 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.

ST MARY'S CHURCH UPDATE

St Mary's church remains temporarily closed until further notice as it needs essential repair. We will continue to keep you informed through the Newsletter and through the Web site.

ANTI-SLAVERY DAY 18TH OCTOBER



As a follow-up to this day David Ross will be speaking very briefly, on behalf of Caritas Salford, at the end of some of the Masses this weekend, to bring back to the forefront of our minds this continuing exploitation of millions of men, women and children, including tens of thousands in our country today, and the need for us to spot signs, and how to report suspicions. Please do take a copy of the information leaflet, and also copies for anyone to whom you deliver a newsletter. The leaflet has details on reporting suspicions. If you are doubtful about reporting, David is happy for you to contact him on 01282 831821, and he can report suspicions anonymously on your behalf. On the Caritas page on the parish website (click on "Home Page", then on "Caritas"), there will be links added to personal stories, including short videos. The first 7-minute video, "We See You", gives a clear picture of this appalling issue.

MISSIO WORLD MISSION SUNDAY AND RED BOXES

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please join in on this special day, and call 020 7821 9755 or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible at: missio.org.uk

For the Christ the King community October is the time for the collection of the Missio Red Boxes. Please call Stephen and Francesca on 07593 854661 or 07874 882132 to arrange collection or bring your Boxes to Church if possible. Thank you for your continuing generosity in these challenging times.

At St John's the Autumn Missio magazines have arrived for distribution at St John's. Your much needed donations will be gratefully received if you feel able to give at this time of great need in the world today.



The Christian mission has only one focus: to change individual's lives so they can change the world.

Pope Francis

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 21/22



We would like to invite parents of children in school Year 4 (or older) including those who do not attend one of our Catholic schools in our parish, who wish their child to join the Parish Sacramental Programme. This will involve them being prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion over the next few months. The initial meetings for parents and children, when registration will take place are as follows:



St John's: at 6.30pm on Tuesday 2nd November in St John's parish hall

St Mary's: at 6pm on Thurs 4th November at St Mary's school.

The meeting and Mass at Christ the King took place on Tues 5th October at Christ the King school. For further details please contact Fr David tel 01282 422007.

FOODBANK—THE NEED CONTINUES



Sadly the appeal has to continue. 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.

You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving>) by making one-off or monthly payments. Congratulations to Blessed Trinity—their **Just Giving webpage has passed the £10,000 marker!! Well done young'uns!!** You can donate cash at St John's Presbytery, drop it off in a clearly marked envelope. This led to **£185.00** being donated during August.

Thank you all for your great generosity.

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES WEEK COMMENCING 23RD OCTOBER

The roadworks are now complete and so we have ready access to both churches. Our planned programme for next week is as follows.

Please look on the website for any unexpected changes we need to make. Please also talk to friends who may not have the internet if there are any changes. Thank you for your patience during the recent inconveniences.

Monday	<i>Weekend</i>	9.30am St John's	7.00pm Christ the King
Tuesday	<i>Ss Chad and Cedd</i>	9.30am Christ the King	10.45am St John's Funeral Mass for Michael Hargrave RIP
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i>	9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>Ss Simon and Jude</i>	9.30am Christ the King	12.00 noon St John's
Friday	<i>Weekday</i>	9.30am St John's	12.00 noon Christ the King
Saturday	<i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am Christ the King	Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's 6.30pm Christ the King
Sunday:	<i>All Saints Day</i>	9.15am** and 5.00pm Christ the King	9.30am** and 11.00am St John's

**The Sunday 9.30am Mass at St John's will be live-streamed.



There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.
St John Vianney

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays from **5.15pm 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.

EXPOSITION: There will be Exposition starting 30 mins before each weekday Mass

COP 26



Bishop John has asked us to take an interest in this major event which aims to improve the environment for the future of the world. Please keep the delegates in your prayers. Please also see the invitation to sign the letter from CAFOD to our MP—page 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER

Could those who contribute to St Mary's or St John's by Standing Order, please kindly contact your bank and inform them that the payment should now be made as follows:

Name: The Salford Diocesan Trust :The Good Samaritan Parish

Sort Code: 205558 **Account number:** 50404640



CHURCH STEWARDS



Huge thanks to our stewards who make attendance at church possible as we continue to work at remaining safe. Please call Fr David if you would like to join this invaluable team.

Clergy Team

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