

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17TH MAY 2020



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION



When I was a child, one of the most important things I was taught to mention in Reconciliation was the sin of disobedience. This would mainly be about not showing respect and obedience to my parents and teachers. This is fairly straightforward because a child does not always have the ability or the understanding to make good decisions or to

know what is best. Therefore we are taught to obey because it is important that we take notice of those in charge of us and show them respect.

As we grow older, obedience gets more difficult ~ we have to obey laws and to respect those given authority over us and to comply with all sorts of regulations. Therefore people of all ages because of the virus have recently had to obey new rules about staying at home and social-distancing. The problem with obedience as we grow older is often our pride ~ this means that we may question why someone should have authority over us or know better than us. Pride can be a barrier therefore between ourselves and other people and it can also come between us and God, whom we are also asked to obey.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples gathered at the Last Supper, just hours before his terrible death the next day. He uses very powerful words, that come from the heart and says that if they love him they will obey his commandments. His commandments include the following; Do this in memory of me: Be kind to those who hate you; Forgive those who do wrong to you; Do not give up hope when the going gets tough; Do not judge others but leave that to God: Do not repay a wrong with a wrong. All these teachings are quite challenging but could be summed up in a single word "love". We are simply to love each other as Jesus has loved.

Jesus said: "Anyone who loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him"

Jesus is asking us also to be faithful to him not out of duty, but out of love for him. Our obedience to his teachings is to be in response to his love for us. This should give us a totally different approach to obedience.

This Thursday (21st May) is Ascension Thursday and a Holy Day but of course we are excused attendance at Mass

THANK YOU, TOM, CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



VE Day hero, Tom Edmondson a parishioner featured in a brilliant appearance on the BBC 1 VE Day celebration programme on Friday 8th May. He and Celia had a very informal and 'professional' congratulatory chat with David Dimbleby, when the full extent of Tom's brave war service was outlined and emphasised with his great medal collection – topped off with the illustrious Legion D'Honneur, France's very top military award. It was a lovely cameo about a very modest hero, an unsung hero until now, who recently celebrated his 100th Birthday! The feature was finished with a personal rendition of 'Happy Birthday to You' sung by Alfie Boe! Well done Tom, thank you for your contribution to our freedom, and Happy Birthday. We're all proud to know you!

(Watch it on BBC iPlayer for the programme (VE Day 75))

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead

Daniel Ford,
Elaine Cartmell,
Rachael Cummings
John Wright,
Stan Smith

Terence Yates,
Lorraine Bailey,
Nora Philbin (Nee Frazer),
Russell King,
George Greenwood,
Sean Taylor,
Gerry Martland,
Fr Peter Gooden.
Monica Cain



Anniversaries:

John Michael Bailey,
Michael Ennis

Other Intentions

Thanksgiving to St Anthony,
For healing, strength and com-
fort for family who are sick,
For Elaine Cartmell's husband
John and her family

LOOK AT THE PARISH WEBSITE. PASS THE NEWS TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ON THE INTERNET!

<http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

Keep in touch! Keep others in touch through you! Call them and have a chat.
There is new material every single day—to lift you spiritually, to bring news, to stay together.
The longer this goes on, the more the friendly calls are needed.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE CORONA VIRUS

Because all churches are closed until further notice the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday and on a Holy day of Obligation is removed until further notice.

PARISH MASS—LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY AND ASCENSION THURSDAY

There will be a 'live' stream of the Mass from St Mary's every Sunday and this Thursday morning at 9.30am. A recording will be available later in the day for those who cannot view the live stream.

Daily Private Masses in the Parish

The priests of the parish will continue to celebrate Mass daily in the churches of the parish **in private**. This will enable you, the people of God, to join in "spiritual Communion" with the priests and each other. **St Mary's:** Fr David celebrates at 9.30am **St John's:** Fr Emmanuel or Fr Benneth at 9.00am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION—IMPORTANT UPDATE

As there are no Sunday Masses from which to take a collection, please hang onto your envelopes until things go back to normal, then you can kindly bring your envelopes and contributions. For those who are in a position to do so, we are looking at the possibility of making donations to the parish online. Further details of this will appear on Parish the web site See p4 to make a payment now.

REFLECTIONS FROM BLESSED TRINITY CC ON SUNDAY AND ASCENSION THURSDAY

Each Sunday of Easter, and this Thursday—Ascension Day, Blessed Trinity has provided a delightful video reflection produced by Miss R Wilkinson and involving different pupils from the school along with Fr David. Many thanks to the school for this lovely resource which has brought added joy to the Easter season.

Mailing the Newsletter

While the churches remain closed, 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 Wednesdays. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Thought for the Day

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

The Lord's Day at Home

These sheets, available on the website, are great for providing sacred time at home while the churches are closed. <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/LDAH-Easter-4A.pdf>

Daily Streamed Masses

There are live streams daily Mass from Walsingham; www.walsingham.org.uk and from The Good Shepherd parish in Colne; www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk.

Government guidelines

Please do heed the Government's current guidelines about staying safe. This will help protect yourself and the vulnerable in the community.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH CONFERENCE

Our parish conference has continued to be extremely active during lockdown. We have continued with collecting your cash donations for the FOOD BANK and forwarding them weekly. Your generosity this week has enabled a further £110 to be posted off. During the last six weeks we have answered desperate calls for help from two single parent families in Christ the King community, one with four children and one with six, a number of homeless have been helped in various ways; we have helped some families with food donations and other families with gas and electricity. We have also been keeping in contact with homebound parishioners by telephone and going shopping for several.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

The Conference sadly records the death of our secretary Elaine Cartmell, an SVP member for many years who tragically died this month. A dedicated servant, we will miss this positive gentle caring lady over the years to come, may she rest in peace. Please remember Elaine, her husband and her family in your prayers.

LUKE BRADBURY



You might have noticed on our Web Site, a new short video called "Strung sung ~ live in Burnley" put together by Luke Bradbury which features a few songs from himself and Fr David. We hope you enjoy it as it was great fun to make. Luke Bradbury is a Seminarian for the Diocese and towards the end of his Fourth year at Oscott College in Birmingham. As the whole Seminary is temporarily closed because of the Virus Bishop John, with Government permission, arranged for Luke to reside at St Mary's during the "lockdown" so he can continue his formation with "on-line Classes and meetings". We are delighted to have Luke with us but we don't know how long this will be for. As you can tell from the video, he is very gifted musically and in many other ways too,. Please keep him in your prayers.

"Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me"

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2020

For Deacons We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



**Stay with us
Lord on our
journey**



FOODBANK—UPDATE

Sadly, the need continues for us to support the Foodbank. Here's how:

Blessed Trinity are now actively supporting the Foodbank, including being channel for your **money donations**. If you want to make a money donation here is the website

<https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving>

Every local Spar shop should have a collection point for tins, pasta, juice and other produce, so keep donating if you are able to do so.

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.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed. Please keep it up!



FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 18th May	St John 1
Tues 19th May	St Dunstan
Wed 20th May	St Bernardine of Siena
Thurs 21st May	ASCENSION DAY
Fri 22nd May	St Rita of Cascia
Sat 23rd May	Easter Weekday
Sun 24th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter

JOIN OUR WHATSAPP GROUP!

"Friends of St Johns" are Whatsapping sharing fun, photos, prayer requests and anything you like! All of the Good Samaritan parish are welcome to join in. Simply download 'Whatsapp' then contact Anne Marie 07544 491425 who will add you in!!



ONLINE FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO THE PARISH—UPDATE

Many people have asked how they might contribute to the weekly church collection now that churches are closed? The diocese has set up a web page where you may make a single donation which will be transferred to your local parish. Go to <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/>. Click on the 'Make a Donation' button, scroll down to the bottom of the page and follow the instructions from there (don't forget to Gift Aid it if you can).

It's planned that some time soon you would be able to fill in a Standing Order to the parish and we'll let you know when it is on the website. 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.

Not all heroes wear capes Nowadays they wear Scrubs.
Thank you to our Super-heroes

SUCH A POPULAR WEBSITE—GO THERE!

Since its launch just over a year ago our Parish website has gone from strength to strength! Its content is excellent, and has grown to meet the demands of our current lockdown isolation, thanks to the tireless work of our small, dedicated team. Enormous thanks to them.



The recent developments include Live streaming of Mass, Fr David's daily reflections, Blessed Trinity's reflections, and on a lighter note our 'Reasons to be Cheerful' items, all designed and delivered to keep our sense of community strong.

Its popularity can be shown with the figures from last Sunday (10th May). We had 410 visits, who looked at 2,157 pages. Most were from Burnley, but there are visits from all over the UK and abroad. The figures are growing all the time! Huge thanks to our wonderful team, for Fr David's leadership, and for everyone who contributes material. (All the statistics are absolutely anonymous)

So, if you haven't been there, you're really missing something big! Go there!!

<http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL



We're all deeply into our new way of life and most of us we need to look for the silver linings. Till things go back to normal, let's try to cheer each other up.

Parishioner Tony Waters, who many of you may know from St Mary's, has contacted us with a brilliant idea. – In the current climate, why not have a series of items on reasons to be cheerful? ... we reckon that anything that lightens up some of the doom & gloom has got to be good! We'll publish them on the website, and in the Newsletter when space allows. Inside there are some Cheerful Lists from people including our two youngest contributors:

Just email us with your suggestions to diane@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk

Margaret Orrell keeps smiling by

1. Being able to keep in touch with my family on the internet.
2. My Faith
3. Appreciate my family and friends and what I have.
4. Appreciate my church friends
5. Being able to watch the live streaming of Mass with Fr David each Sunday.

Lots of sharings on the website! Join the fun—share the joy! Tell us *your* Reasons to be Cheerful!

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