

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

PENTECOST SUNDAY

31ST MAY 2020



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today is the feast of Pentecost, the final day of the season of Easter. This took place fifty days after Easter. The Apostles were together in Jerusalem and were unsure about how to move forward and do what Jesus asked of them. The Holy Spirit comes among them and breathes courage into their hearts. This marks the birthday of the Church, because the Church is about people with the Holy Spirit in them. We first receive the Spirit at Baptism. The Holy Spirit has guided the Church through a journey of 2000 years.

The Spirit comes like a powerful wind: we can't see the wind but we can see what it does. Similarly we can't see the Holy Spirit but we see what it does in other people. The Church is all about people with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is at work in his Church but we need to look for the signs which are all around us. It would be too easy to miss them or dismiss them.

The Spirit also came upon the disciples as



tongues of fire. Fire changes everything, because after a fire everything has changed. It's also a sign of renewal because after a fire, everything has to be made

new again. The disciples were never the same again after Pentecost ~ they were renewed by the Holy Spirit and it was evidenced by their confident proclamation about the Risen Jesus. We are told that those who witnessed this event were "amazed and astonished."

May the Lord bless you on this great feast of the Church. Even though our churches are locked for now, we can still celebrate belonging to the family of the Church in some way. May the Holy Spirit fill you with his love and give you the confidence and courage to be proud of your Catholic faith.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love

**Thank
You**

ONLINE FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO THE PARISH—UPDATE

The parish has not had the usual generosity of your weekly contributions since the lockdown, and it is not possible to bank and use cash donations. 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 directly into our parish. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/Give2GoodSam>. Select or enter the donation you wish to make and follow the simple instructions from there. Please do Gift Aid it if you pay tax—it adds 25% to the amount you've given.

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.

STOP PRESS! PENTECOST PREPARATION

Instead of our usual Prayer Vigil for Pentecost, Luke Bradbury, Fr David and others have prepared a series of presentations on the Parish website for Thursday Friday and Saturday—so if you see this Newsletter before Pentecost Sunday you'll be able to join them—or catch-up if later. They're good.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead

Eileen Casey, Elaine Cartmell,
Margaret Melville Edwards, Tony
Edwards, John Wright,
Michael Long, Kath Gaskell,
Rachael Cummings

Anniversaries:

Gertrude Smith, Richard Hartley,
Sam Slattery, Patrick Durkin,
Thomas Green, Thomas Dacey,
Roger Fletcher, Sally Lalor

In Memoriam

Kathleen and Bob Beckett,

Other Intentions

Special intention
For family conversion and reconciliation

Birthday Anniversary Mary Summers

Significant Birthday Wishes

Jenny W

MICHAEL LONG RIP

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Michael Long, parishioner and organist at St Mary's Vigil Mass. Michael will be sadly missed. Please pray for Michael and his family.

PRAYER PETALS

There's a new 'project' on our website, which will help us to stay together as a community in the Lord, and an opportunity to engage with others who may be alone in their self-isolation.

We know that even in these lockdown days, people often have busy lives but please take just 5 minutes of your day to watch the video from Sister Emmanuel which explains the idea on our Parish website .

In the video she says, priests are often subject to spiritual battle. But our priests are precious and need the protection of our prayers. In this parish we have four priests who we see regularly, (in alphabetical order) Fathers Benneth, David, Emmanuel & Kevin, plus two others who give invaluable help from time to time - Fr Jennings & Mgr Challoner.

Once you've watched the video you may wish to make a 'prayer flower' by joining with others, maybe some others in your parish group such as the Legion of Mary, SVP, etc, or maybe you can call on six friends, perhaps fellow parishioners, with whom you can join in prayer. On the other hand, if you nearly have a full flower but are maybe seeking another petal or two, or perhaps you're looking for a prayer flower to join, email diane@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk and we will try to put you in touch.

When you're ready, choose a priest to pray for, maybe one who celebrates Mass at your church, or one of the above priests chosen at random, or perhaps pray for all six as a group.



Stay with us Lord on
our journey



"As the Father sent me, so I am sending you"



MISS EILEEN CASEY RIP

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death, in her home in Carlisle, of Eileen who had been Headteacher at St John's Infant school 1979— 1995. She was well-loved for her dedication and care in both school and parish life. Please pray for Eileen and her family.

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. We will pass these on to the Foodbank—£75 was sent this week. Thanks to everyone who has contributed.



**LOOK AT THE PARISH WEBSITE. IT HAS NEW, INTERESTING STUFF EVERY DAY
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 SUNDAY MASS—LIVE STREAMING

There will be a 'live' stream of the Mass from St Mary's every Sunday 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

GRADUAL RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES

Thank you to those who have offered to assist with the gradual opening of churches for private prayer once the authorities have given the go ahead. If you anyone else is interested in helping in any way please contact Fr. David via e-mail or telephone him at St Mary's.

Offertory Collection—Important Update

Page 1 of the Newsletter shows how to make donation instead of your weekly envelope. If, in the circumstances, you are able to do this, it will be most welcome. If not, please keep your envelopes until churches re-open and make your donations as usual. Thank you.

REFLECTIONS FROM BLESSED TRINITY CC

As we did with Holy Week, for each Sunday there will appear on our website, a 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.

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 parish website, are great for providing sacred time at home while the churches are closed. Go to. <http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/> and follow the link

Daily Streamed Masses

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

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!!



CAFOD SPECIAL APPEALS

Finance Because of Coronavirus we are unable to raise funds for CAFOD in the usual manner like holding collections after our Saturday/Sunday Masses. However, you can now donate on our brand new Good Samaritan CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal JustGiving page. Please give whatever you can to help our very vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world, these include refugees living in cramped camps and communities living in favelas or shanty towns. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/good-samaritan-burnley>.



Petition: CAFOD Coronavirus Campaign which is asking people, to sign a petition asking the Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people, our sisters and brothers overseas, are high priority in the UK's international efforts, in addition to caring for those at home: www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus. Politicians take heed of petitions, so please sign.

PENTECOST



"There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord;The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose".

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.

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 households.



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

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 1st June	Mary, Mother of the Church
Tues 2nd June	Ss Marcellinus and Peter
Wed 3rd June	St Charles Lwanga and Companions
Thurs 4th June	Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest
Fri 5th June	St Boniface
Sat 6th June	St Norbert
Sun 7th June	Trinity Sunday

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.



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