

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

19TH APRIL 2020



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION



We always have the story of Thomas for the Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. It reminds me that for some people, the Resurrection really is too much to believe. Just as St Peter would never be able to shed the "denials of Christ" from his life, so too Thomas will always be remembered for his doubts about the Resurrection. Thomas was missing when the Risen Lord had appeared to the disciples on that first Easter Sunday. He helped them to make the huge leap of faith required to come to believe in the Resurrection. However, it is one thing to believe what you see with your own eyes, it's quite another to believe something on the strength of what another person has seen.

There was an honesty about Thomas in what he was saying ~ the horrors of Good Friday would have been very vivid in his mind. It was unheard of for someone to come back from the dead; therefore Thomas was speaking with the voice of reason. For us to believe in something, it has to make sense to us, so we need to satisfy both our faith and our reason. Jesus appeared eight days after rising from the dead, so that Thomas could see for himself that he was alive and to enable him see and touch his wounds which he had stated he needed to do in order to believe what the others were telling him. The experience is humbling for him, but it enabled Thomas to make that leap of faith that brings him to address Jesus as "My Lord and My God". After overcoming this barrier to faith, Thomas is then able to fulfil his vital role, along with the other Apostles, of being an authentic witness to the Resurrection.

When we have any doubts or questions about our faith maybe we can ask the help of St Thomas, asking him to open our eyes of faith so we can see the Lord's presence clearly. We remember the Risen Lord's words said to Thomas that apply to us:

"Happy are those have not seen but yet believe".

LIVE STREAMING OF THE PARISH SUNDAY MASS—ALLELUIA!!

We are delighted that, as announced in last weekend's newsletter we were able to live-stream the Easter Triduum services from St Mary's last week as well as Mass on Easter Sunday Morning. We will continue to livestream Sunday Mass from St Mary's at 9.30am each week while the churches are closed. Sincere thanks go to Mike and Matthew Morris for all their hard work. We are also very grateful to Jason at DB Data Comms on Plumbe St, Burnley who, without charging us, have put in the labour, the equipment and technology to put broadband temporarily into St Mary's church. We are very grateful for this kindness from this local company.



THANK YOU TO FR DAVID AND OUR CLERGY TEAM

Thank you too, from the parish, to Fr David and the clergy team for their input into the Easter Celebrations and services. A challenge very well met in a lonely and isolated situation.

With Mike, Matthew and Jason, Fr David has been wonderful in his input of material to the parish website. Add to this his daily inputs from Thought for the Day, his Holy Week quiz, and most recently his 'gig' where he plays his guitar and sings from his wide repertoire which is uplifting and most entertaining. Have a look! A great exercise in 'keeping in touch' with us all and much needed in these times of isolation for so many. Enormous thanks too, to the students and staff of Blessed Trinity CC for their Holy Week contributions.

Thank you all and God bless the work!

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead

Iris Potter
Leo Whitehead
Russell King
George Greenwood
Audrey Heys

Anniversaries:

Mary McNamara
Aiden Stephenson
Carole Ross
Thomas Edward Mulrooney
Alice Fortune
Maud Walsh
George Dyer

In Memoriam

Kilday Family

Kathleen and Bob Beckett

Other Intentions

Michael Dixon
Family conversion and reconciliation
Canon F Deeney

"You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe;....." Peter 1:3-9

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.

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 celebrate at 9.00am

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.

The Lord's Day at Home

These sheets, available on the website, are great for providing sacred time at home on Sunday while the churches are closed.

Other Streamed Masses

Please look for Mass from the National Shrine in Walsingham; www.walsingham.org.uk or the live streaming from The Good Shepherd parish in Colne; www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk.

Offertory Collection

With no Sunday Masses at 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. Thank you.

Mailing the Newsletter

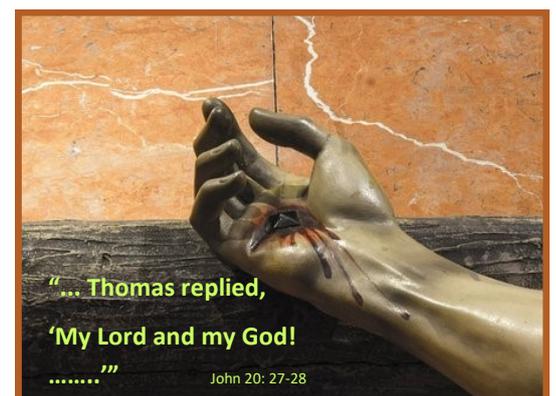
While the churches remain closed, if you need a paper copy of this Newsletter please contact Fr David tel 422007 with your name and address. He is happy to forward it to you.

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS ABOUT RECONCILIATION

These words from the Holy Father should help us while the Sacrament is not currently available:

"Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterwards I will go to confession.'

"You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the Catechism teaches us to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand."



Alleluia
Jesus is Risen

Fr David, Fr Kevin, Fr Emmanuel and Fr Benneth pray for every blessing and wish a holy and happy Easter Season to all our parishioners and those they love.



PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2020

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.



Stay with us Lord on our journey

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER QUIZ—ANSWERS

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| 1. Palm Sunday | 14. Luke | 15 Three | 23 A hat |
| 2. Simon of Cyrene | 16 Second | | 24 Three hours |
| 3. Peter, James and John | 17. Hebrew, Latin and Greek | | 25 A hyssop stick |
| 4. Maundy Thursday | 18 The Agony in the garden | | 26 An Earthquake |
| 5. Simon Peter | 19 To deny he knew Jesus | | 27 The Resurrection |
| 6. Malchus | 20 He was stripped of his garments | | 28 Emmaus |
| 7. The Scourging at the pillar | 21 The Crowning with thorns | | 29 Fifty |
| 8. Thirty | 22. Four ~ (<i>The Mother of Jesus, His Mother's sister: Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene.</i>) | | 30. Pentecost |
| 9. With a kiss | | | We hope you enjoyed this quiz, that it maybe led you deeper into the Paschal Mystery. |
| 10 The disciples | | | |
| 11. True | | | |
| 12 Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea | | | |
| 13. The women of Jerusalem | | | |

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 20th April	Easter Weekday	Thurs 23rd April	St George, Patron of England
Tues 21st April	St Anselm	Fri 24th April	Easter Weekday
Wed 22nd April	Easter Weekday	Sat 25th April	St Mark
		Sun 26th April	Third Sunday of Easter

FOODBANK

Please continue to support the Foodbank. Here's how: **Every local Spar shop** should have a collection point for groceries and other produce, so keep donating if you are able to do so. They welcome all non-perishable foods and oranges continue to be popular as they last a good while.

If you want to make a money donation here is the website <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/supportburnleyfoodbank>

At St John's only. You may leave a cash donation (in a clearly marked envelope) at the presbytery if your daily exercise takes you past the presbytery, or contact David Hartley on 07434 763822 and we will see if we can collect. Thanks to your caring generosity a further £210 has been forwarded towards purchasing food.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed.

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