

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley

NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

11TH OCTOBER 2020



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Our first reading at Mass today is one that is often used at a funeral: it speaks of Heaven being like a banquet with an abundance of fine food and drink.

In the Gospel, Jesus is addressing the chief priests and elders in his parable about the king's banquet. This was stating that the Chosen People are not responding to his teaching to build the Kingdom; and so it is offered to everyone who is prepared to listen and respond to it.

We have all been invited to this great Banquet but we must respond which we do through the way we live our daily lives. However our lives are busy and preoccupied and we can find lots of reasons for not making God a priority. It is quite understandable when there are more immediate

"Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love"

Pope Francis

demands on our time. It is easy to push God back and think I don't need to worry about God and eternity and Heaven until

later. The people in the Gospel all had reasonable excuses for not being able to come to the banquet: These are all good worthwhile things. However there does come a time when we do need to make the Lord number one priority and that should start now, not tomorrow, because we are only ever a split second away from eternity.

We get a foretaste of the heavenly Banquet in the Mass; the finest food is the Body of Jesus, the finest wine is the Precious Blood of Christ. He is really present to us and this is a promise of eternal life.



Please keep Fr David in your prayers for his continuing recovery

PATRON SAINTS OF PANDEMICS AND EPIDEMICS



There are two saints tasked with supporting us in these hard times.

Remarkably, one of them is called **St Corona**!! She was secretly a Christian in 9th century Syria. When a fellow-Christian was being tortured publicly she openly prayed for him (St Victor). She was arrested and cruelly put to death. Her remains are in a basilica in Anzu, Northern Italy.

The other saint is **St Lucy of Syracuse**. She was a pious young woman in 3rd century in Syracuse, Sicily. She wished to devote her life to God but was betrothed to a pagan. Only after had she led her mother to a cure from illness at the tomb of St Martha, did her mother allow her to break off the betrothal. Her suitor then betrayed her as a Christian. She was severely tortured, surviving in spite of many attacks that would normally be fatal. She is said to have continued to see when her eyes were gouged out. She eventually died as a result of her tortures.



Please pray that these holy women will intercede for us in the current pandemic

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Celia Cunnie, (London, Peter Freyne, Michael Reynolds, Jan Gill, Baby TJ, Tom Edmondson.

Anniversaries: Gerald Ashworth, Muriel Carty, Elizabeth Green, Jack Taylor, John Taylor, James Nutter, John and Mary Haworth, James O'Hara.

Birthday Anniversaries: Elizabeth Ann McDonald, Frederick Evans, Florence Evans, John McNabb, Jim McDonald.

Other Intentions: Special intention, Improved sight, Poorly son, Fr David, Baby TJ's parents.

Towneley Chapel Lamp: Andrew Harrison



*"On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare
for all peoples a banquet of
rich food,
a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine
strained wines.*



*On this mountain he will re-
move the mourning veil
covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all
nations,
he will destroy Death for ever."*

HOPE IN THE FUTURE—STAGE 3 CELEBRATION BOOKLET

An electronic version of the Stage 3 Celebration Booklet, showcasing all that has been achieved across the Diocese during these difficult times, including the wonderful work and commitment in our own parish. It is available at:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Stage-3-Celebration-Booklet.pdf>



*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.



SUCH A SUPER WEBSITE—NEW FEATURE! GO THERE! ENJOY! SHARE!

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.

NEW FEATURE: We're now showing 'Quick Quips / Quotes' sent to us by you—the readers. They're clever and fun. Enjoy them! Have you one to send in? To— website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk Why not look at it and call someone who doesn't have the internet. Keep them in the loop!

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

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS ABOUT RECONCILIATION

These words from the Holy Father should help us while some of us cannot go to the Sacrament:

"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."



FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 12th Oct	St Wilfrid	Fri 16th Oct	St Margaret Mary
Tues 13th Oct	St Edward the Confessor	Sat 17th Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch
Wed 14th Oct	St Callistus	Sun 18th Oct	29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Thurs 15th Oct	St Teresa of Jesus		

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:

Monday 12th October	St Mary's 9.30am	Christ the King	7pm
Tuesday 13th Oct	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	10.00am
Wednesday 14th Oct	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	7pm
Thursday 15th Oct	St Mary's 9.30am and 7.00pm:	St John's	10.30am
Friday 16th Oct	St Mary's 9.30am:	Christ the King	12.00 noon
Saturday 17th Oct	St Mary's 9.30am	10.30 Exposition and Reconciliation	

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT / RECONCILIATION

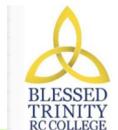


Exposition: Monday to Friday There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before all of the weekday Masses— only.

Exposition and Reconciliation: Saturday 17th 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 Damien will celebrate the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 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

The service on Centenary Way will be closed after this Sunday, 11th October. You can still get a test BUT ONLY if you have symptoms. You should arrange to have the test early in your illness, and before eight days have gone by. You do it by ringing 119. They will help and advise you about all the next steps.

Take care and remember— **Hands Face Space**



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 and from The Good Shepherd parish in Colne; 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 will resume again soon.

Government guidelines

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

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