

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley

## NEWSLETTER

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**  
**27TH SEPTEMBER 2020**



### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Over the years I have learned the hard way from letting people down and the reaction it does to people, when you lose respect and trust in their eyes. They are the occasions I just wish I could relive the moment and start again. I have also learned from being let down myself that I really value a person's word and be able to trust someone who promises to do something and keeps to it.



In today's Gospel, the Lord tells the parable of the two sons to illustrate that just words are not good enough. The Pharisees were like the Son who said yes to God but really were not pleasing to God: This is here a warning to us, one of greatest sins is inactivity, sins of omission and omitting to do good.

The second son represents sinners and tax collectors who had said no to God but seized the chance to repent and have a change of heart like the second son. It's sometimes seen as a weakness to change your mind; but it also takes courage and humility to admit you were wrong and have a change of heart.

*"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only in our words but in our actions"*

Pope Francis

Faithfulness is one of the greatest and necessary things in life ~ to be faithful however to our promises means we have to keep on saying yes and keep on following up our initial promise of faithfulness. It is costly however to be faithful and remain faithful. It demands a spirit of sacrifice and of selflessness.

### MARK MCGEEHAN—SEMINARIAN

On Thursday 1 Oct, Mark from our parish starts his propaedeutic year as a Seminarian for the diocese of Salford at St Albans College, Valladolid in Spain. He promises to give us regular bulletins from Spain. We are very grateful to his great support over the last couple of years including being a faithful daily Mass Server at St Mary's as well as being part of the parish Hope in the Future team. Please keep him in your prayers. Thank you.

### JOIN THE TEAM! STREAMING SUNDAY MASS—STILL LOOKING



**We're EXPANDING!** One of our Live Stream Team is leaving to join the navy – we'll miss him badly and need to replace him – but we're not only recruiting one volunteer to join our small team, we're changing the way we work so we need **two** people!

If you can help us to live stream Sunday Masses for a couple of hours every other Sunday morning, ie one week in two, then we'd love to hear from you. The job's not too tricky, full on-the-job training is given and lots of support is available. All you need to begin with is basic computer knowledge.

If you'd like to learn a new skill while at the same time providing an invaluable service to those who are not in a position to attend Mass, contact Mike Morris on 07929 451 566 or email him via [web-site@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk](mailto:web-site@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk)

### Blessed Trinity Theme of the Week

Miss Wilkinson is again organising input on the parish website. This week the theme is the Parable of sheep and goats.. Pupils and Fr David contribute giving spiritual insight and inspiration.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Aiden Stephenson, Patricia Newton, James Kennedy, Vicky Crowther.

**Anniversaries:** Terence Chesworth, Peter Walton, Cristina Maria Gonzalez-Summers, Kenneth Ling, John Green, Louise Whalley, Owen and Sheila Doyle, Tony Wilkes, John Coupe, Eileen Brookes, Kathleen Young

**Other Intentions:** John and Sarah. Benefactors of our S.V.P. Conference, Parishioners' intentions, Sr Margaret Mary, 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Jim and Maureen Bradley's intentions, Hannah Morgan, Legion of Mary and Auxiliary members.

**In Memoriam:** The Kilday family, Michael Long Sylvia Barcroft,

**Birthday Memoriam:** James Burns.

*'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.'*

### 'SPOKEN IN SONG RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND 16—18 OCTOBER 2020.

A chance to *discuss* singing, and hopefully *do* some singing outdoors! We will be discussing some of our favourite songs and talking about what singing means to us. If the weather is kind to us and we can sing outdoors. And lots lots more! Janet Swan is an experienced choir leader who will lead the event. It's Minsteracres Retreat Centre in the North Pennines near Durham, with a suggested donation of £165 which includes all tuition, accommodation and meals. For more information talk to Maria at St John's who is happy to chat—07929 256406. Or go to: <http://www.minsteracres.org/retreats/spoken-in-song/>, or contact the programme leader at [janet.swan@naturalvoice.net](mailto:janet.swan@naturalvoice.net)



*Stay with us Lord on our journey*

### THANK YOU

Cecilia and family wish to thank all parishioners for their condolences, prayers, Mass cards and donations for the loss of my dear Tom. Special thanks to Fr David for his kind administrations, Mass will be offered for all your intentions.  
Cecilia Edmondson

### PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

*Respect for the Planet's Resources*

*We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.*



### GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH — CAFOD GROUP — HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY

The CAFOD group at Good Samaritan is very grateful for your generosity over the summer months, but the need is still great. Sadly we are unable to hold our normal Fast Day collections at our three churches. Don't forget to check out the CAFOD webpage on our parish website for more detailed news.

This is a **"Harvest like no other"**; around the world, many families face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. So this Harvest, CAFOD is launching a series of online events around Family Fast Day from 8-11 October so that we can come together and bring hope and help to those who are most in need. There is something for everyone, join with your school, parish or friends and family. There will also be a live online Mass on 9 October. To register and further details, follow this link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>



### HOPE IN THE FUTURE—STREAMED HOLY HOUR SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

On Sunday 4th October, the day Stage 4 of Hope in the Future would have been launched, Instead Bishop John will lead a Holy Hour, from Salford Cathedral, which will be live streamed on ChurchServices.tv at 3.00pm. The theme will be 'Hope in Difficult Times'. focus is not on moving on to Stage 4, but to reflect on the presence of the Lord throughout lockdown and to pray for those who have died, have suffered and are grieving It is also to give thanks for all the good works during these most challenging times and to ask God for His grace as we continue on our Hope in the Future journey.

### FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Mon 28th Sept</b>	Weekday	<b>Tues 29th Sept</b>	Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
<b>Wed 30th Sept</b>	St Jerome	<b>Thurs 1st October</b>	St Theresa of the Child Jesus
<b>Fri 2nd Oct</b>	The Holy Guardian Angels	<b>Sat 3rd Oct</b>	Weekday
<b>Sun 4th Oct</b>	27th Sunday of Ordinary Time		

## 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 in time 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.

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 have now added an additional Mass** at Christ the King to the established regular pattern of weekday Masses, which will be as follows during the coming week:

<b>Monday 28th September</b>	St Mary's 9.30am	Christ the King	7pm
<b>Tuesday 29th Sept</b>	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	12.00 noon
<b>Wednesday 30th Sept</b>	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	7pm
<b>Thursday 1st October</b>	St Mary's 9.30am <b>and</b> 7.00pm:	St John's	10.30am
<b>Friday 2nd Oct</b>	St Mary's 9.30am:	Christ the King	12.00 noon
<b>Saturday 3rd Oct</b>	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 3rd October** the regular Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's which will continue from 10.30 to 11.30am.

## 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.



## 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 David and Fr Damien will concelebrate the 9.30am Mass on Sundays 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—FREE—STILL AVAILABLE —PLEASE HAVE ONE!!

You will see that the problem of the virus spreading and we have had extra restrictions coming in. This testing programme is to help the authorities to know how widespread it is, and learn how to manage and control it better. It is continuing for these reasons, in spite of problems we are seeing elsewhere, so please don't be put off from being tested. It's free, and available on Centenary Way near the Gala Bingo, **Saturday to Wednesday**, between 10.00am and 3.00pm. **Please note the change of days it is available.** No booking needed. Just turn up. No injection—they just take a swab. Waiting times vary but queues keep moving. Our thanks to the staff and volunteers who run the service.



## 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 £3.951 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**

## ANNIVERSARY OF CANONISATION OF THE FORTY ENGLISH MARTYRS



On 25th October 1970 a Mass, followed by a torchlight procession from Towneley Hall to the church of St Mary of the Assumption, was held to celebrate the canonisation of 40 Martyrs of England and Wales by the Pope. Terry Hephrun has sent us a copy of the programme for the concelebrated Mass to mark the event. An interesting piece of history, commemorating a remarkable event. You can see it on our parish website—well worth a look!

## IN THE LIGHT OF THE CORONA VIRUS

Because of the Covid lockdown the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on Sunday and on a Holy day of Obligation **remains lifted** until further notice.

### Other Daily Streamed Masses

There are live streams of daily Mass from Walsingham; [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) and from The Good Shepherd parish in Colne; [www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk](http://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 are available on the parish web site each day.

### Government guidelines

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

### Clergy Team

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