

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
26TH SEPTEMBER 2021 **YEAR B**



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

In today's Gospel, Jesus rebukes the disciples when they reprimand a man casting out devils in his name "who is not one of us". He tells them "Anyone who is not against us is for us!" He is warning us to avoid exclusiveness in our thinking and in our practices. We are to look for common ground in other people : there are many people who don't claim to be Christian or Catholic or even people of faith who do things that emulate the teachings of Christ and the Gospels. We can think of those who work to alleviate poverty, provide food-banks, those who speak up for the sacredness of human life or those who work with the homeless, refugees etc. They might not share our same motivation but they are doing good work, God's work and "and therefore are not against us"



We can be quick to divide people into categories: "Us and them". We should instead look for what we have in common with each other rather than what is evidently different. As humans we are all created in the image and likeness of God, so when we encounter another person, regardless of their background, it is very sobering to remember that God has been there before us. Therefore we should always be able to find something that we can agree on. I feel Jesus is telling us not to build barriers which cause division between people, which can be caused by being too proud and over confident about ourselves. He is asking us to discover within ourselves the humility to see that the goodness of God can be found in surprising places and even in surprising people.

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES WEEK COMMENCING 27TH SEPTEMBER

The disruption around Christ the King church is now over. We return to the programme of Masses that we had in place before the disruption, as shown below:

Monday	9.30am St John's	7pm Christ the King
Tuesday	9.30am Christ the King	12.00 noon St John's
Wednesday	9.30am Christ the King	7pm at St John's
Thursday	9.30am Christ the King	10.30am St John's,
Friday	9.30am St John's	11.00am Funeral Mass for Margaret Hill RIP at St John's
	12.00noon Christ the King	
Saturday	9.30am Christ the King	
	Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's	6.30pm Christ the King
Sunday:	9.15am** and 5.00pm Christ the King	9.30am and 11.00am St John's
	Holy Hour: 2.00pm at Christ the King	3.00pm at St John's

The Holy Hours on Sunday are of the Diocesan Programme Hope in the Future—see inside.

**The Sunday 9.15am Mass at Christ the King will be live-streamed.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start 30 mins before each of the weekday Masses.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays from **5.15pm to 5.55pm** at St John's church, prior to the Vigil Mass.

EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation every Saturday at Christ the King church from 10.30am to 11.30am.

Thank You



CHURCH STEWARDS
Huge thanks to our stewards who make attendance at church possible as we continue to work at remaining safe whilst in church. Please call Fr David if you would like to join this invaluable team.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Charlie David Brown, Margaret Hill, Mark Harrison, Mgr Tom Devaney, John Renney, Fr Michael Sharratt, Brendan Salmon, Michael Baden, Edward Duncan Flood, Teresa Burke, Sean Flanagan.

Birthday Memoriam: James Burns. Steffana Albanese.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Young, John Green, John Coupe.

In Memoriam: John Gardiner, Trevor Gardiner, Mark Buffey Corrigan.

Other Intentions: Brian Bennett, Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, Donor's intentions, Cullen Family.



FOOTBALL CAR PARK VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED—6 TIMES PER SEASON?

Our wonderful team of volunteers which runs the car park at St Mary's during Burnley FC matches needs strengthening. You'll be **surprised to know how infrequently you will be 'on duty'**! It's only once every other game—that's a maximum of 9 games (plus cup ties, but we tend not to have many!). If we build the number of teams it will be only 6/7 games when you'll be on duty (plus cup ties).

Each match you will be there for about 90 minutes and if you're a fan, you will have plenty of time to get to the game. Our price per car is low, so parkers love it!

It's of huge benefit to the Parish: So far this season we've raised **over £1,100** Over the season that could be as much as **£10,000+!!** Please help us to achieve this wonderful opportunity. To join the team, please contact Danny 07485 002 097 or Fr David. **Thank you.**



This could be
YOU!

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER

Could those who contribute to St Mary's or St John's by Standing Order, please kindly contact your bank and inform them that the payment should now be made as follows: **Name:** The Salford Diocesan Trust :The Good Samaritan Parish **Sort Code:** 205558 **Account number:** 50404640

CAFOD NEWS UPDATE



The CAFOD group are very grateful for your **continued generosity** over the year and summer months. During July and August many thanks for cash donations of £319, a £100 cheque and fundraising by David Ross (£120). St Mary's CAFOD collection has raised a terrific £1,714 so far this year. These totals do not include donations made direct to CAFOD and Christ the King will have many Mass goers who make such donations. **Harvest Family Fast Day – Friday 1st October** – envelopes are available for your fast day donations at the back of church, please take one or just mark an envelope of your own "CAFOD Fast Day" and return to the baskets at the back of our churches. For more information on the Fast Day visit:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

Fancy tackling a fundraising climate challenge to tackle poverty caused by the climate crisis before UN Climate Conference in November. See "Go Green and Give" for details:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Go-Green>

COVID UPDATE FOR THE PARISH

The parish clergy team has reviewed the current arrangements. In the light of the rising numbers of cases, hospitalisations and deaths we decided to leave arrangements unchanged until further notice. We continue to request that adults continue to wear face coverings and sanitize their hands before entering church. Thank you for your help and cooperation in these difficult times.

ST MARY'S CHURCH UPDATE

St Mary's church is still unfortunately currently temporarily closed until further notice as it needs essential repair. As well as internal problems with the ceiling, they have discovered that extensive external repairs to the roof are needed. We will continue to keep you informed through the Newsletter and through the Web site.



HOPE IN THE FUTURE STAGE 4: 'PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS' - LAUNCH



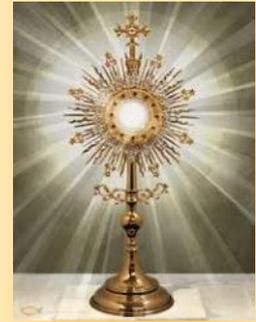
HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Stage 4 of this Diocesan pastoral programme is being launched next Sunday 3rd October. The theme of this stage is Proclaiming the Good News. This looks at all the different opportunities we get to share the Gospel with those who may not regularly come to church. Instead of the usual celebration this year it is being launched with a Holy Hour at the cathedral led by Bishop John on Sunday at 3.00pm. Each parish has been asked to put on a holy hour at the same time at the one time. In our parish these will be held at St John's church 3pm. We are also holding a Holy hour at Christ the King at 2.00pm. The celebration at the cathedral will be live streamed for those who cannot get to church.

Please come along and join us next Sunday in conjunction with the rest of the Diocese.

"And behold, I am with you always"

Matthew 28:20



"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament"

St John Vianney

MISSIO



The Autumn Missio magazines have arrived for distribution at St John's. Your much needed donations will be gratefully received if you feel able to give at this time of great need in the world today.

Please keep on praying.

Stay with us Lord on our journey



PAPAL INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle



We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

FOODBANK—THE NEED CONTINUES



Sadly the appeal has to continue. There are lots of places where you can drop off actual groceries—non-perishables please unless it's oranges. All the 'big' supermarkets and Spar shops have drop-off points, as do Barclays, Lloyds, and Nationwide banks in the town centre. Why not choose a few extra pieces with your weekly shopping, if you can afford, and help families in great need.

You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving>) by making one-off or monthly payments. Congratulations to Blessed Trinity—their **Just Giving** webpage has passed the **£10,000** marker!! **Well done young'uns!!** You can donate cash at St John's Presbytery, drop it off in a clearly marked envelope. This led to **£253.61** being donated during August.

Thank you all for your great generosity.

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 27TH SEPTEMBER

Monday St Vincent de Paul
Tuesday St Wenceslaus
Wednesday Ss Michael, Raphael and Gabriel
Thursday St Jerome
Friday St Theresa of Lisieux

Saturday Guardian Angels
Sunday **Twenty seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

On Monday this week we celebrate with our wonderful friends and priests Fr Emmanuel and Fr Clement in celebrating the feast of the patron saint of their Order. We thank you for your joyous ministry to us. God bless you.

Clergy Team

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