

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27TH JUNE 2021 **YEAR B**



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND



In the Gospel today we are reminded of the power that Jesus has over sickness and death: a woman with a haemorrhage is cured by Jesus and a little girl who has died due to illness is brought back to life by the Lord.

Jairus would have been beside himself with worry, out of his mind. His daughter was everything to him, to see her suffer and perhaps to die would be devastating. His faith would have been tested by the distraction of the interim story Mark also gives us, the story of the healing of the woman with the bleeding, Jairus could have been frustrated by this distraction, but clearly his trust in Jesus was much stronger than this. It is even further tested because *while Jesus is walking to Jairus's house, messengers report that Jairus's daughter has died.* Jesus tells Jairus not to be afraid, to keep trusting, keep believing, He continues to Jairus's house. Jesus tells him that the girl is only sleeping, and he raises her, making her well again.

Christians follow Jesus' example by showing compassion and care for those who are sick. Just as Jairus turned to Jesus to heal his daughter, we pray for those who are sick, asking that Jesus comfort them, heal them, and give them strength. Like Jairus, we have faith in Jesus' power to heal. We also pray for all those who care for those who are sick, including those who work in the medical professions.

The Lord reminds us that he does not want to see any of us suffering through illness and he is the Lord of all creation ~ he always wants to bring healing where there is sickness and give life where there is death. We should always have hope and faith in the Lord who assures us by his own Passion, Death and Resurrection that God will always have the last word over suffering and death.

*Alleluia, alleluia! Your words
are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal
life.
Alleluia!*

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES—IMPORTANT CHANGES

Public Masses for the parish as follows. There are significant changes marked *

St Mary's Church: St Mary's church is unfortunately currently temporarily closed until further notice as it needs essential repair. We will keep you informed through the Newsletter and through the website. We are going to keep our current programme of Masses and services going by transferring the usual Masses from St Mary's to the other two churches in the parish. Planned Masses week are:

Monday: 9.30am St John's* 7pm Christ the King

Tuesday: Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Mass times: 9.30am Mass Christ the King* 12 Noon St John's 7.00pm Christ the King*

Wednesday: 9.30am Christ the King* 7pm Mass St John's

Thursday: 9.30am Christ the King* 10.30am at St John's,

Friday: 9.30am St John's* 12 Noon Christ the King

Saturday: 9.30am Christ the King*

Vigil Masses: 6.30pm Christ the King*

6.00pm St John's

Sunday: 9.15am and 5.00pm Christ the King 9.30am* and 11.00am St John's

Exposition: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 mins before all the weekday Masses.

The Sunday 9.30am Mass from St John's will be live-streamed.

VOCATIONS NEWS



We are delighted to announce that our seminarian Mark McGeehan has now successfully completed his one year of formation in Valladolid, Spain and from September will continue his training for the priesthood at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Please keep him and all our seminarians in your prayers.

We would like to let you know that as from September there will be a new Diocesan Vocations team in place. The new team will comprise of Fr Mark Paver and Fr Michael Deas. This means that Fr John Hitchen and Fr David Featherstone will be stepping down from their respective roles as Vocations Director and Vocations Promoter. Fr David has been involved with vocations for the Diocese for fifteen years but both himself and Fr John are delighted to be handing over the reins of this important ministry to two very capable and talented priests.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

St John Paul II used these prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. They can also be used in the context of married and single life-vocations.

Holy and provident Father, You are the Lord of the vineyard and the harvest and You give each a just reward for their work. In your design of love You call men and women to work with You for the salvation of the world. We thank You for Jesus Christ, your living Word, who has redeemed us from our sins and is among us to assist us in our poverty. Guide the flock to which You have promised possession of the kingdom. Send new workers into your harvest and set in the hearts of pastors faithfulness to your plan of salvation, perseverance in their vocation and holiness of life.



Mary, Virgin who listened, and Virgin of the Word of God made flesh in your womb, help us to be open to the Word of the Lord, so that, having been welcomed and meditated upon, it may grow in our hearts. Help us to live like You the beatitudes of believers and to dedicate ourselves with unceasing charity to evangelizing all those who seek your Son. Grant that we may serve every person, becoming servants of the Word we have heard, so that remaining faithful to it we may find our happiness in living it.

WHICH MASS TO CHOOSE?

At the moment the demand for the Vigil Masses is less than those on Sunday mornings, so it may ease the stewarding considerations if you choose to attend either of the two Vigil Masses. Midweek Masses are more lightly attended, and can be used unless your only option is at the weekend.

Bookings for Mass during June

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding with needing to book for Sunday Masses during the month of June. Sincere thanks to Fr Damien and Mark McGeehan (seminarian) for so ably coordinating the booking system.



MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS AT ST JOHN'S



The Summer Edition of Missio Booklets are ready for distribution by our wonderful promoters who will collect your donations if they feel safe and happy to do so. Alternatively you box can be dropped off at church. Very many prayerful thanks for your continued crucial support. Anyone wanting a box or would like to help please contact Lynn 433832.

EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 4th July at Christ the King church from 10.30am to 11.30am



FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 28TH JUNE

Monday	St Irenaeus	Thursday	St Oliver Plunkett
Tuesday	Ss Peter and Paul	Friday	Weekday
Wednesday	First Martyrs of Rome	Saturday	St Thomas

Sunday 27th June : 14h Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope Francis' Intention for July

Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Angela Kelly, Sheila Delamere, Deborah Foster, Derek Beardsworth, Fr Michael McCoy, William Spillane.

Anniversaries: Stanley Roskell, Ronnie Smith, Henry Bell, Elizabeth Gray, John Roskell, Harriet Roskell, Mary Fleming

Birthday Memorial: Mary Kennedy
Other intentions: Brian Bennett, Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, Katie, Emilie Preston, Sr Clare Jopson on her Diamond Jubilee, Bernard and Mary Mullin, Thanksgiving for 50 years of Marriage.



SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

Between 23rd June and 1st July, James Capstick is cycling 770 miles from Burnley to Inverness to raise funds for the Rob Burrow Foundation, which helps research and support people suffering from Motor Neurone Disease. If you would like to sponsor James, or learn more about this event, please see the following "Just Giving" page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jamescapstick4.



HUMOUR AND HORROR IN THE BIBLE!



Fancy a weekend away in November (19th to 21st)? This is the theme of a weekend at Minsteracres Retreat Centre near Hexham with the international speaker, song writer and author from the Iona Community - the Rev John Bell. Some members of the Good Samaritan Parish are now booking and you are welcome to join in. All details are available in printed form at the back of church, or on the parish website or ring Karen 431723 who will forward them to you. Cost: £175 full

KSC 110 CLUB REOPENING

The Club has reopened: Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 19:00 – 00:00; Sunday 14:30 – 22:00 All the appropriate Covid regulations will be fully implemented for your safety and enjoyment The Car Park will be available with ANPR registration via registration at the keypad at the bar. CHEERS!

STEWARDS IN OUR CHURCHES

We are very dependent on the generosity of our wonderful stewards. We are very grateful for their dedication throughout the pandemic. If you would like to become a steward please contact Fr David.

FOODBANK—PLEASE KEEP GIVING



Sadly the appeal has to continue. You can drop food off at most Spar stores. You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving>)

You can donate cash at St John's Presbytery, drop it off in a clearly marked envelope. This led to **£230** being donated during May. Congratulations to everyone at Blessed Trinity—their **website is approaching the £8,900 marker!!**

Thank you all for your great generosity.



*Stay with us Lord
on our journey*

CAFOD A MONTH OF ONLINE EVENTS

Parishioners play a vital role in supporting CAFOD communities in the global south and CAFOD want to celebrate with you all, their wonderful volunteers and supporters across the whole of England & Wales, with a month full of online events. Join in from your laptop, tablet or phone and invite family, friends and fellow parishioners to come along.

See all details on the CAFOD page of our website (click Home Page, then CAFOD)



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