

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18TH JULY 2021 **YEAR B**



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND



In today's Gospel, the crowds follow Jesus and the apostles even when they are trying to find a secluded place to get some peace and quiet away from it all. However, Jesus is not angry with the people for doing this. Instead he understands why they have done this and feels sorry for them because they are looking for the clear direction in their lives that only God can give them. In Jesus, they see someone who tells them how God wants them to live their lives and they thirst for the teaching and hope that Jesus offers them.

Just like at the time of Jesus, the people of today are also looking for direction, leadership and guidance to make sense of the complexities of life. The Lord has provided leadership for the Church, by calling those who are Bishops to be successors to St Peter and the Apostles, so that the people of God continue to get guidance, direction and hope from the Lord's teaching. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the Apostles to give direction and inspiration to the Church. The Spirit has helped shape the journey the Church has made on its 2000 year pilgrimage. Through the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, we believe the Lord continues to teach with authority and clarity.

May we sincerely pray this day for Pope Francis and Bishop John for the health and strength to lead the Church in this third Millennium with clear vision and confident hope.

"... and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length"

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES—RECENT CHANGES

We are continuing the usual parish programme developed since St Mary's church closed—update I on page 2. The plans for the coming week are as follows:

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 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

Sunday: **Vigil Masses:** 6.30pm Christ the King 6.00pm St John's
9.15am and 5.00pm Christ the King 9.30am** and 11.00am St John's
**The Sunday 9.30am Mass from St John's will be live-streamed.

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 and social distancing 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.

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

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Archie Martin, Peter Reynolds, Bill Hunter, Andrew Harrison, Maria Walsh, Sheila Delamere, Margaret Doherty,

Anniversary: Robert and Christina Howarth, Frank Evans, Anthony Ivers (25th Ann), Bashira Yousef

Other Intentions: Brian Bennett, Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, Fr Frank Jennings, Mollie Barcroft,

In Memoriam: Catherine Mary Daniels, Kilday family, John Gardiner, Trevor Gardiner, Donor's Intention.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM: Eunice Morgan

*Stay with us Lord
on our journey*



FOOTBALL CAR PARK VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



Our wonderful team of volunteers for staffing the car park at St Mary's during Burnley FC matches needs strengthening. This is an important fundraiser for the parish and a good service to the wider community. If you are willing to give 90 minutes of your time once a month, please contact Danny 07485002097 or Fr David. Thank you.

ST MARY'S CHURCH UPDATE

St Mary's church is still unfortunately currently temporarily closed until further notice as it needs essential repair. The builders continue to begin investigatory work before giving their assessment of how to proceed. As well as internal problems within the ceiling of the building, they have discovered external repairs to the roof that are needed. We will continue to keep you informed through the Newsletter and through the Web site.



CAFOD NEWS

The CAFOD group are very grateful for your continued generosity of £240 last month. The need remains great with the Coronavirus crisis around the world. During the summer, CAFOD is asking you to take part in its 'Summer **FUN**raiser'. Take on an active challenge for CAFOD this summer, individually or with your family, for more details visit:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Summer-FUNraiser> **Have FUN!**

CAFOD's campaign, 'Reclaim Our Common Home', continues in earnest and is a response to Pope Francis's call to take an active part in renewing our troubled societies by embracing the universal values of solidarity and fraternity. We need to tackle the challenges that plague our common home: the climate crisis, ending unjust debts and vaccinating all. This is particularly important as the UK hosts the UN Climate Conference, COP26, in November. You can sign the online petition to the Prime Minister here: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1>

For more CAFOD news and prayers during the summer, please visit the CAFOD Group webpage on the parish website.



FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 19TH JULY

Monday	Weekday	Thursday	St Mary Magdalene
Tuesday	St Apollinaris	Friday	St Bridget of Sweden
Wednesday	St Laurence of Brindisi	Saturday	St Sharbel Makhluif

Sunday 25th July : 17th 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.*



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 **£125** being donated during June. Congratulations to Blessed Trinity—their website has passed **the £9,000 marker!!** Thank you all for your great generosity.

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