

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
25TH JULY 2021 YEAR B



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND



I wouldn't really call myself a cook but I enjoy catering for others and can get by in the kitchen. It is difficult when catering for quite large numbers to cater accurately because you don't want to end up having too much food left over. For me, the ideal is when all the food that you have provided gets consumed and there is no waste at all. For me, empty plates and serving dishes are signs of a successful meal.

According to today's readings at Mass, we are to see left-overs from a meal for the multitude as a sign of the Lord's abundance of love and care for his people. This happens both with the meal from a few loaves of bread for 100 people with Elisha: as well as on a much bigger scale with the huge crowd fed by Jesus on a few loaves and fish.

We know that the Lord is always the most generous of givers and always gives us an abundance of all that we need. We are also asked to give lavishly too. So when we give to those in need, let us give them more than just what they need ~ let us be like the Lord and give in abundance from what He has bestowed upon us.

"The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world!'"

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES—RECENT CHANGES

We are continuing the usual parish programme developed since St Mary's church closed (—update 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

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

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

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



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—ADDITIONAL AVAILABILITY: As from 31st July, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 5.30pm to 5.55pm at St John's church.

EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 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. Please call Fr David if you would like to join this invaluable team.

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 continuing 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Archie Martin, Marie Greenwood, Malacky Camphill, Velia Peek, Canon Francis Deeney, Donald Rushton, Christine Allen,
Anniversary: Albert Marshall, Winifred Tumelty

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

In Memoriam: Phyllis Caffrey

Birthday Memoriam: Peter Walton, Ann Jackson

*Stay with us Lord
on our journey*



CANON FRANCIS DEENEY R.I.P.

We received the sad news of the death of Canon Francis Deeney who served St Mary's parish between 1972 to 1995. He was known, respected and loved for his kindness, supportiveness, encouragement and wisdom. As we commend his soul to the Lord, may we be particularly grateful for his faithful and dedicated ministry to the people of Burnley and other parts of the Diocese of Salford.
May he rest in peace.



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.

COVID UPDATE

Following the lifting of Government restrictions in England on 19th July, we would like to clarify our approach in the parish. In the spirit of "Festina Lente" and encouraged by Bishop John, the parish clergy team plan to continue to seek the help of our wonderful stewards at Masses and services in the parish. To enable people to continue to feel safe in church, we will retain the current layout of our seating, continuing to enable social distancing. We also request that adults continue to wear face coverings and sanitize their hands before entering church. We will continue with these measures until the end of August when we will review them.

ST MARY'S CHURCH UPDATE

St Mary's church is still currently temporarily closed as it needs essential repair. The builders continue with their investigatory work before giving their assessment of how to proceed. The investigation includes internal problems within the ceiling and possibly external repairs to the roof. We will keep you informed through the Newsletter and Web site.



FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 26TH JULY

Monday Ss Joachim and Anne
Tuesday Weekday
Wednesday Weekday
Thursday St Martha
Friday St Peter Chysologus
Saturday St Ignatius of Loyola

Sunday 18th July: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENGLISH MARTYRS

We remember two martyrs with local connections during this week:
 Bl. Richard Nutter executed 26th July 1600, and Bl. Richard Featherstone executed 30th July 1540

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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