

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
19TH SEPTEMBER 2021 **YEAR B**



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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples for the second time about his forthcoming passion, death and resurrection. In response to this they argued about who was the greatest. How foolish they would have felt at been found out by Jesus. Jesus however gently uses this incident to explain some profound truths to them.

The Lord teaches them about service by stating that a servant is more important than the one being served. To serve willingly and with humility was the way Jesus taught. In the Kingdom of God, the great serve the least; and those who are rejected are accepted and valued.

Jesus finally gets his disciples to focus on a small child in order to get them to make their lives simple and pure as a child. We are invited to see our need for God and the help of others as the way to live. We are to show true greatness in the sight of God through

humble service and especially through the way we reach out to the most vulnerable members of the community.

When we reflect on his teaching and put it into practice, we become like Jesus. Our ordinary lives and the ordinary things we do and say are our daily expression of love and service for God and for one another. We build the Kingdom by every act of love and service offered cheerfully and with humility in our homes, workplaces and schools.



Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me. Today's Gospel

So in Jesus you are all children of God through faith. Galatians 3:26

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES

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	10.00am St John's
Wednesday	9.30am Christ the King	7pm Mass at St John's
Thursday	9.30am Christ the King	10.30am St John's,
Friday	9.30am St John's	12.00noon Christ the King
Saturday	9.30am Christ the King	

Sunday: 9.15am** and 5.00pm Christ the King 6.30pm Christ the King 9.30am and 11.00am St John's
**The Sunday 9.15am Mass at Christ the King will be live-streamed until the end of September, at which point we will review the provision.

Please Note: On Tuesday this week the Mass at St John's will be at 10.00am, not at Noon because of the Deanery Meeting (which the new Dean—Fr David— will lead!!).

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



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: Michael Holmes Stella Elliott, Ron Perry, Brendan Salmon, Mgr Tom Devaney, Fr Michael Sharratt, Kathleen Hardy, Teresa Burke, Michael Holmes, Maragret Hill

Birthday Memoriam: Mary Ingham, David Hartley.

Anniversaries: Peter Walton

In Memoriam: Mary Anne Melvin, Terence Chesworth,

Other Intentions: Brian Bennett, Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, Donor's intentions, Fr David and Parishioners of St Mary's.



*Stay with us Lord
on our journey*

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.



HOSPICE AND MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER

There's an informal fundraiser for Macmillan and our local hospice at 22 Lower Manor Lane on Saturday 25th September 1 pm to 4 pm. All are welcome to support two great causes.



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 Gospel.



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.

FOODBANK—PLEASE KEEP GIVING



Sadly the appeal has to continue. However there are many ways you can support this work. You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving> by making one-off or monthly payments. 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.

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.

Congratulations to Blessed Trinity—their **Just Giving webpage has passed the £10,000 marker!! Well done young'uns!!** Thank you all for your great generosity.

AFGHAN REFUGEE APPEAL—BURNLEY EXPRESS ARTICLE

Caritas Salford requested that we collect goods for the displaced people The parish joined forces with New Neighbours Together, the refugee charity that does so much of its excellent work from St John's premises.

We had a brilliant response from parishioners, New Neighbours volunteers, and local companies who collected, sorted and sent the massive quantity of donations to its destination in Manchester.

We were also overwhelmed by the huge number of people who came forward from all walks of life, all parts of our local community to give their goods.

But the greatest gift that the people and volunteers brought was their kindness, generosity, their loving care and concern for people in need. They opened their hearts and their hands to reach out to care for their fellow humans in need.

There's an article in the Burnley Express if you want a bit more: <https://www.burnleyexpress.net/news/people/burnley-kindness-for-afghan-refugees-shines-through-3382559>



THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GIVING OF GOODNESS. A BRILLIANT RESPONSE BY WONDERFUL PEOPLE!

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 20TH SEPTEMBER

Monday	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions	Friday	Our Lady of Walsingham
Tuesday	St Matthew	Saturday	Weekday
Wednesday	Weekday	Sunday	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday	St Pius of Pietrelcina		

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