

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
2ND MAY 2021 **YEAR B**



Year of St Joseph

FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE WEEKEND'S LITURGY

I think the image of Jesus as the vine and his disciples the branches, needs to be put into context. He speaks these tender words to his disciples on the brink of his Passion and Death. He speaks of the importance of unity with just hours before the whole little group that he has nurtured will scatter and badly let him down.

However, through all of this, Jesus is in control. He is telling his friends at this crucial hour in his life and in theirs too, of the need for unity and togetherness. He does this to help them to see what really matters. In the vine and branches analogy he gives his friends a powerful yet simple image that was very familiar to them to enable them to understand. There was going to be chaos in the hours following the utterance of these words, but he



wanted them to remember it will not be enough to destroy their relationship with him.

We have this image in the season of Easter to show his rising from the dead will restore all that our sinfulness and human weakness and vulnerability risks destroying. The Lord's risen life has a power that is able to cut through all our failings and setbacks: it makes sense of it all and redeems all of that.

May we grow in our understanding and appreciation that Christ will never give up on us. Let us rejoice that the Risen Lord and True Vine, will never cut himself off from us because we are too precious to him.

*"Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty".*

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES

Public Masses for the parish as follows. They may be subject to change at short notice so, if you can, check daily on the parish website for updates.

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

Masses

Monday	9.30am St Mary's	7pm Christ the King	
Tuesday:	9.30am St Mary's	12.00 noon St John's	
Wednesday	9.30am St Mary's	7.00pm St John's	
Thursday:	9.30am St Mary's	10.30am St John's	
Friday:	9.30am St Mary's	12 Noon Christ the King	
Saturday:	9.30am St Mary's	6.00pm Vigil Mass St John's	6.30pm Vigil Mass St Mary's
Sunday:	9.30am St Mary's	10.45am Mass St John's	5pm Mass Christ the King



NB: We plan to reinstate the **6.30pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's** from **Saturday 8th May**
Exposition and Reconciliation

Every Saturday there will be Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's from 10.30 to 11.30am. The Reconciliation will take place on the Sacred Heart altar.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Kath Horsfall, Mary Anne Melvin., Philomena Slevin (Athlone), Oliver Thomas, Cath Biddulph, Sean Hyland, Patricia Fildes, Edward Whalley, Peggy Gordon.

Anniversary: Ann Carney, Douglas Clegg, Maureen Tiernan, Christine Lilian Gregory, Fr Arthur Neary, Francis Nicholas Carter,

Birthday Memorial: Harry Giltrow

Other intentions: A special intention, Good Samaritan Clergy, Donor's intentions, Baby Henry, Prayers answered for position secured, Chris and Hilary Maguire, Tarcission Tangub, Joe Lord,



In Memoriam: Holy Souls

Candle in Towneley Chapel: Fr David Featherstone, Andrew Harrison.

QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE (QAVS)



Do you know a voluntary group that deserves recognition for the work it does? Why not consider nominating it for a national award? We all know the value of voluntary effort to support communities not least in the difficult circumstances we are continuing to face in 2021. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service was established to recognise exceptional groups of individuals who give their time freely for the benefit of others and make a real difference in the communities they serve. It is the highest honour (equivalent to the MBE) that can be bestowed upon groups. Groups must be nominated for the Award - self nomination is not permitted. A group (three or more people and operating for at least three years) can be nominated if it is based in the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Further details on eligibility criteria and the online nomination process (which is a fairly straightforward) are available from: <https://qavs.culture.gov.uk/>. Clasing date is 15th September 2021.

ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND

Sunday 25th April was Good Shepherd Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter, and a day of prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and Religious life. We have not had a parish collection this year to support the training of priests for the Diocese, but if anyone wants to make an individual donation by cash or by cheque payable to "EEF", we will ensure it gets passed onto the Fund. Thank you.



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 £200 being donated during April. Congratulations to everyone at Blessed Trinity—their **website has exceeded the £8,500 marker!!** Thank you all for your great generosity.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



*The World of Finance
Let us pray that those in
charge of finance will work
with governments to regulate
the financial sphere and protect
citizens from its dangers.*

*Stay with us Lord
on our journey*



STEWARDS IN OUR CHURCHES

We are very dependent on the generosity of our wonderful stewards. We are very grateful for the dedication they have shown throughout. If anyone would like to become a steward please contact Fr David.

FEAST DAYS W/C 4TH MAY

Monday	Ss Philip & James	Thursday	Easter Weekday
Tuesday	English Martyrs	Friday	Easter Weekday
Wednesday	Easter Weekday	Saturday	Easter Weekday

Sunday 9th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

Clergy Team

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