

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



## NEWSLETTER

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 24TH MAY 2020



#### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I always start and end meetings for school or parish with a prayer. Also when I visit a family for baptism or a funeral I always finish my visit by saying a prayer with them. It is usually greatly appreciated. I do this to bring the Lord into the meetings and visits and invite him into our conversations, discussions and decisions.



It's a powerful thing when someone promises to pray for us. As a priest often people ask you to pray for them. A priest friend of mine often says that the main role of the priest is to pray for the people: "We are paid to pray".

It is lovely thing when we actually hear someone praying for us. It is very powerful and reassuring to hear them pray and especially when they pray for good things for us. What better thing can we pray for than to pray for eternal life for someone.

In today's Gospel we hear part of Jesus solemn prayer, set at the Last Supper, where he prays for himself and his disciples. Among other things he prays that the disciples may have eternal life. I wonder how the disciples felt when they heard the Lord pray for them so powerfully, beautifully and confidently. They must have had all sorts of emotions, feelings and thoughts when they heard such a powerful yet beautiful prayer for them. It really was the spirit of Easter, because eternal life becomes a reality and not just a hopeful dream.

*... let him give eternal  
life to all those you  
have entrusted to him*

Perhaps in the coming days you can let someone know by phone, email, letter or other means that you have been praying for them. It might just be the message they need to hear.

#### ONLINE FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO THE PARISH—UPDATE

**Thank  
You**

The parish has not had the usual generosity of your weekly contributions since the lockdown, and it is not possible to bank and use cash donations. Many people have asked how they might contribute to the weekly church collection now that churches are closed? The diocese has set up a web page where you may make a single donation which will be transferred directly into our parish. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/Give2GoodSam>. Select or enter the donation you wish to make and follow the simple instructions from there. Please do Gift Aid

it if you pay tax —it adds 25% to the amount you've given.

It's planned that some time soon you would be able to fill in a Standing Order to the parish and we'll let you know when it is on the website. It's fully recognised that some people will now be in a worsened financial position and less able to give at the moment so please do not feel obligated.

Thank you.

**LOOK AT THE PARISH WEBSITE. IT HAS NEW, INTERESTING STUFF EVERY DAY  
PASS THE NEWS TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ON THE INTERNET**

<http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

Keep in touch! Keep others in touch through you! Call them and have a chat.  
There is new material every single day—to lift you spiritually, to bring news, to stay together.  
The longer this goes on, the more the friendly calls are needed.

**IN THE LIGHT OF THE CORONA VIRUS**

Because all churches are closed until further notice the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday and on a Holy day of Obligation is removed until further notice.

**PARISH SUNDAY MASS—LIVE STREAMING**

There will be a 'live' stream of the Mass from St Mary's every Sunday and this Thursday morning at 9.30am. A recording will be available later in the day for those who cannot view the live stream.

**Daily Private Masses in the Parish**

The priests of the parish will continue to celebrate Mass daily in the churches of the parish **in private**. This will enable you, the people of God, to join in "spiritual Communion" with the priests and each other. **St Mary's:** Fr David celebrates at 9.30am **St John's:** Fr Emmanuel or Fr Benneth at 9.00am

**GRADUAL RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES**

You will be aware that the churches will gradually re-open in July (phase 3). The Bishop has suggested that we should begin to encourage volunteers within our Parish family to help facilitate the re-opening of our church doors. **If you are interested in helping** in any way please contact Fr. David via e-mail or telephone him at St Mary's.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION—IMPORTANT UPDATE**

Page 1 of the Newsletter shows how to make donation instead of your weekly envelope. If, in the circumstances, you are able to do this, it will be most welcome. If not, please keep your envelopes until churches re-open and make your donations as usual. Thank you.

**REFLECTIONS FROM BLESSED TRINITY CC**

Each Sunday of Easter, Blessed Trinity has provided a delightful video reflection produced by Miss R Wilkinson and involving different pupils from the school along with Fr David. Many thanks to the school for this lovely resource which has brought added joy to the Easter season.

**Mailing the Newsletter**

While the churches remain closed, if you need a paper copy of this Newsletter please contact Fr David tel 422007 with your name and address. He is happy to forward it to you. If you would like to include an item, or make a Mass Offering, please email your request by midday on Wednesdays. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**Thought for the Day**

These daily reflections from the parish clergy team are available on the parish web site each day.

**The Lord's Day at Home**

These sheets, available on the website, are great for providing sacred time at home while the churches are closed. <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/LDAH-Easter-4A.pdf>

**Daily Streamed Masses**

There are live streams daily Mass from Walsingham; [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) and from The Good Shepherd parish in Colne; [www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk](http://www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk).

**Government guidelines**

Please do heed the Government's current guidelines about staying safe. This will help protect yourself and the vulnerable in the community.

**JOIN OUR WHATSAPP GROUP!**

"Friends of St Johns" are Whatsapping sharing fun, photos, prayer requests and anything you like! All of the Good Samaritan parish are welcome to join in. Simply download 'Whatsapp' then contact Anne Marie 07544 491425 who will add you in!!



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Lately Dead

Daniel Ford,  
Fr Peter Gooden,  
Monica Cain,  
Rachel Cummings,  
Tony Edwards.  
Iris Potter ,  
Leo Whitehead,  
Stephen Jackson,  
Elaine Cartmell,

### Birthdays Memoriam

James Francis Carter,  
Teresa Carter

### Other Intentions

Andrew Patefield's family,  
For family conversion and reconciliation

### Anniversaries:

Tom Dacey,  
Charlotte Conlon,  
Maria Barringer,  
Rose Shaw  
Richard Hartley,  
Rosemary Mulrooney

### In Memoriam

Frank Bradshaw,  
Emily Bradshaw,  
Laurence Fielding,  
Margaret Anne Fielding,  
Olaf Schmid,  
Dan Shepherd,  
Lisa Head



## SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH CONFERENCE



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

Our parish conference has continued to be extremely active during lockdown. We have continued with collecting your cash donations for the FOOD BANK and forwarding them weekly.

During the last six weeks we have answered desperate calls for help from two single parent families in Christ the King community, one with four children and one with six, a number of homeless have been

helped in various ways; we have helped some families with food donations and other families with gas and electricity. We have also been keeping in contact with homebound parishioners by telephone and going shopping for several households.

## FROM FR DAVID'S THOUGHT FOR THE DAY ON ASCENSION THURSDAY

*"The Angels were telling them they had work to do and they needed to get on with the task Jesus had entrusted them with. This was to go out to the world and make known the name of Jesus to all. This of course they would only be able to do with the Holy Spirit, who will come to them ten days later, at Pentecost"* Visit the website for Fr David's 'Thought for the Day' every day.



## PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2020

**For Deacons** We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



Stay with us  
Lord on our  
journey



## FOODBANK—UPDATE

Sadly, the need continues for us to support the Foodbank. Here's how:

**Blessed Trinity are now actively supporting the Foodbank**, including being channel for your **money donations**. If you want to make a money donation here is the website <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving>

**Every local Spar shop** should have a collection point for tins, pasta, juice and other produce, so keep donating if you are able to do so.

**At St John's only.** You may leave a cash donation (in a clearly marked envelope) at the presbytery or contact David H on 07434 763822 and we will see if we can collect. We will pass these on to the Foodbank.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed. Please keep it up!



## FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 25th May	St Bede	Thurs 28th May	Easter Weekday
Tues 26th May	St Philip Neri	Fri 29th May	St Paul VI
Wed 27th May	St Augustine of Canterbury	Sat 30th May	Easter Weekday
		Sun 31st May	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>

## CAFOD SPECIAL APPEALS

**Finance** Because of Coronavirus we are unable to raise funds for CAFOD in the usual manner like holding collections after our Saturday/Sunday Masses. However, you can now donate on our brand new Good Samaritan CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal JustGiving page. Please give whatever you can to help our very vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world, these include refugees living in cramped camps and communities living in favelas or shanty towns. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/good-samaritan-burnley>.



**Petition:** CAFOD Coronavirus Campaign which is asking people, to sign a petition asking the Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people, our sisters and brothers overseas, are high priority in the UK's international efforts, in addition to caring for those at home: [www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus). Politicians take heed of petitions, so please sign.

## SUCH A POPULAR WEBSITE—GO THERE!

Since its launch just over a year ago our Parish website has gone from strength to strength! Its content is excellent, and has grown to meet the demands of our current lockdown isolation, thanks to the tireless work of our small, dedicated team. Enormous thanks to them.



The recent developments include Live streaming of Mass, Fr David's daily reflections, Blessed Trinity's reflections, and on a lighter note our 'Reasons to be Cheerful' items, all designed and delivered to keep our sense of community strong.

Its popularity can be shown with the figures from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. We had 410 visits, who looked at 2,157 pages. Most were from Burnley, but there are visits from all over the UK and abroad. The figures are growing all the time! Huge thanks to our wonderful team, for Fr David's leadership, and for everyone who contributes material. (All the statistics are absolutely anonymous)

So, if you haven't been there, you're really missing something big! Go there!!

<http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

## REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

We're all deeply into our new way of life and most of us we need to look for the silver linings. Till things go back to normal, let's try to cheer each other up.

Parishioner Tony Waters, who many of you may know from St Mary's, has contacted us with a brilliant idea – In the current climate, why not have a series of items on reasons to be cheerful? ... we reckon that anything that lightens up some of the doom & gloom has got to be good! We'll publish them on the website, and in the Newsletter when space allows.



Inside there are some Cheerful Lists from people including our two youngest contributors:

Just email us with your suggestions to [diane@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk](mailto:diane@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk)

Here's one of our latest - on being allowed to 'play out' (for exercise)

- So much unseasonal sunshine.
- People smiling because you are deliberately avoiding them.
- The fresh green of the springtime trees.
- Young families out together for their walk.
- Unexpected meetings and chats.

Lots of sharings on the website! Join the fun—share the joy! Tell us *your* Reasons to be Cheerful!

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