

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



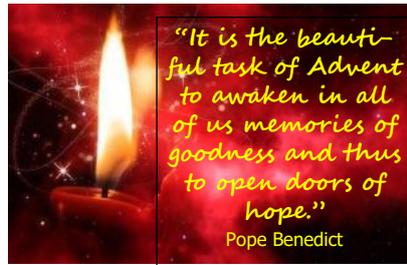
## NEWSLETTER

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**28TH NOVEMBER 2021**      **YEAR C**



### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Generally we understand this to be his coming on the Last Day and his coming at Christmas, which recalls his historical birth 2000 years ago. Luke reminds us of another coming which we tend to forget, namely, his daily coming in the ordinary events and people in our lives. Luke's emphasis is that we should be vigilant and recognise and welcome the Lord who comes to us without warning everyday in people, places and events we least expect. If we are preparing for the Lord's coming by looking up to the sky, Luke today invites us to look out and to look into the story of our daily lives and recognise the Lord who comes to us in ways we least expect. We should also look out for him in the Sacramental encounters particularly in the Eucharist. If we rush around and are too busy we will miss out on this. In today's Gospel, the Lord is asking us as his followers to stay awake as we await



his second coming at the end of time. We don't need to worry about that, but we do need to be focused on the direction of our own lives. We are being asked to be watchful, and faithful by remaining "evergreen" followers of Christ. This means to be dedicated to being faithful to the Gospel all year round. We are to be his witnesses in the world. This means we are to witness to life and hope in the midst of death, upheaval and disruption. We are to watch over the world and we are to witness to Jesus. We do these things by witnessing to what Jesus stood for, by witnessing to truth is by living truthfully. The way to witness to justice is to treat other people fairly. The way to witness to love, is to be loving towards all those we meet including those who are difficult to love. The way to witness to peace is to live in peace with others. May our Advent journey lead us to the Light of the World and bring us peace.

### OUR VINCENTIAN FATHERS

*Thanks to all who contributed to the gift to the Vincentian Fathers which came to just over £1000 in all. Fr Emmanuel and Fr Clement were touched by your generosity and appreciation.*

### Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Father,  
as each year comes round anew,  
we look forward  
to the coming of your Son  
and recall his first coming  
in the stable at Bethlehem.  
We ask your blessing



on this Advent wreath +  
which reminds us of your gift  
of Christ our light.  
Bless each of us and make us  
more Christ-like this Christmas.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Floreen Kelly, Bryan Thomas Ward, Elka Boyle, Catherine Brooks, Kath Royle, Fr Lionel Devany.



**Anniversaries:** Smith Scoble, Thomas Cunliffe, Walter Hollingworth

**Other intentions:** Brian Bennett, Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, Cyril Minihan, Thanksgiving for Fr Emmanuel's and Fr Clement's ministry to us.

### FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION PARTICIATION AND MISSION



Pope Francis has called Universal Synod themed as above which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. We want to hear from as many people as possible, those involved in the church and those who are not. You can take part by completing an online submission following this link:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2).

Please share this link with family and friends. We have until 1st March 2022 to make our submissions then, after national and continental gatherings, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome in 2023 to reflect on what has been heard. Please remember the Synod in your prayers. Your contribution is invaluable and will make a considerable difference to the future of the Church in our diocese and across the world.

The Diocese encourages us all to participate, and have produced a range of resources which are available at <http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod>. Our own website carries more details.

### PAPAL INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

People who have Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Stay with us Lord on our journey

### KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA CHRISTMAS CRACKER!

The Cracker returns! Featuring Top Vocal Star Andrew Knight, it will be on Friday 10th December at 8.00pm at The KSC 110 Club, Yorkshire St, Burnley. Tickets £5.00 (incl light refreshments), in a well-spaced room. Contact Bernard for tickets (07800867554).



**Don't forget, the Club is open** to during the week. A friendly chat, a welcome drink, and a chance to relax as we approach the Christmas Rush! Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 19:00 – 00:00; Sunday 14:30 – 22:00. If you use the car park please register at the bar.

### CAFOD NEWS

**Month of Remembrance** – November is the month of the Holy Souls, so as a CAFOD group we wish to take this opportunity to remember all our deceased supporters and group members, recalling their generosity and service - may they rest in peace, Amen.

**World Gifts** –The new World Gifts catalogues are available at the back of our churches. They offer an opportunity to give life-changing Christmas presents for people living in poverty. You can also see and buy online: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

**CAFOD's verdict on COP26** –The Climate Conference finished earlier this month when the 'Glasgow Climate Pact' was approved by 197 countries. However, the agreement from COP26 is a major disappointment to our partners working with poor communities. It simply has not delivered the urgent action or justice required. To read CAFOD's full reaction on the summit visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/COP26-summit-ends>

### 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.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER

Our individual church bank accounts will be closed on 30<sup>th</sup> November, so please could those who contribute to St Mary's, Christ the King St John's by Standing Order, 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

Thank you.



### JOIN THE BROWNIES!

The Brownies Group which was based at St John's before the pandemic is looking for new members from across the parish! If you are aged between 7-10 come along for some fun, games, crafts, badges and much more. We meet Tuesday's 6.00pm -7.30pm (term time only) in St John's Parish Hall. For more information contact Catherine Scott on 07773 488513, or check out the website at [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)



### CHURCH STEWARDS



Huge thanks to our stewards who make attendance at church possible as we continue to work at remaining safe. Please call Fr David if you would like to join this invaluable team.

### FOODBANK—THE NEED CONTINUES



Factors have sadly increased the need for the Foodbank, so the appeal has to continue. 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.

You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving> by making one-off or monthly payments. Congratulations to Blessed Trinity—their **Just Giving webpage has passed the £10,000 marker!! Well done young'uns!!** You can donate cash at St John's Presbytery, drop it off in a clearly marked envelope. This led to **£115.00** being donated during October. **Thank you all for your great and continuing generosity.**

### ST MARY'S CHURCH REPAIRS



St Mary's church unfortunately remains temporarily closed. A new architect has been appointed who will to carry out the essential assessments between now and Christmas. He has produced a works schedule which work will start in early January. It should be completed by the end of February ready to open in early March in time for the start of Lent. We will continue to update through the Newsletter and through the Web site.

### ST JOHN VIANNEY DEANERY NIGHT FEVER

A *Night Fever* event is designed to be an evangelistic exercise, in that it includes inviting people to come into church from the street, to light a candle, to say a prayer, or just to sit down for however long they might wish to stay. We also have priests from the Deanery for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As part of the *Hope in the Future* programme Christ Church in Nelson have been asked by the Deanery to host Night Fever this Advent on **Friday 3rd December 2021 from 6.00pm—8.00pm.**



We will need people to be in church, praying that there will be a positive response to our invitations, and praying for those who enter the church, that the Holy Spirit will touch their hearts and minds, and bring about real effects of grace into their lives.

We will also need some apostles who will go into the nearby streets to hand out candles and to invite people to come into the church to light their candle, or say a prayer for an intention or for another person, or for someone who has died.

Let us begin now to pray for the success of this event, that in being prepared to step out and do something new, we might meet the Lord who stops at nothing to win one more soul!

## PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES WEEK COMMENCING 29TH NOVEMBER

### WEEKDAY MASS PROGRAMME

With there only being two priests now to serve the parish, you will notice that we have slightly adjusted our weekday Mass programme. We will continue to review this over the coming months to see if any other changes are needed. Fr Damien and Fr David count on your continuing support and encouragement. Thank you.

Whilst St Mary's church remains closed, all Masses and Services are taking place in the other two churches. This is the planned programme for week-commencing 22nd November

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	
	9.30am St John's	7.00pm Christ the King
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>St Andrew</i>	
	9.30am Christ the King	12.00 noon St John's
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	
	9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	
	9.30am Christ the King	<b>NB No Mass at St John's</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	
	9.30am St John's	10.00am Christ the King
<b>Saturday</b>	St John Damascene	
	9.30am Christ the King	
	<b>Vigil Masses:</b> 6.00pm St John's	6.30pm Christ the King
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
	9.15am and 5.00pm Christ the King	9.30am** and 11.00am St John's
	**The Sunday 9.30am Mass at St John's will be live-streamed.	

*"Jesus speaks in the silence of the mystery of the Mass and reminds us each time that following him means going out of ourselves and making our lives not something we 'possess,' but a gift to him and to others."*  
Pope Francis

### EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION

**EXPOSITION:** There will be Exposition starting 30 mins before each weekday Mass.

**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.

### CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

I'm sure you will have all noticed the Christmas cards and sundries in the shops lots of them displaying Santa snow men Christmas trees etc. and not many displaying the true meaning of Christmas. At St John's you will find a selection of Nativity Christmas cards Take a look at the table at the back of church, Packs of 16 cards with 4 scenes are £4.50 a box available after Masses.

#### Clergy Team

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