

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

29TH NOVEMBER 2020



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE LITURGY



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. It is also about another coming which we tend to forget, namely, his daily coming in the ordinary events and people in our lives.

The 2nd reading speaks of waiting for the coming of the Lord Jesus. Waiting for the Lord is an important part of Advent. Waiting can be boring and tedious and seen as a waste of time; but unless you patiently wait you will certainly miss out; miss your turn, miss your opportunity, miss your bus. The waiting can be a time to do something constructive; listen, think, talk, get to know someone, maybe even pray. It's important not to squander Advent and not just see it as days we need to tick off as we wait for Christmas. Like any journey the travelling bit is important ~ the journey matters as much as the destination. So we should try to be vigilant and welcome the Lord who comes to us without warning every day in people, places and events we least expect. We are to prayerfully reflect on our daily lives and recognise the Lord who comes to us in various ways.

Therefore we are to slow down, wait patiently and use the time of this important season wisely to reflect and pray. At the same time there can be an urgency about the need to invite God more deeply and intimately into our lives. We are to use this time of Advent wisely and create opportunities to reflect and repent and also time to look around us and see God all around us in everything we are and everything we do.

*"Wait for the Lord
Whose day is Near
Wait for the Lord,
Keep Watch, Take
Heart"*

Taizé

PRAYER FOR ADVENT—A NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Churches Together in Burnley have arranged for local people create and read their own Advent Prayer on You-Tube—a new one or two—every day during Advent, from this Sunday 29th November—**starting with a contribution from one of our own parishioners.** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzEYuESu8C_mF-hZQ7qehwg/videos



You can also access them through our own parish website. Christmas is going to be 'strange' for us all, but we can focus on Advent prayerfully with a focus on the real message of the season.

LOCKDOWN UPDATE

We are waiting for directions from the Diocese about the post-lockdown Masses/services we can hold. In the meantime we continue with the Private Prayer and Exposition as in previous weeks. We will broaden the things we offer when permitted so keep looking on the website for any developments.

Private Prayer and Exposition

We plan the following opportunities:

St Mary's

Mon, Tues Weds Thurs and Fri
10.15am to 11.15am
Sat and Sun 10.30 to 11.30am

St John's

Tues and Thurs from 11.30am
to 12.30pm
Wed 6.30pm to 7.30pm



Christ the King

Mon 6.30pm to 7.30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Joseph Balshaw, Graham Jones, James Cunningham, Evelyn Towie (nee Durkin), Moises Binalingbing, Derek Gill, Patricia Trotter John Renney, Maureen Hanson.

Anniversaries: Walter Hollingworth, Thomas Cunliffe,

Other Intentions: For a sick relative, Fr David Featherstone, For a successful operation, For a sick parishioner, Pat Crowe.

Towneley Chapel Lamps

Joseph Balshaw
Andrew Harrison



PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION NOV 2020

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



ALF DUFFIELD RIP

Rose, Helen and Pat would like to thank all the parishioners of the parish for all the cards, masses, prayers and condolences received on the death of Alf. A special thank you also to Father Emmanuel for his pastoral support and prayers during Alf's illness and also to Father David for the mass and funeral service. A mass will be offered in thanksgiving for Alf's life and for your intentions. Rose, Helen, Pat and family



BLESSED TRINITY THEME OF THE WEEK



Miss Wilkinson organises spiritual and thoughtful input on changing themes each week on the parish website. They are based around scripture. Pupils from the College and our priests contribute.



Stay with us Lord on our journey

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The new regulations means that there are no longer opportunities to make our weekly offerings. Please keep your envelopes and gifts until we can have collection boxes in church again. You can make your donations online through the parish website. Open the Home page and on the right there is an icon (aside). Click on it and follow the instructions. Please Gift Aid if appropriate. 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.



CAFOD NEWS UPDATE NOV 2020



Two of our parish junior schools became wholeheartedly involved in our Harvest Fast Day—with wonderful rewards. One school baked its way to a wonderful £165, the other raised a super £100 (this shared equally with the school fund). They deserve a huge round of applause! Well done children, parents and staff—great illustration of Christian action! The CAFOD group are very grateful for your continued generosity over Harvest Fast Day and be-

yond. You can continue to donate via <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>

Some people in the parish raise money for CAFOD by keeping a small CAFOD cardboard collection box in their homes, in which they place any small change. If you would like one of these boxes for Advent or at any other time then please get in touch with Anne Marie Coppock on 721701 or amcoppock@hotmail.com

With Christmas around the corner you can find the perfect, unique, ethical gift for someone special in your life, by giving one of CAFOD's World Gifts. To see the new look selection of life-changing gifts use the following link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/World-Gifts>

Don't forget to check out the CAFOD webpage on the parish website for more detailed news, including the latest campaigning news and a new action to support CAFOD's brave overseas partners. Send a 'Message to the Brave' within a Christmas card to show your solidarity for their efforts to protect the vulnerable and the planet. You can also keep in touch with Cafod's activities and prayers with online talks at <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks>

The Diocesan Almanac is available at the back of all of our churches—£3.50 each

It's the first Sunday of the Church calendar—Year B Liturgy Cycle

UPDATE ON LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS

As we go to print, we have not yet received confirmation from the Diocese that churches can re-open after the current lockdown, for public Masses and other services apart from private prayer and funerals. As soon as we receive permission to proceed with public Masses and other services we will notify you in all possible ways including through the parish web site, at the live streaming Mass, in the newsletter and by word of mouth



Masses in the Parish

Live Stream: We will continue to live-stream the Mass at 9.30am this Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent from St Mary's. It will be celebrated in private, with no members of the public present. It will be recorded and available to view later on Sunday. Thanks to everyone involved in streaming.

Private Celebrations of Mass: To enable you to be in Spiritual Communion, please know that the clergy will celebrate a **private** Mass each day at 9.30am at St Mary's and 9am at St John's.

Removal of Obligation to attend Mass: Because of the position the Church still finds herself in, the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on Sunday and on a Holy day of Obligation remains lifted until further notice.

MAILING THE NEWSLETTER

Until we get back to normal activities, 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.

Items in the Newsletter: If you would like to include an item, or make a Mass Offering, please email (itemsforfrank@gmail.com) your request before midday on Thursday.

Fr David continues to improve, please keep him your prayers for his full recovery

KEEP IN TOUCH—USE OUR WEBSITE FOR THE NEWS

As we're back in strict lockdown because of Covid, please keep in touch with your friends—especially those who may be lonely. A good source of chat is the website—so much information and inspiration! The new Quotes and Quips offerings are worth passing on! Our clergy offer an excellent 'Thought for the Day every day, and there is news there, as it arises. It's a good read, even if you don't pass it on! Go to: <http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 30th Nov	St Andrew	Fri 4th Dec	Advent Weekday
Tues 1st Dec	Advent Weekday	Sat 5th Dec	Weekday
Weds 2nd Dec	Advent Weekday	Sun 6th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
Thurs 3rd Dec	Advent Weekday		

FOODBANK—KEEP IT UP!

Sadly, the need continues for us to support the Foodbank. Here's how: **Every local Spar shop** should have a collection point for non-perishable food. **There are two ways to make monetary donations:** **Online Donations:** Blessed Trinity are supporting the Foodbank. Here is the website <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving>. They have raised £4,946 so far! Well done them!

Cash Donations (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 it. We will pass them on to the Foodbank via the Blessed Trinity website (above).



Thanks and God bless to everyone who helps with this vital work

Don't Drop your Guard!!

Remember! This virus doesn't spread on its own: you, (yes, you), and others spread it when we go outside our households and mix with others in other places.

DON'T RELAX! We pray that the vaccine is successful, but please don't drop your guard—the virus is still spreading like wildfire!

READ ALL ABOUT IT! We have discovered a really good and informative website with simply worded but high quality guidance. It has 18 different sheets like the one aside. It runs from what to do if you have symptoms to looking after children who are going to school.

Please look at it, use the information, and pass it on to family friends and neighbours. It is also available in several languages so pass it on to people who speak and understand their own language best.

THE WEBSITE IS:

<https://covid19graphics.info/>

This virus is killing people, and leaving others with long-term health problems—don't let it be you or yours. Take no risks, stay safe,

We are all responsible for this!

Latest update: 21/08/20



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CORONAVIRUS

Reference: DoTW, 2020, Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance [online]. Website: <https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>



WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS



Self isolate: stay at home for at least **10 DAYS**



Anyone else in your household or who has had contact with you must self-isolate for **14 DAYS**

If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for **14 DAYS**

GET TESTED WITHIN **5 DAYS** OF HAVING SYMPTOMS

TO BOOK A TEST



Visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>



If you do not have online access

CALL **119**

or CALL 0800 028 2816 in Scotland

You would need to give your contact details and have a functional mobile phone to receive test results as a text message

ISOLATION GUIDANCE

Do not go to work, school, GP surgeries, pharmacy or hospital



Avoid close contact with other people

Follow the guidance on visitors

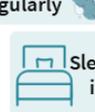


Take paracetamol to help with your symptoms



Wash your hands regularly

Drink lots of water



Sleep alone, if possible



Have food and medication delivered to you



Use separate facilities, or clean between use

WHEN TO CONTACT NHS 111?

THIS IS A **FREE NUMBER** TO CALL

You feel so ill that you can't do anything you usually would

You feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home

Your condition gets worse

You can get an interpreter in your language by repeatedly answering "yes" to all questions

Remember the Golden Rules!

Hands* The virus travels through touching things that an infected person has touched or coughed / sneezed over. If you then touch your nose, mouth or eyes, you may transfer the virus into your own body. So wash your hands, for 20 seconds, every time you have had any contact outside your home.

Face* You are legally obliged to cover your face in all shops, hospitals, church and other places. It prevents you spreading the virus to others, with some exceptions.

Space* When a person coughs or sneezes it is thought that the miniscule droplets travel up to two meters. So you keep safe by keeping apart from others.

*Seek more detailed guidance if you are worried



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