

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B **14TH FEBRUARY**



Year of St Joseph

FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE LITURGY



Social-distancing and self isolating have become the norm for us during the Pandemic, to keep ourselves and others safe from the risk of catching the Covid virus. As a result we have had to refrain from hugging and shaking hands with those outside our immediate household.

The man in today's Gospel is literally touched by Jesus and has his life transformed. Being the Son of God, Jesus was not afraid of catching leprosy so it is not surprising that He had the courage to touch the untouchable. He is the Son of God and therefore had power over all sickness, disease and even death. Jesus does not want anyone to be pushed away, to be left out. No wonder, the man could not keep himself from telling others his life-changing encounter with Christ.

The one thing really infectious about Jesus is his love. It is a love that can be passed from one person to another and that's what he was first and foremost able to transmit to the leper. We are also called to show the same love to those who are pushed out, who are excluded by our society. At the moment we have to be a bit more creative in the ways we do this. However if we imitate Jesus in touching everyone with His love then we can bring people back to life, we can bring light where there is darkness and we can bring joy where there is loneliness and despair

'... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40

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. **Lent starts this week and there are Masses at all three of our churches on Ash Wednesday**

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	12.00 noon Christ the King	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		
Sunday:	9.30am (live streamed)	10.45am Mass St John's	5pm Mass Christ the King

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

Exposition and Reconciliation: Every Saturday there will be Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's from 10.30 to 11.30am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in the Sacred Heart chapel. Please be guided by our stewards.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February: Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded

MASS INTENTIONS

Stay with us Lord, on our journey

Lately Dead: David Smith, Margaret Nutter, Brendan Finn, Stella Albanese, Peggy Guilfoyle, Stephen Lawrenson, Richard Elliott,

Other Intentions: Mary Melvin, Mick Arcangelo,

For a sick relative, Fr David Featherstone.

Anniversaries: Terry Long, Mary Morris, James Francis Carter, Frank Donovan, Peter Quigley. John Lawrence Ford

Birthday Remembrance: Patricia D'Silva.

Towneley Chapel Lamps: Andrew Harrison Fr David Featherstone, Ita Thomas, Fr Benneth, Jack Bailey,

ST JOHN'S NEEDS YOUR HELP

in order to comply with the churches insurance regulations and security issues we are trying to compile a list of key holders. If you currently have a key for the church or parish rooms or any other area could you please let us know in order to update our data base .

Please contact 07751025178 or stjohns@ccibe.org.uk

CAFOD NEWS UPDATE FOR NEWSLETTER – 13/14TH FEB 2021

The CAFOD group is very grateful for your generosity and wish to acknowledge donations of £180 donation for our Fund as part of our forthcoming Lent Fast Day. **This year CAFOD's Family Fast Day is Friday 26th February.** This year's focus is water poverty and highlights a community in Ethiopia. More news about the Lent Appeal will follow in the coming weeks, so watch this space. You can donate at: [Give | CAFOD](#)



CAFOD's new campaign, '**Reclaim Our Common Home**', is a response to Pope Francis's call for a new way of thinking about the world, to take action to alleviate the pandemics of hunger, poverty runaway climate change. You can sign the online petition to the Prime Minister here: [Reclaim Our Common Home | CAFOD](#)

COVID IMPLICATIONS ON SERVICES

As the lockdown continues we are able to have public Mass and Services. We are very dependent on the health of the priests and significantly the health, safety and generosity of our wonderful stewards. We are very grateful to the commitment and dedication they have shown throughout. The Pandemic. Thanks to those who recently started as stewards.

If anyone else would like to become a steward please contact Fr David .

FOODBANK—THE NEED CONTINUES AND GROWS

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 £207.65 being donated during January. Congratulations to everyone at Blessed Trinity—their website has burst through the £7,000 marker!!

Thank you all for your great generosity, online, in cash and in kind .

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 15 Feb	Weekday	Thurs 18 Feb	Weekday
Tues 16 Feb	Weekday	Fri 19 Feb	Weekday
Wed 17 Feb	Ash	Sat 20 Feb	Weekday
	Wednesday	Sun 21 Feb	1st Sunday in Lent

St Teresa of Kolkata on Lent

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you".

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