

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



## NEWSLETTER



### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 16TH AUGUST 2020

#### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

With having three churches, our parish is blessed to have three different patronal feast days in the year. This week-end, because one of churches is called St Mary of the Assumption, we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of



Our Blessed Lady The doctrine of the Assumption teaches us that at the end of her earthly existence, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up (assumed), body and soul, into heaven. The implications of this is that if we model our lives on Mary then where she is we will follow.

In today's Gospel, Mary shared her joy of being told she was to be mother of the Lord by putting herself out and journeying a long way in order to share her good news with Elizabeth, who herself was with child.. The spirit of Mary is to put ourselves out for others, share our joy. In sharing our joy, we receive joy in return. Elizabeth greets Mary by saying "blessed

is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord will be fulfilled". It's not simply about being faithful it's about being blessed, because she not only spoke of her faith she acted on this belief. Faith

needs to be expressed in actions. Because of our Christian faith, like Mary we refuse to give up when things get tough.

Faith impels us to struggle on sometimes without the hope of a happy outcome. A person with faith never gives up. Mary is first and foremost the perfect disciple of the Lord. This is why the Church proposes her as a model for us all to follow. That is why we honour her feast day today. We too will be like Mary if we also hear the word of God and act on it.



*O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.*

Pope Francis

#### THE GRADUAL OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES TO THE PUBLIC

Fr David continues to work to his practical and successful 'Festina Lente' philosophy and we have gradually added to the opportunities for parishioners to return to worship in church. Each step has been successful including last week's introduction of Mass at all three churches. Therefore we propose the following plan for weekday Masses for the parish during the coming week.

<b>Monday 17th August:</b>	St Mary's 9.30am	Christ the King 7pm
<b>Tues 18th Aug:</b>	St Mary's 9.30am:	St John's 12 Noon
<b>Wed 19th Aug:</b>	St Mary's 9.30am :	St John's 7pm
<b>Thurs 20th Aug:</b>	St Mary's 9.30am and 7pm:	St John's 10.30am
<b>Fri 21st Aug:</b>	St Mary's 9.30am:	
<b>Sat 22nd Aug:</b>	St Mary's 9.30am	

We had hoped to be preparing for a limited number of Sunday Masses, but in the light of the return to partial lockdown these plans are on hold

There will continue to be opportunities for private prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation—see page 2 for details

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Lately Dead:

Ben Marshall, Tony Morris, Fr Peter Sheahan, Trevor Roberts, Ramon Holt, George Henry, Patricia Newton, Hannah O'Connor, Babs Dennis, Teresa Trent, Norman Fletcher, Damian Allen

### Birthday Memories

Tom Dacey Richard Hartley, Kitty Dodgeon

### Other Intentions

Margaret and Derek's Diamond Wedding St Mary's 20<sup>th</sup> August 1960, Billy who is seriously ill, In gratitude



### Anniversaries

Denis Smith, Elizabeth Gray, Ronnie Smith, James Hosty, Catherine Hayes, Peter Keough

## MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE PARISH



**Streamed Sunday Mass:** Please note that Fr David will celebrate the 9.30am Mass on Sundays (in private) at St Mary's and it **will** continue to be live-streamed. This Mass will be recorded and available to view later on Sunday morning, or early afternoon.

**Private Prayer at St John's:** Because we have now Masses the private prayer sessions will no longer be held.

**Privately Celebrated Masses:** Fr Emmanuel will continue to celebrate Mass *in private* at 9.00am on Friday and Saturday.

**Exposition and Reconciliation:** St Mary's church will again be open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on **Saturday 22nd August** from 10.30am to 11.30. During this time the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Please note the change from Fridays as in previous we

**Live Streaming Team:** Thanks to those who responded to the request for help to strengthen our Streaming Team. We are grateful to the team's continuing work.

**Thank You:** We have built excellent teams of stewards over the weeks and they do a really splendid job. Our thanks to them—without your help none of this would be viable!

"Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. May your faith be strong; may it not hesitate, not waver, before



the doubts, the uncertainties which philosophical systems or fashionable movements would like to suggest to you".

Pope John Paul II

## CAFOD PLEASFOR SUPPORT

Many thanks for your ongoing support for CAFOD's work during this time of crisis across our World. We have raised £145 on Good Samaritan Just Giving web page and £130.00 received in cash. All your donations have been sent to CAFOD. Please keep all those working to help our poorest sisters and brother suffering the effects of the Covid 19 virus in your prayers. Many thanks once again



### FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

**Mon Aug 17th:** Weekday  
**Tues Aug 18th:** Weekday  
**Wed Aug 19th :** St John Ueudes  
**Thurs Aug 20th:** St Bernard

**Fri Aug 21st:**

St Pius X

**Sat Aug 22nd**

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Sun Aug 23rd:**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FR DAMIEN LOUDEN

As we go to print, we are just putting the finishing touches to Fr Damien's rooms at St Mary's and hope he will find them to his satisfaction. Thanks to those who have been involved in helping Fr David with this little project. Fr Damien will arrive in the parish on Monday and will be around at most of the parish Masses from Tuesday onwards. We know you will make him very welcome and are really looking forward to meeting him and reassuring him of your prayers, love and support.



### FR MICHAEL RYAN'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



This Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr Michael Ryan, a priest of the diocese of Salford and a very close friend of Fr David. Fr Michael served the diocese for 19 years and died at the age of 47. We did have plans to mark this significant occasion in a bigger way but because of the continuing Covid restrictions the best we can do is to offer the live-streamed Mass today for Michael and his late parents Jack and Fleur

At the Mass Fr David will be using Fr Michael's personal ordination chalice with which he is entrusted. Fr Michael was a very wise man and had a really mischievous sense of humour. With both of these qualities and many others, he kept Fr David on the right path and so he is much missed. It seems appropriate we should be celebrating Mass on his 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in St Mary of the Assumption church on the feast of the Assumption. Thank you for your understanding and support with this occasion.

### TESTING FOR COVID 19—FREE—NO SYMPTOMS NEEDED

You are invited to have a test to see if you are suffering from Covid. It's free, and available on Centenary Way near the Gala Bingo, seven days a week, between 10.00am and 3.00pm. No booking needed. Just turn up. A parishioner who has been said it's about a 20—30 minute wait. No injection—they just take a swab.

It's being done to help measure how many people have the infection so that the authorities can make informed decisions to help control and manage the disease, about when to end the Lockdown. And apart from reassuring yourself, you will be helping the community, and meeting our responsibilities as Christians.



Stay with us  
Lord on our  
journey

### PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2020

#### The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



### FOODBANK—KEEP IT UP! AN EXTRA PLEA!

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 £3.516 so far! Although the work continues, the donations have stayed the same, so *if you can*, perhaps you will make an extra gift to this very necessary and worthy cause.

**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. We will pass these on to the Foodbank via the Blessed Trinity website (above)—£40 was sent this week.



## DIARIES 2021

The Piety Stall at Christ the King is taking orders for next year's Catholic Diaries. If you would like to buy one if they please email [pietyctk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pietyctk@yahoo.co.uk) with your name, saying how many you wish to buy. They are usually about £2. We pray you will have more to put into it than this isolating year!

## SHARE THE NEWS

There are many people still self-isolating so make a call! Read our wonderful newsy and topical parish website, and ring someone with the news and a chat to help with their isolation. Good fun too!  
<http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

## IN THE LIGHT OF THE CORONA VIRUS

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.

### PARISH SUNDAY MASS — LIVE STREAMING

There will be a 'live' stream of the Mass from St Mary's every Sunday 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

Fr Emmanuel will continue to celebrate Mass **in private** at 9.00am on Friday, and Saturday.

### Daily Streamed Masses

There are live streams of 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).

### Offertory Collection and Donations

As there are still no Sunday Masses 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. To make a donation go to the website. 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.



### 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. If you would like to include an item, or make a Mass Offering, please email your request by midday on Thursday.

### 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 parish website, are great for providing sacred time at home while the churches are closed. Go to. <http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/> and follow the link

### Government guidelines

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

### Clergy Team

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