

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR B 10TH JANUARY 2021



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE LITURGY

Last week we celebrated the Epiphany, a revealing of who the child born in the manger really is. Like the Epiphany the Baptism of the Lord is also an unveiling of who Jesus is. Today he is unveiled to the Chosen People gathered that day at the River Jordan.

At the heart of the Incarnation is God coming among us to live a fully human life, to show us how God wants us to live. In order to do this he had to totally immerse himself into the fullness of human life. There are about thirty years between the actual Epiphany and the beginning of his ministry marked by His Baptism. Apart from one incident at the age of 12, nothing really is known about those years as nothing is recorded in the Scriptures about them. We

And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'



know Jesus lived under the authority of Mary and Joseph. There is no substitute to the living out of ordinary life. These hidden years were not wasted years by any means, they were vital years, when we are told he grew in wisdom and stature. The Parables, his empathy with all people, as well as the compassion and understanding he shows during his ministry all show a deep understanding of human life. They show that he had totally experienced and understood the life he had lived to the full.

We get to share in the life of the Trinity when we are baptised in the life-giving waters of the font. May the life of grace emanating from our own baptism lead us to be Christ-like in our approach to God and one another.

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES

We now return to our pre-Christmas programme of public Masses, as follows. **The exception** is that there will be **no Mass at St Mary's on Tuesday** because of funeral commitments.

St Mary's

M, W, Th, F, Sat
Mass at 9.30am
Sunday Mass at 9.30am
(Live streamed)

St John's

Tues 12 Noon Mass
Wed 7pm Mass
Thurs 10.30am Mass
Sunday Mass 10.45am

Christ the King

Mon 7pm Mass
Friday Mass 12 Noon
Sunday Mass 5pm

Exposition: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before all of 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 Reconciliation will take place on the Sacred Heart altar. Please be guided by the Stewards. Thank you.

Stay with us Lord on our journey

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead

Terry Bates, James Stephen Lawrenson, Maureen Hanson, Peggy Guilfoyle, Desmond Cummings, Paul Tate.

Anniversaries

Margaret Williamson, Ellen Patefield, Mary Alice Pickles, Jean Whittle.

Birthday Memories

Sally Lalor, Maria Cristina Gonzalez-Summers.

Christmas Intentions

Louisa Cooke

Other Intentions

In thanksgiving for our Parish Stewards, For good health for Fr David, a sick relative, David Hartley, A special intention,

Towneley Chapel Lamps

David Featherstone Andrew Harrison



CHRISTIAN UNITY ONLINE PRESENTATION—INVITATION TO JOIN IN



Churches Working Together in Burnley" are celebrating Christian Unity Week from January 18th with an online presentation. They would like to have people of the local churches make contributions. If you would like to be a part give Karen a ring 431723 who has details of the short readings, meditations and prayers that will be used. Karen can also help with recording if needed and then forward to Rev Kat at St Matthews who will create the daily reflections.

SVP CONFERENCE

Our Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, based mainly at St John's would like to thank everyone who has so generously supported us and donated funds during the last few months. In spite of the restrictions of the Covid -19 pandemic, we have supported families by Christmas presents, and emergency electrical items. We have tried to keep in touch with parishioners who are homebound and, since we have not been able to invite them to a Mass and buffet in the parish hall, we have taken out cake boxes with a buffet meal in October and in December to 38 people. We have also been able to send a donation the SVP Sudan appeal, where members of the SVP support people by a baby feeding programme and the provision of medicines and other help. We wish you all a blessed and holy New Year



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 £115 being donated over the Christmas period.

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

KEEP IN TOUCH—USE OUR WEBSITE FOR THE NEWS

We're back in strict lockdown because of Covid, so many of our friends may feel cut off and lonely. A good source of chat is the website—so much information and inspiration! The Quotes and Quips are worth passing on! 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/>.

"The hungry ask us for dignity, not for charity."

- Pope Francis



With a Father's Heart—The Year of St Joseph



The Holy Father wrote 'Patris Corde' against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."