

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley

NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
13TH SEPTEMBER 2020



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS



The need for Forgiveness is at the centre of our faith. At the heart of the word forgiveness is indeed the word "give". So forgiveness calls for a generosity on behalf of the giver. It is not always easy when someone offends us to let go of feelings of resentment and even hatred. However, it is not good to hold on to such feelings as it is not healthy to put energy into something that is not very life-giving to us.

In today's Gospel, in answer to Peter's question about how often we should forgive others if they do wrong to us, Jesus responds and backs up his answer with the powerful parable of the Unforgiving Servant. The message is simply that if we expect to be forgiven our sins by God, then we must be prepared to forgive others the wrongs they do to us. So we should always forgive others because of our love for the Lord and because Jesus tells us to.

The great symbol of generosity and forgiveness is the Cross. Jesus died on the Cross to forgive our sins. Even on the Cross he was merciful; saying "Father forgive them". This showed Jesus forgave those who had inflicted terrible pain and suffering upon him. As he was dying on the cross, he even forgave and promised heaven to a thief who was sorry for what he had done and said he trusted and believed in Jesus.

May the Lord help us to be open to forgive the wrongs of others as he did, so that we can go to him with our own sins and be confident of his generous mercy.

"Bear with one another, forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you, now you must do the same".

Colossians 3:13

RETURN OF SUNDAY MASSES FROM 13TH SEPTEMBER

We are planning to start gently with the introduction of some Sunday Masses in the parish starting this weekend, on Sunday 13th September. **Please bear in mind that this is very much just a temporary programme and in time we hope to expand it.** This will be limited to just one Mass in each church and is a bit different to the usual Sunday Programme:

St Mary's 9.30am*

St John's 10.45am

Christ the King 5pm

Because of the current considerable restrictions on numbers able to attend our churches for services, we suggest that at the moment, **people who can, should come to weekday Masses and kindly leave Sunday Mass** for those who are unavailable during the week. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation about this.



*Please note that the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St Mary's will continue to be live-streamed. However as people will be present, there are some restrictions to remember including, unfortunately, being currently not permitted to have singing. Sincere thanks to the continuing commitment and gifts of our wonderful parish "live streaming team" of Mike, Daniel K, Rebecca and Daniel F.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before all of the weekday Masses— Monday to Friday only. This is in addition to the regular Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's which will continue on Saturday 19th September, from 10.30 to 11.30am.

Lately Dead:

Fr John McKeown, Margaret Meehan (Ireland), Eugene Rafferty, Tom Edmondson, Hannah Marie O'Connor, Margaret Clarke Celia Cunliffe, Ramon Holt



MASS INTENTIONS

Anniversaries

Pat Bell, James Kinsella, Rita Kelly, Paula Helm

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.'

Other Intentions

John Harward, Kathleen Worden, James Worden, John Worden, Francis Carter, Esther Worden, Catherine Carter, Winifred Masure, Kenneth Catterall, Elaine Green, Teresa Kelly, Teresa Byrom,

WEEKDAY OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES TO THE PUBLIC FOR MASS

Fr David continues to work to his successful 'Festina Lente' philosophy and **we have now added an additional Mass** at Christ the King to the established regular pattern of weekday Masses, which will be as follows during the coming week:

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| Monday 14th September | St Mary's 9.30am | Christ the King | 7pm |
| Tuesday 15th Sept | St Mary's 9.30am | St John's | 10.00am |
| Wednesday 16th Sept | St Mary's 9.30am | St John's | 7pm |
| Thursday 17th Sept | St Mary's 9.30am and 7.00pm: | St John's | 10.30am |
| Friday 18th Sept | St Mary's 9.30am: | Christ the King | 12.00 noon |
| Saturday 19th Sept | St Mary's 9.30am | 10.30 Exposition and Reconciliation | |

Please note the change of time for the Mass at St John's on Tuesday

RESUMPTION OF OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

As we are resuming a temporary programme of Sunday Masses as from this Sunday 13th September, there will be an opportunity at all Masses (i.e. including weekday Masses) as from this Sunday to place your offertory money, whether loose or in envelopes. The opportunity to do this will be on exiting the church at the end of Mass. You may still donate online—see page 4.

Stay with us Lord on our journey



PARISH HIKES THIS WEEKEND!

We will go ahead with the planned hike on Sunday 13th September. It will be seven miles round the Giggleswick and Feizor area and graded moderate. We will meet at St Mary's car park at 12.30pm. Please bring boots, a packed lunch, water, and water proofs.

MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Streamed Sunday Mass: Please note that Fr David and Fr Damien will concelebrate the 9.30am Mass on Sundays 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.

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 19th September** 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 weeks.

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!

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Mon 14th Sept | Exultation of the Cross | Tues 15th Sept | Our Lady of Sorrows |
| Wed 16th Sept | Ss Cornelius and Cyprian | Thurs 17th Sept | St Robert Bellamine |
| Fri 18th Sept | Weekday | Sat 19th Sept | St Thomas of Canterbury |
| Sun 20th Sept | 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time | | |

JOIN THE TEAM! STREAMING SUNDAY MASS

We're EXPANDING! One of our Live Stream Team is leaving to join the navy – we'll miss him badly and need to replace him – but we're not only recruiting one volunteer to join our small team, we're changing the way we work so we need **two** people!



If you can help us to live stream Sunday Masses for a couple of hours every other Sunday morning, ie one week in two, then we'd love to hear from you. The job's not too tricky, full on-the-job training is given and lots of support is available. All you need to begin with is basic computer knowledge.

If you'd like to learn a new skill while at the same time providing an invaluable service to those who are not in a position to attend Mass, contact Mike Morris on 07929 451 566 or email him via web-site@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk

SVP IN LOCKDOWN—PARISH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN UPDATE



Since our last update members and friends have carried on delivering support to some of the so many in great need. Our recent work has included: • Grant given to a family whose mum had died with Covid 19 for the father to purchase high school uniform for the son as they were in desperate need. • £200 given for electrical appliances for a new refugee. • Money given for gas, electricity (£30). • Food bought for a family (£35). • Family referred to the Food Bank. • Emergency food parcels from St John's presbytery. • We have continued to receive good quality furniture into our storerooms and been able to fulfil urgent needs to both New Neighbours Together and the people of our parish. • Grateful thanks for transporting goods inward and outward goes once again to 'Ken'. • Grateful thanks also to Emmaus who are allowing to use of some of their space. • Week by week we have collated and paid in the cash donations from St John's to Blessed Trinity's Just Giving site for the Food Bank. • Donations of good quality clothing, groceries and other useful items have been received.

What we do is done in your name, and through your caring support. What we are able to do is sustained through prayer, your continuing spiritual support for us is begged. Last and far from least, we welcome to our new SVP Auxiliary member Danny. Thank you for joining us.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



KSC QUIZ

The weekly Quiz is back at a different time and day from before! It starts on Thursday 3rd September at 8.30pm PROMPT. Keep your brain alert and join the fun!



GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH — CAFOD GROUP UPDATE

Once again thank you for donations of £65 received for Cafod's work this past week. The need of so many of our sisters and brothers continues as Cafod works desperately to support so many at this difficult time. You would be amazed at the breadth of their work and you should be proud of your part in it.

We are preparing for a very special **Harvest Fast Day on 9th October**. There are lots of support materials plus a series of Zoom events to help people prepare to make it a high-impact event. Please go to <https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Harvest-Fast-Day>. Have a look! Get involved!



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 £3.891 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. We will pass these on to the Foodbank via the Blessed Trinity website (above)—£35 was sent this week. *God bless you all.*



Thanks to everyone who helps with this vital work

QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE



This is the recognition of outstanding Voluntary Service—equivalent to an MBE. Do you know of a worthy organisation that deserves to be rewarded? If so, please put them forward. The deadline for this year is **25th September**. The parish's own Catholic Handicapped Children's Fellowship won the award a few years ago, showing that it's accessible to things we're doing around here! And it was fun and enjoyable for all concerned.

Further information is available from one of our parishioners at terry.hephrun@btopenworld.com. Just drop Terry a line for advice and help, to see if you want to continue. (But soon!).

TESTING FOR COVID 19—FREE—STILL AVAILABLE —PLEASE HAVE ONE!!

You will see that the problem is not going away and we have extra restrictions coming in. To control it the authorities need to know how widespread it is. This testing programme will help this, and so all of us. 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. No injection—they just take a swab. Waiting times vary but queues look small at the moment.



DAVID ROSS'S GREAT NORTH RUN SOLO CHALLENGE"

David sends his sincere thanks for the support he received through your sponsorship. He asks you prayers for those he met on his runs who are affected by mental ill-health, yet who offered him spiritual and practical uplift, and the inspiration to keep going.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE CORONA VIRUS

Because of the Covid lockdown the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on Sunday and on a Holy day of Obligation **remains lifted** until further notice.

Other Daily Streamed Masses

There are live streams of daily Mass from Walsingham; www.walsingham.org.uk and from The Good Shepherd parish in Colne; www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk.

Offertory Collection and Donations

You will see, on page 2, that people attending Mass are invited to resume their donations by using their envelopes. However, if you are unable to attend Mass please keep your envelopes until you are able to, and then make your donations as usual. Alternatively, you can make your donations online through the parish website. On the right of the Home page 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. 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 your-

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