

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
9TH JANUARY 2022 **YEAR C**



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Today we mark the feast of the Baptism of The Lord and we hear of one the key moments in the life of Jesus. Up to that moment he had lived a comparatively quiet life as the son of Joseph and Mary in Nazareth.

'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more



powerful than I am, he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Obviously he worked out he was and what he had to do with his life. He had heard what John was doing with his preaching and preparing people to repent of their sins and to baptise them in the Jordan. So he took his place in the queue and waited for John to baptise him and from this moment the direction of his life would change. His public life would begin.

As he emerged from the waters, wondrous signs were witnessed by those present at

the river that day. We hear the voice of the Father: "You My Son, the Beloved: my favour rests on you". This would have been very affirming for Jesus for who he was and what he is called to. It would also be amazing for the

onlookers. We are also told the Spirit like a dove descended upon Jesus. We are told he was led by the Spirit after his baptism to go into the wilderness to fast and pray in preparation for his ministry of preaching, teaching and healing.

As we recall today the day of our own baptism let us let us ask ourselves whether we are still being true to the direction in life in which we were pointed on the day of our baptism.

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES WEEK 10TH JANUARY 2022

Please note the reduced programme for Masses in this coming week.

Monday

Weekday

9.30 St John's

Tuesday

Weekday

10.00am Funeral Mass at Christ the King for Thomas Ralph Taylor RIP

Wednesday

St Aelred of Rivaulx

10.00am Funeral Mass at St John's for Tina Heffernan RIP

Thursday

St Hilary of Poitiers

9.30am Christ the King

Friday

Weekday

9.30 St John's

Saturday

Weekday

9.30am Christ the King

Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's

6.30pm Christ the King

Sunday Baptism of the Lord

9.15am and 5.00pm Christ the King

9.30am** and 11.00am St John's

**9:30am Mass will be live-streamed



There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each of the weekday Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Robert Massey, Brian Bennett, Jean Wilkinson, Patrick Terence O'Brien, Thomas Ralph Taylor, Tina Heffernan, Stephen Gleeson, Sr Norbert, Pat Baker.

Christmas memoriam: Norah Lister, Walter Lister,

Birthday Memoriam: Michael Reynolds, Monica Atherton, Joseph Moore.

Anniversaries: David Hartley, (1st Anniv) Joe Lord, Walter Shaw, Peggy Guilfoyle, Margaret Mary Williamson, Jacqueline Mary Williamson Clee, Vera Fitzpatrick, Leanna Oliver, Mick Pickles, Lois Lamle. Joseph Moore,

Other intentions: Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish,

in Memoriam: Winnie Newham, Winifred Edmondson, David Shapcott, Peter Frayne,



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND EXPOSITION

There will be the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 15th Jan as follows: 10.30—11.30am at Christ the King 5.15—5.55pm at St John's

There is also Exposition starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

CHURCH STEWARDS: Huge thanks to our stewards who make attendance at church during the pandemic. Please call Fr David if you would like to join this invaluable team.



WELCOME TO OUR SEMINARIAN

welcome!

Carmine Rea, the seminarian arrived to start his placement with us on 3rd January and is settling in really well. We know you will make him very welcome.



Stay with us Lord on our journey

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER

Our individual church bank accounts **was closed at the end of November**, Please, could those who contribute to St Mary's, Christ the King and St John's by Standing Order, kindly contact your bank and inform them that the payment should now be made as follows:

Name: The Salford Diocesan Trust :The Good Samaritan Parish.
Sort Code: 205558 Account number: 50404640



Thank you.

The Baptism of the Lord

Father in Heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan proclaimed him your beloved son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:

Grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have



made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

"Because of their baptism, all members of the People of God have become missionary disciples"
Pope Francis

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VANDALISM AT ST MARY'S—WHAT WE MUST DO

Many people will know about the teenage boys who have been creating a nuisance on the St Mary's site. Perhaps most worryingly, they have been scrambling up the scaffolding and onto the church roof, which literally puts their lives at risk. They have thrown stones at people who have asked them to stop, and threatened to do damage to them and their vehicles, and have broken all windows in the Parish Rooms. They also misbehave around the Vincent Farrell Centre which has only recently been renovated after a serious break-in involving a huge amount of damage.

We have had visits from the police this week. They have told us that they had problems with staffing and have only got three calls recorded. Recorded calls is one of the things that helps them decide on which situations they give priority to. They agree that these are very serious incidents, especially the risk to the boys and to our priests and parishioners, and the large number of older people who live in the immediate vicinity at Townfields and in the Convent, as well as their visitors and workers who use the car park.

The first advice from the police is to **not** become directly engaged with the youths.

They have however said the we should telephone them with all incidents. If they involve danger to people, or actual damage to property ***we should ring 999.*** and have it treated as an emergency. If there is unthreatening verbal abuse, the threat of damage to property, ***phone 101.*** ***If in doubt, call 999.*** In all cases you should ask for an incident number, or it will not be formally recorded. It is only by notifying the police about the problem that they will be able to give it priority, and possibly send a response unit. ***So please, make the call if you see or experience anything anti-social.***

Our aim is to protect the children and ourselves. The police share this view and will bring parents, social services, schools, parents and the full team together to try to engage with the boys and try to introduce safer, more responsible behaviour. ***Your call can lead to actually helping these boys, too.***

In addition to the telephone calls, the police strongly recommend getting in touch with 'Stay in the Know'. This adds to the record of the incidents, and is particularly focussed on bringing the Neighbourhood officers—the parish's PCSO's into the activities. To do this you

- send a text message to the PCSO on 07966 887524, or
- email to david.cozens@lancashire.police.uk ('Our' PCSO is David Cozens).

You won't get a personal reply, but you should receive an automatic response.

Please do act! Make the calls! These boys, our priests, our parishioners, our neighbours and everyone working or visiting the care homes are endangered.

You can help prevent it, and bring the necessary care to these children.

Thank you.

AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

When we've left our gift may we, like the Magi, go home by another way—having encountered the holy, may we guard and protect it, trail its light behind us as we go. May we ourselves become the star, leading the way to Emmanuel. Amen



LIVE STREAMING—CAN YOU PLEASE HELP ONCE A FORTNIGHT!



Our live stream is a vital, and sometimes the only connection for many of the people in the parish, who, for whatever reason cannot attend Mass on Sundays. Thanks to our new recruit who has stepped forward, and we need another person to help on the live stream team for an hour or two every alternate Sunday. It's not too hard and it's a new skill, a new insight into how we live-stream services. Full training and lots of support given.

In addition, from time to time we need help with week-day services, (eg funeral Masses, weddings, etc) which is again an invaluable service to many at home and abroad - even if you cannot help on a Sunday, are you sometimes available during the week when you might be needed? You'll be joining a small, friendly team, giving a great service!

If you think you may be interested and would like to know more, please have a chat Mike Morris on 07929 451 566 or email him at website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk.