

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH JULY 2020



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION FOR 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was an "ice-breaker game", I used to play a good few years ago when I was a voluntary youth worker and even as a Youth Chaplain ~ it was called: "The questionnaire". It just consisted of a series of questions about ourselves to be shared in a group. Among the more challenging questions was "what is your most treasured possession?". When I was younger I would have probably answered; "my bike" or "my guitar". I am delighted to say that some of the young people had better answers like "family" or "friends". If I would answer today I would say that "my Catholic faith" is my most treasured possession. I value it more as I have got older but even in the more confusing days of youth it mattered to me even though to be honest, I did not always fully appreciate it.

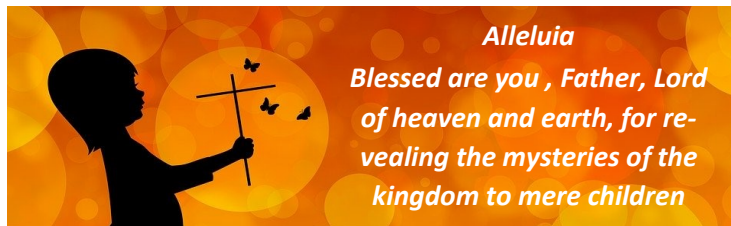
In the first reading today Solomon is asked

by the Lord for the gift he would most like to receive. He chose the gift of wisdom so he could make wise choices and decisions. To even think of asking for such a gift was wisdom itself!

The parables of the treasure and the pearl in today's Gospel have a similar message; The Kingdom of Heaven is worth investing everything we have to acquire it. However we also need the gift of wisdom in order to see this.

Our faith tells us that God loves us so much he has bestowed upon us great dignity as calling us his children. That is the most precious gift he has given us and should be our most treasured possession. Searching for this, should cost us not less than everything.

May the Lord give us the wisdom to seek to build the Kingdom of God by cherishing this great gift of our Catholic faith.



THE GRADUAL OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES TO THE PUBLIC

Fr David continues to work to his practical and successful 'Festina Lente' philosophy and we are gradually adding to the opportunities for parishioners to return to worship in church.

PUBLIC PARISH MASSES IN GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH—ALL THREE CHURCHES!

Six weeks ago, when permitted, we began with St Mary's being open for private prayer each day for three weeks and the last three weeks we have had weekday Mass there. This went very well and we felt we could take the next step to open St John's for weekday prayer for three days of the week just gone and this has also gone well. So we will continue with the same pattern this coming week, and then we hope to increase the numbers of weekday Masses in the following week, by introducing weekday Masses at St John's and at Christ the King: Therefore we propose the following plan for weekday Masses for the parish w/c **Monday 3 August:**

Monday 3 August:	St Mary's 9.30am	Christ the King 7pm
Tues 4 Aug:	St Mary's 9.30am:	St John's 12 Noon
Wed 5 Aug:	St Mary's 9.30am :	St John's 7pm
Thurs 6 Aug:	St Mary's 9.30am and 7pm:	St John's 10.30am
Fri 7 Aug:	St Mary's 9.30am:	
Sat; 8 Aug:	St Mary's 9.30am	



We do not feel quite ready to return to Sunday Mass yet, but hope to have some news about this very soon.

There will be opportunities for private prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation—see page 3 for details

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead:

Neil Dougherty, Brendan O'Dea,
Maureen Broadbent, Tom Crowne,
Fr Arthur Neary, Jim Baxendale,
Margaret Hirst, Winifred Clegg,
Michael Long, Nancy Doran

Anniversaries

Thomas Lyons Sr, Thomas Lyons Junior,
Winifred Tumulty, Mary Laverty,
Frank Evans, Mary Fleming Albert Marshall

In Memoriam

Mary Kennedy,
Fr Heaton,
Fr Occleston,
Thomas Auger

Dominic Kennedy,
Fr Thompson,
Florence Auger,
Mark Buffey Corrigan

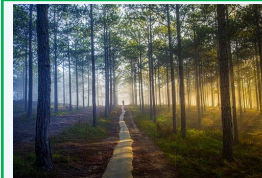


PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2020



Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



Stay with us Lord
on our
journey

ENGLISH MARTYRS' ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH—LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Blessed Robert Nutter, a priest and martyr, on died for his faith on 26th July 1600 at Lancaster. Blessed Richard Featherstone, priest, was martyred at Smithfield on 30th July 1540. Please pray for these brave men who died to preserve our faith for us to enjoy. May they rest in peace.



"Not all of us are called to die a martyr's death, but all of us are called to have the same spirit of self-sacrifice and love to the very end as these martyrs had".

Richard Wurmbbrand. Christian Writer.

CARITAS SALFORD



A sum of £10,000 to the Diocese is available until the end of September from which one-off payments of up to a maximum of £400 per family can be made to provide immediate relief to families or individuals in exceptional need or crisis. For further details please see the parish website or go to <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/gubay-fund/>.

CAFOD

CAFOD are working hard to keep in touch with their supporters with the following items.

BE SURE TO BADGER BORIS

We are living through the biggest public health crisis in a century. Right across the UK, coronavirus is having a devastating impact on all of our daily lives, and many people have lost precious loved ones. But in many developing countries where poverty is widespread and healthcare systems are much more fragile, the effects are likely to be disastrous. Out of love for our sisters and brothers overseas, sign CAFOD's petition asking the Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people are the priority in the UK's international efforts as well as at home:

<https://e-activist.com/page/59334/petition/1>



CAFOD STORIES



Geoff O'Donoghue Director of Operations shares stories of some of the people who have been helped by CAFOD on <https://youtu.be/HDgI25yoFIs>.

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 27th July: Weekday
Tues 28th July Weekday
Wed 29th July: St Martha



Thurs 30th July: St Peter Chrysologus
Fri 31st July: St Ignatius of Loyola
Sat 1st August: St Alphonsus Liguori
Sun 2nd August: 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

CLERGY CHANGES—BREAKING NEWS—FR BENNETH

Fr Benneth CM will be leaving us on Friday 7th August to take up a new appointment as Assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Farnworth, near Bolton. We have been very blessed by his ministry during his short stay with us, much of which was during the lockdown. We thank him for his work amongst us and wish him well as he takes up his new appointment.

THANKS TO FR KEVIN TIERNEY

Fr Kevin takes up his new appointment on Friday 31st July as Assistant Priest at St Peter's, Middleton.



I would just like to personally say thanks to Fr Kevin on behalf of us all, for what he has brought to Burnley over the last nine years or more. Among many things we give thanks for his great ideas that he generously shares: we are grateful for his loving care of the sick and dying: He has also taken great care and diligence over the preparation and celebration of many beautiful funerals during his time with us; We also give thanks for his gift of preaching and sharing his vast knowledge especially of art and history. I would personally like to thank him for his friendship over the last two years and wish him good health, happiness and joy in his new appointment in Middleton.

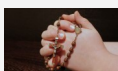
In normal circumstances I would have invited people to contribute towards a gift from the parish, but that is not practical to do in the present circumstances. Therefore on your behalf, at the livestreaming Mass on Sunday I will "virtually" present Fr Kevin with a card and a cheque from the parish that will be a help to him as he goes forward. You are of course at liberty to send an individual card and gift to him but I trust you feel I have acted as you would wish.

Fr David

The people of the parish re-echo Fr David's thanks and good wishes—Thank you Fr Kevin



OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

 We are delighted to announce that St John's church will be open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next week from 10.30am to 11.30am **Tues, Wed and Thursday**. Stewards will be present to greet you and guide you.

EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION AT ST MARY'S

St Mary's church will be open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 31st July from 10.30am to 11.30am. During this time the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Please be guided and directed by the stewards.



SUCH A SUPER WEBSITE—GO THERE! ENJOY!



Our Parish website has gone from strength to strength! Its content is excellent, and has grown to meet the demands of our current lockdown isolation, thanks to the tireless work of our small, dedicated team. Enormous thanks to them.

Why not look at it and call someone who doesn't have the internet. Keep them in the loop!

<http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

FOODBANK—KEEP IT UP!

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! School will close this week, but the site will still work—but school donations may drop so extra help will be welcome.

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)—£20 was sent this week.



DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER - ANOTHER CHANGE!

Royal Mail has restarted its delivery service on Saturdays so our deadline your items and Mass offerings is back once more. It is now to **Thursday mid-day**. Please send any items you would like to include to itemsforfrank@gmail.com for the Newsletter. If you would like it to also go onto the Parish Website please also send it to website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk Thank you

Many people are still self- isolating so make a call!

Keep in touch! Keep others in touch through you! Call them and have a chat.

There is new material on the website every single day—to lift you spiritually, to bring news, to stay together.

The longer this goes on, the more these friendly calls are needed. Friendship and enjoyment!

LOOK AT THE PARISH WEBSITE. IT HAS NEW, INTERESTING STUFF EVERY DAY

PASS THE NEWS TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ON THE INTERNET

<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. The public are not allowed to attend this Mass.

Daily Private Masses in the Parish

Fr Emmanuel and Fr Benneth will continue to celebrate Mass daily **in private** at 9.00am. This will enable you, the people of God, to join in "spiritual Communion" with the priests and each 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

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 safe. This will help protect yourself and the vulnerable in the community.

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