


PARISH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN: SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Feast Days	MASSES and SERVICES		
		Christ the King	St Mary of the Assumption	St John the Baptist
Entries in red signify a change from the norm. Where appropriate these are detailed in the 'Changes/New' panel below.				
MON 2ND DEC	Advent Weekday	9.15am	12.30pm	9.00am
TUES 3RD DEC	St Francis Xavier	9.15am	9.00am	12noon Funeral Mass
WED 4TH DEC	St John Damascene	9.15am	12.30pm	6.30pm Evening Prayer 7.00pm Mass
THUR 5TH DEC	Advent Weekday	9.15am	9.15am	9.00am
FRI 6TH DEC	St Nicholas	9.15am	12.30pm Mass	9.00am
SAT 7TH DEC	St Ambrose	9.15am	12.00 Noon	10.30am
	VIGIL MASS	–	6.30pm	6.00pm
SUN 8TH DEC	Second Sunday Advent	9.15am 5.00pm	10.00am	10.45am

CHANGES / NEW
St John's
Tuesday 3rd December at 12.00 noon: Funeral Mass for Ronald Whittaker RIP
Wednesday 4th Dec 6.30pm: Evening Prayer of the Church
Sunday 8th December 10.45am
 The Mass will include a presentation to Terry Quinn.

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace Numbers 6 24-26

OTHER SERVICES		
	EXPOSITION	
Wed 8.45am	Mon Wed Fri 12.00 to 12.30	Sat after Morning Mass
	RECONCILIATION	
Sat after 9.15 Mass	Mon Wed Fri 12.00 to 12.30 Sat 10.30 to 11.30	After Wed Mass. Sat 11 –11.30am 5.30 to 6pm
	ROSARY	
M T T F S 30 mins before morning Mass	Tues Thurs Sat 20 minutes before weekday Mass	Wed. 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Clergy Team
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The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King St Mary of the Assumption St John the Baptist

NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

1ST DECEMBER 2019



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE WORD THIS WEEK

Advent literally means coming. It is a time for preparation for Christmas, but here can be a danger that we allow Christmas to smother our experience of the season of Advent. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation: when society is telling us to get busy, the Church tells us instead to slow down. Its also a time to think and reflect upon the enormity of what we are celebrating at the Feast of the Incarnation: the coming of God among us. Its also a sobering time for us to reflect on the anticipated second coming of Christ at the end of time, and thus to get our lives on track.

Our companion for the first Sunday of Advent is the prophet Isaiah. He foresees the Incarnation of the Lord God who chooses to come and stay with his people. His ways will lead to peace. As part of his vision, Isaiah sees that all weapons will be reshaped to be used in farming to bring life and nourishment instead of death and destruction.



Our central focal point in church during Advent is the Advent Wreath with the progressive lighting of the 5 candles to mark the stages we reach as we approach Christmas. Jesus is the meaning of Christmas and he is the meaning of human existence. The baby born in the stable, in poverty and helplessness as God made man, is our light and our hope. During Advent we lift up our hearts as we journey in praise and thanksgiving towards Jesus who is the Light of the World, the light which darkness could not extinguish or overcome. (Fr David)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's the start of our Church Year, with Advent being our time of prayer as we anticipate the birth of Our Lord. Fr David asks us to 'lift up our hearts as we journey'.....'. Inside the Newsletter (p3) there are many opportunities to do just that. Please look at them, and make the new year's resolution to take part. Escaping the 'Christmas Mayhem' will be an added bonus!!

PARISH PRAYER COMPETITION

Many thanks to all those who took part in this competition. All the prayers were excellent and each week we are publishing one in the Newsletter over the coming months. Here's this week's:

Lord, you are the Good Samaritan, as a parish help us to grow as a community. Let the three become one, united in the endeavour to show love and support for all people. Let us be a people, who turn away from prejudice and fully embrace your love. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead. Ronald Whittaker, James Melia, Billy Kelly, Joan Townley, Cathleen Foster, Thomas Grimes, Winnie Igoe, Joan Hindle, Margaret McGroarty, Doreen Quine, Bernard Roach, Samantha Rawstron.

Anniversaries: Barbara Stansfield, Winifred Taylor, Stephen Cookson, Shaun Gaughan, Kathleen Kinsella, Winnie Newham, Elsie Pegg, Walter Hollingworth, Henry Roach, Liz McDonald, Florence Evans, Len Evans.

Birthday Anniversaries: Irene Moore, Elizabeth Ann Tipping, Kathleen Harker, Anthony Moore, Edith Walton, Frances Callaghan



In Memoriam: Winifred Edmondson, Kathleen Wigglesworth, Harold Doidge John Gardiner Trevor Gardiner.

Other Intentions: In honour of St Agatha, Job for son, Special intention, improved sight and strength., Mulrooney family, Recovery of baby Louie in hospital.

APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS

A group of parishioners at St Mary's has become engaged with a group of 'displaced' single mums who need help at Christmas. They are looking for *new* toys and *new* clothes or cash donations. Ideal gifts are items for children up to 10 years of age. They do not need to be wrapped up as this will be done by Santa's Elves. Please do not include: jigsaws, books, toy guns or knives. Please bring them to the back of St Mary's church after Sunday Mass on either the w/e of 7th /8th December or 14th /15th December. Thank you.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - DECEMBER 2019

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



THE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

For children in school year 3 and above will start in January with information meetings for parents only are arranged as below—(all dates January):
St John's (parish hall) Thursday 14th at 7pm
Christ the King (school hall) Thurs 16th at 6pm
St Mary's (School hall) Thursday 23rd at 7pm
 At these meetings application forms will be issues and individual family appointments with Fr David will be arranged.

HEALING MASS

The next Healing Mass at St Mary's is on Saturday 21st December at 12 Noon. This will be followed by lunch in the parish rooms.

FINANCE

Offertory collections : St Mary's: £863.78; St John's: £675.00; Christ the King: £558.80.

THE MASK BALL will take place in the Vincent Farrell Centre Saturday 25th January 2020. Details to follow.



CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Have you had enough of silly socks and smellies? Need an extra-special gift for someone? Good news! THIS weekend, 30th Nov—1st Dec CAFOD will be making available the World Gifts catalogue. Now for £4 upwards you can give a gift that helps others to live simply and sustainably with creation. It means that we are showing our solidarity with the poor of our world. (They'll love that *'pig that provides!!'*).

ST MARY'S SCHOOL RAFFLE

The prizes are: a signed Claret's shirt; and two adult tickets for BFC vs Leicester in January. Tickets are £5 and are available from the school office. It will be drawn at the school production.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP

We will meet for a time of joyful Prayer & Praise on Thursday, 5th Dec. at 7 pm, at 39, Brennand St. Everyone welcome! Call Anthony Boland, 07758265374 for more information.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS

A date for your diary: the Thanksgiving Mass for all volunteers from across the parish will take place at 12 noon at St Mary's church on Saturday 18th January followed by lunch in the Vincent Farrell Centre. Full details to follow.

AFTERNOON TEA AT ST MARY'S

Don't forget: This Wednesday 4th December at 1.00 to 4.00 in the Parish Rooms.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER KSC CONCERT

A great evening raising money for the KSC charities with Matt Dalton—superb vocalist. On December 6th in the club from 8.00pm. Tickets £5 incl light supper from Bernard 07800 867 554 or Pat 459483.

ADVENT EVENTS—PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

The Christmas Rush is upon us, so let's make sure we take time out to think of the coming of Our Lord into the world for our salvation.

ADVENT TUNING IN GROUPS—GROWING IN COMMUNITY AS A PARISH

We'll start with the Parish's own initiative. The group hosts have been agreed and the dates set. They will meet to discuss, informally and (hopefully) enjoyably, how we live and enjoy our faith in Advent. **All of the groups will welcome anyone who wishes to come and join them.** Just call one of the following people. The groups will be starting this week; times and dates:

Monday 2 00pm
2nd 9th 16th Dec
Host – Anne Marie Coppock
tel 01282 721701

Tuesday 10 00am
3rd 10th 17th Dec
Host - Peter Dunleavy
tel 07437 469417

Tuesday 7 30pm
3rd 10th 17th Dec
Host – Ruth Berry
tel 0779 527 5280

Wednesday 2 00pm 4th 11th 18th Dec
Host – Mike Morris tel 07929 451 566

Thursday 7 30pm 5th 12th 19th Dec
Host – Maureen Smith tel 01282 433706

CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER IN BURNLEY "Blessing of the Crib"

In the town centre on Saturday 7th December at 12 midday. Exact location yet to be confirmed. Quite appropriate really!

" Turf Moor Carols "

Shares the Christmas story through Carols and Readings with people from across our town - it's Thursday December 12th: 6.30pm to 7.30pm and is hosted by Burnley FC in the Community.

BLESSED TRINITY ADVENT LITURGY / CAROLS

The College will lead a service including carols in St Mary's church on Thursday 19th December from 7.00pm until 8.00pm. Join with our young people as they prepare for the Christmas. Everybody welcome.

THE EUCHARIST – FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Wednesday 4th December 2019 7:30pm at St Gabriel's RC High School, Bridge Road, Bury, BL9 0TZ. The lecture, by Mariana Miller, will focus on The Eucharist. Please Register On – line on the Diocese of Salford

BLESSED TRINITY SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY

The catering students of the College invite our older parishioners to enjoy the products of their work with a light lunch, along with seasonal entertainment from other students, on Tuesday 10th December from 1200 until 2.00pm. If you wish to accept, please put your name on the list at the back of church, and take a ticket*. If you have special dietary needs you must add that to the list. *At St John's tickets available from David H after Sunday Masses or contact on 07434 763822.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE ST JOHN'S, Parish Hall TODAY!!

The Fayre will be today—Sunday 1st December. 9.45am to 12.30pm. Fantastic stalls, Gift Tombola, Glass Tombola (including bottles) Special Stall of "Blessed Trinity made Nativity Stables!" We're told ... best bacon butties so go and have lunch!! FREE admission.

CHRIST THE KING CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair is on Sunday 8th December. We are collecting items from fancy goods, books, bottles, bric-a-brac, to tombola and the raffle prizes. Thanks for your response to last week's request for goodies but as the date approaches please, keep on with your support with your legendary caring. We will leave boxes at the back of church for your gifts, or, for help call Gabrielle on 01282 411059.

Thank you for your help.

Stay with us Lord on our journey

NIGHT FEVER -HOPE IN THE FUTURE DEANERY EVENT

This event which comprises Exposition, Reconciliation and outreach to the wider community will take place at St James the Less church in Rawtenstall this Friday 6th December from 6pm to 9pm. Light refreshments will be served for the duration in the parish hall. Please come and join in this novel approach to outreach.



ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you want an item included please either, or email to: itemsforfrank@gmail.com or drop it into your presbytery letterbox by Thursday evening. Happy to distribute posters too. Thanks