

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH AUGUST 2020



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION FOR 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We can't see God of course but we can see Him with eyes of faith. It is only in Heaven that we believe that we can see God as he really is. Our faith asks us to trust and to believe that God is present in everything. This is of course not easy for us who live in a world that requires answers to everything. Like myself however I am sure you get experiences that happen every now that are just personal reminders that God is very much around in your life.

In today's first reading, Elijah the prophet is on the run, being hunted down by the Queen and has had serious doubts about his faith. God reveals himself to Elijah in the simplicity of the sound of a gentle breeze. Elijah does not however see God as he covers his face but he totally believes that God is near. Thanks to this encounter Elijah is spiritually uplifted and renewed in his mission and his purpose.

In today's Gospel, the disciples are in the boat and are frightened when they are caught in the high winds and rough sea. Jesus comes to his disciples by walking across the water of the angry sea and his presence calms their fears and brings them peace. In these uncertain times of the Covid virus, may we continue to trust in the reassuring and confident presence of Christ who we know is with us always and especially in times of trial. We pray that he may bring us peace and remind us of his unconditional love for us.

TRUST HIM

Trust Him when dark doubts assail thee
Trust Him when thy strength is small
Trust Him when to simply trust
Seems the hardest thing of all

Trust Him, He is ever faithful
Trust Him for His will is best
Trust Him for the heart of Jesus
Is the only place of rest

Trust him then, through cloud and sunshine
All thy cares, upon him cast
Till the storm of life is over
And the trusting days are gone.

THE GRADUAL OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES TO THE PUBLIC

Fr David continues to work to his practical and successful 'Festina Lente' philosophy and we have gradually added to the opportunities for parishioners to return to worship in church. Each step has been successful including last week's introduction of Mass at all three churches. Therefore we propose the following plan for weekday Masses for the parish during the coming week.

Monday 10th August: St Mary's 9.30am Christ the King 7pm

Tues 11th Aug: St Mary's 9.30am: St John's 12 Noon

Wed 12th Aug: St Mary's 9.30am : St John's 7pm

Thurs 13th Aug: St Mary's 9.30am and 7pm: St John's 10.30am

Fri 14th Aug: St Mary's 9.30am:

Sat 15th Aug: St Mary's 9.30am

We had hoped to be preparing for a limited number of Sunday Masses, but in the light of the return to partial lockdown these plans are on hold. There will continue to be opportunities for private prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation—see page 2 for details.

MASS INTENTIONS

Keith Francis Shackleton

Lately Dead:

Fr Peter Sheahan Ramon Holt Trevor Roberts

Anniversaries

Elizabeth Smith

Peter Fletcher

In Memoriam

Gerard and Laura Bradley,
Joseph and Laura Midgley,
Patricia Heaton

Birthday Memories



MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE PARISH

STREAMING SUNDAY MASS ... CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

The streamed Mass is a cornerstone of the excellent communication that Fr David and the team has led throughout the lockdown. Due to the impact of new work commitments, one of our volunteers is no longer able to help with the live streaming of Mass on a Sunday morning so we now have a vacancy. Our heartfelt thanks to her for all her input.

The role involves a commitment of about two hours every third Sunday morning, so it's not too onerous! It doesn't take long to learn the ropes and full training is given, together with an illustrated step-by-step guide and ongoing support throughout.

If you'd like to know more please contact Mike Morris on 07929 451 566 or via website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk

Streamed Sunday Mass: Please note that Fr David will celebrate the 9.30am Mass on Sundays (in private) 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.

Private Prayer at St John's: Because we are introducing Masses the private prayer sessions will no longer be held.



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 15th August** 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 of day from 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!

Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing



the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children Alleluia!

CAFOD PLEAS FOR SUPPORT

CAFOD has joined with the **UK Disasters Emergencies Committee** to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. CAFOD was able to respond as first cases hit Northern Syria. You can donate directly to CAFOD at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family.



Not the Great North Run: David Ross, a parishioner is plodding on through this challenge, and assuring all generous sponsors that their donations to Mind are not wasted, as he has just reached 16 of the required 40 runs, and 60 of the 100 miles. He updates his JustGiving page each Sunday with a brief progress report, visible at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/David-Ross41>

Plenty of running days left before the end date, 13th September, the date when the real event was due to happen.

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon Aug 10th: St Lawrence

Tues Aug 11th: St Clare

Wed Aug 12th : St Jane Frances Chantel

Thurs Aug 13th: St Hyppolytus

Fri Aug 14th: St Maximillian Kolbe

Sat Aug 15th: Weekday

Sun Aug 16th: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FR MICHAEL RYAN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Next Sunday 16th August will mark the 10th anniversary of the death of Fr Michael Ryan, a priest of the diocese of Salford and a very close friend of Fr David. Fr Michael served the diocese for 19 years and died at the age of 47. We did have plans to mark this significant occasion in a bigger way but because of the continuing Covid restrictions the best we can do is to offer the live-streamed Mass on Sunday 16th August for Fr Michael and his late parents Jack and Fleur. Fr Michael was very fond of a cup of tea so in addition to the Mass perhaps we could unite with Fr Michael's friends and his brother Simon and family and have a cup of tea in his memory at some point on Sunday.

At the Mass Fr David will be using Fr Michael's personal ordination chalice with which he is entrusted. Fr Michael was a very wise man and had a really mischievous sense of humour. With both of these qualities and many others he kept Fr David on the right path and so he is much missed. It seems appropriate we should be celebrating Mass on his 10th Anniversary in St Mary's church on the feast of the Assumption. Thank you for your understanding and support with this occasion.



Stay with us
Lord on our
journey



BLESSED THOMAS WHITTAKER

A Burnley priest, Bl Thomas was executed at Lancaster on the August 1646. *Blessed Thomas, known for your continual prayer, pray for us.*



DIARIES 2021

The Piety Stall at Christ the King is taking orders for next year's Catholic Diaries. If you would like to buy one if they please email pietyctk@yahoo.co.uk with your name, saying how many you wish to buy. They are usually about £2. We pray you will have more to put into it than this isolating year!

"The greatest miracle accomplished by Jesus for Simon and the other disappointed and tired fishermen, is not so much the nets filled with fish, but to have helped them to not fall victim to disappointment and discouragement in the face of setbacks. He opened the way for them to become heralds and witnesses of His word and of the Kingdom of God".

Pope Francis Feb 2019



PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2020

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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 £3.516 so far! School is closed this week, but the site will still work. This week these donations have stayed the same, so *if you can*, perhaps you will make an extra gift to this very necessary and worthy cause.

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)—£75 was sent this week.



DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER - CONFIRMING THE 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.

Daily Private Masses in the Parish

Fr Emmanuel or Fr Benneth will continue to celebrate Mass **in private** at 9.00am on Monday, Friday, and Saturday. 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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