

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley




NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
2ND JANUARY 2022 **YEAR C**



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

The Word was
made flesh,
he lived
among us,
and we saw his
glory.....



The Word
was the
true light
that
enlightens
all men

John does not start his Gospel right at the beginning of the life of Jesus, but goes right back to the beginning of time. John reveals the true identity of Jesus by reflecting on him as the Eternal Word of God. So, he begins his Gospel by saying: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God". He very clearly states that Jesus is God. Then he goes on to say that in Jesus coming into the world as man: the Word was made Flesh.

Today's readings should remind us just how profoundly beautiful the feast of Christmas is. Through the mystery of the

Incarnation all human life is given a dignity which should transform totally our way of thinking about ourselves and other people.

So when we look upon the crib scene we should look with fresh eyes upon the wondrous mystery of which is so simply yet powerfully expressed by what we see. God came into our world as one of us ~ as vulnerable as a child. This was all done in order to redeem us of our selfishness and sin which dwells within our hearts.

We are encouraged to have a heart as Christ had, to see that everyone matters to God. We are to allow God's presence in us to radiate the same light of love of Jesus by putting the needy and powerless first. In order to do this we need to find the courage to believe in what God has done and continues to do for us through his Son.

Christmas Message from Fr David and Fr Damien

Fr Damien and Fr David wish to thank you for your kindness and generosity at Christmas and throughout the year.

May all our parishioners and your loved ones have a blessed holy and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

WELCOME TO OUR SEMINARIAN



We have been asked to host Carmine Rea, a Salford Seminarian at Oscott College in Birmingham for a three week placement in the parish. All being well, Carmine will arrive on 3rd January and stay at the presbytery at St Mary's. We know you will make him very welcome.



Stay with
us Lord
on our
journey

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Walter McCabe, Ken Beckett, Kathleen Atkinson, Vincent Snape, Michael Curran, Kathleen O'Dowd, Stephen Gleeson, Jimmy Robson, Fr Walter Brazil, Brian Bennett, Jean Wilkinson, Patrick Terence O'Brien, Ralph Taylor.

Anniversaries: Chris Ternent, Mary Toman, Michael Toman, Mary Alice Pickles,

Other intentions: Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, Winifred Auger, Donor's ints, Willie Joe Harrison, The Ashworth Family, For successful medical treatment.

Christmas Memories: Ian Stewart, The McNamara family, The Smith family.



PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES WEEK COMMENCING 3RD JANUARY 2022

We return to our pre-Christmas programme of Masses and services. With there being only two priests now to serve the parish, there may be unavoidable which we will try to post on the website.

Monday 3rd Jan *Holy Name of Jesus*

9.30 St John's 7.00pm Christ the King

Tuesday 4th Jan *Christmas Weekday*

9.30am Christ the King 12.00 noon St John's

Wednesday 5th Jan *Christmas Weekday*

9.30am Christ the King

Vigil Mass for the Epiphany: 7.00pm St John's

Thursday 6th Jan *The Epiphany, Holy Day of Obligation*

9.30am Christ the King 12.00 noon St John's 7.00pm Christ the King

Friday 7th Jan *St Raymond of Penyafort*

9.30 Christ the King 11.00am Funeral Mass for Stephen Gleeson RIP St John's

Saturday 8th Jan *Christmas Weekday*

9.30am Christ the King

Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's 6.30pm Christ the King

Sunday 9th Jan *Baptism of the Lord*

9.15am and 5.00pm Christ the King

9.30am** and 11.00am St John's

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



There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 mins before each Mon to Fri Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 8th Jan:

10.30—11.30pm (**with Exposition**) at Christ the King: 5.15—5.55pm at St John's

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.



A Christmas Blessing

May the blessing of joy abide within you;

May the blessing of peace rest upon you



May the blessing of love flow through you

May the blessing of the Lord be yours at

Christmas and in the New Year