

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR B
27TH DECEMBER 2020



Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*Unto us a
child is
born ...*



*O Come let
us adore
him*

Thank You

Fr David and the clergy team offer their heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for your cards, gifts and good wishes for Christmas. We wish you a very happy and healthy New Year.

FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



We all know how vital family life is and for many of us, it is our first experience of Church and our first "school". Like many people my own family have given me an experience of what love is and what God is through the love I received from my parents and the sacrifices over many years that they made for me and my brothers. Through my experience of family life, I also learnt in an affirming yet occasionally challenging environment, what my strengths and weaknesses are, as well as who I really am.

In today's Gospel, Mary and Joseph go to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Jesus to the Lord according to what the Jewish Law required of them. Simeon and Anna being filled with the Spirit were dedicated to God and spent much of their time praying at the Temple. When the Holy Family arrived at the Temple, the Spirit allowed these two subjects to recognise Jesus as the Son of God.

On this Feast of the Holy Family we think about how God entered human history as a vulnerable baby, born into poverty but destined to save the world. We think of Mary, conceived without sin to become the Mother of God ~ we marvel at her faith and confidence in God's word. In this year of St Joseph we also focus on this gentle and humble Son of David who put his faith and hope in God to guide him through the circumstances of the Incarnation. In this Octave of Christmas, may the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless your own family and all the people in our parish.

*..... but in our own
time, the last days, he
has spoken to us through
his Son.
Alleluia!*

THANK YOU AND BLESSINGS AT CHRISTMAS

To Fr David, Fr Damien, Fr Emmanuel and Fr Clement: as a parish we wish you a peaceful and holy Christmas you and all your families and friends. God bless your work in the year gone by, and in the years to come and grateful thanks from the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Fred Thompson, Sheila Morrisroe, John McNicholls (Wales)

Anniversaries: Lois Lamle, Ronnie Whittaker, Clifford Scott, Doris Hephrun, Margaret Williamson (1st Ann), Margaret Atherton, Walter Shaw,, Doreen Brinblecombe James Cunliffe, John Coppock.

Other Intentions: For a safe delivery, Scoble and Minihan families, Good health for Hayley and Leroy, David Hartley, Joe Lord, Norah and Water Lister, Fr David Featherstone, A sick relative, Special int, David Hartley, Kind parish supporters of Cafod, Philomena Lavin,

Birthday memories: Margaret Scoble, Eileen Cunliffe, Fred Thompson

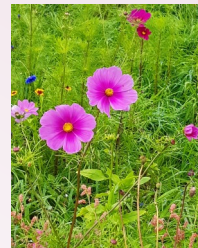
In Memoriam: The Fletcher family, Connie Howarth, Alice Lister, Tom Edmondson, John Entwistle, Peter Quigley,

Christmas Intentions: Henry Burke and the Burke family, The Melvin family, Timothy O'Sullivan, Catherine O'Sullivan,

Keith Robinson, Dougie Clegg, Fr Anthony Kay, Rose and Walter Shaw, Frazer Parker, Niven Thomas, Terry Long, Michael Long, Kelly and Phelan families, Samuel, Matthew, Des and Samuel Irvine, Kathleen, James, Esther and John Worden, Francis Carter, Catherine Carter, Margaret Williams, Winifred Masure, Elaine Green, Jimmy Carter, Peter Macken, Macken family Albert Fell, Irene Fell, Fell family, Alf Duffield, Duffield family, Wilkinson family, Anne Lavin,

Towneley Chapel Lamps

Teresa and Francis Carter,	James Carter,	
Ian and Sarah McBride,	Nicola and Olivia Riley,	
Joan Towneley,	Josie Harrison	Joseph Balshaw
	Andrew Harrison	



Stay with us
Lord on our
Journey

PROGRAMME OF MASSES DURING THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

To keep everyone safe we need to limit numbers of people at Mass during the Christmas Octave. SO it is necessary to book in advance if you wish to attend Mass until Saturday 2nd January.

Our seminarian, Mark McGeehan is managing the bookings. To reserve a place please email: mjmchall@aol.com. if you need to book by phone please only ring Mark between the hours of 12 Noon and 6pm. on 07980 038627. Include your name, telephone number and say which Mass you wish to attend, please.

St Stephen's Day Sat 26th Dec

9.30am: St Mary's

Holy Family ~ Sunday 27th Dec

9.30am Mass St Mary's (*Live streamed*) 10.45am St John's
5pm Christ the King

Holy Innocents ~ Mon 28th Dec

9.30am St Mary's
7pm Christ the King

St Thomas Beckett ~ Tues 29th Dec

9.30am St Mary's 12 Noon St John's

Octave of Christmas ~ Wed 30th Dec

9.30am St Mary's 7pm St John's

St Sylvester Thurs 31st Dec

New Year's Eve

9.30am St Mary's 10.30am St Johns

Mary Mother of God ~ New Year's Day ~ Friday 1st Jan

10am St Mary's 11am St John's
12 Noon Mass Christ the King

Other Masses and Services

Sat 2nd Jan Ss Basil and Gregory **St Mary's:** 9.30am Mass 10.30am to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation

Sun 3rd Jan 2nd Sunday of Christmas 9.30am Mass St Mary's (*Live streamed*) 10.45am St John's
5pm Christ the King

THANKSGIVING MASSES AFTER CHRISTMAS—BOOK NOW!

Like the last two years we plan to hold a Thanksgiving Mass for all those who have a role or ministry in one of our three churches. Because of the continuing restrictions due to the Pandemic we plan to hold two Masses this year instead of one and unfortunately we will not be able to offer the usual hospitality afterwards. The Masses will both be held at St Mary's church. The first will be on Thursday 7th January at 7pm and the second one will be at 12 Noon on Saturday 9th January. Both Masses will be concelebrated by the parish clergy and will follow the same format as the last two years. To help with coordinating the Masses, if you have a role or ministry in the parish and would like to attend, please contact Fr Damien preferably by email; da-

