

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

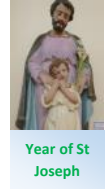
St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B
21ST MARCH 2021



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2021



In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of his imminent Passion in beautiful language: "unless a grain of wheat shall fall to the ground and die it remains just as a grain but if it dies it yields a rich harvest". This speaks dramatically of the Cross which lies ahead, but beyond that the Resurrection, which will lead to salvation for all humankind. He is aware of what lies ahead and knows he must embrace the Father's will, not his own. It is human to perhaps want to avoid pain and suffering but it is divine to want to sacrifice for the sake of the whole of humanity.

The real spirit of Lent has been to try to embrace the Cross ourselves, in other words to die to ourselves for the sake of the Lord Jesus. The struggle with self begins the very instant we begin to follow something other than ourselves. We become like Christ when we start to live for Jesus not just for ourselves. It is this that Christ touched upon in the Beatitudes when he spoke of "Spiritual poverty".

Our first step towards the Master is the moment we begin the struggle with death, which brings growth, freedom and life. May the Lord help us on our Lenten journey to freely give more of ourselves in order to grow closer to Christ.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES

Public Masses for the parish as follows. They may be subject to change at short notice so, if you can, check daily on the parish website for updates.

Masses

Monday 9.30am St Mary's 7pm Christ the King
Tuesday: 9.30am St Mary's 12.00 noon St John's

Exposition on Day of Prayer and Reflection on First Anniversary of Lockdown

St Mary's: 10.30am—11.30am **St John's:** 11.00am—11.55am **Christ the King:** 6.00pm—7.00pm

Wednesday 9.30am St Mary's 7.00pm St John's

Thursday: 9.30am St Mary's 10.30am St John's

Friday: 9.30am St Mary's 12 Noon Christ the King

Saturday: **Please note important changes:** No mass at St Mary's (Funeral)

St John's: Mass at 10am with Reconciliation and Exposition from 10.45am to 11.45am

Christ the King: Mass at 9.15am and Reconciliation and Exposition from 10am to 11am.

Sunday: 9.30am St Mary's 10.45am Mass St John's 5pm Mass Christ the King
(Live Streamed)

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 mins before all weekday Masses.

Details of Booking for the Holy Week and Easter services are on Page 3

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Mary Hughes, Billy Longshaw, Kathleen Bottomley, Marie Green, Ellen Bailey, Stella Albanese, Margaret Nutter, Mary Ann Melvin, Luis Maria Ramos Tolosa

In Memoriam: Mary Elizabeth Stansfield, Muriel Jessie MacMahon,

Other Intentions: Fr David Lannon's Anniversary of

Ordination, Fr Frank Jennings, Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish.

Anniversaries: Thomas Tumelty, Mary Ann Lyons, John Bainbridge, Maureen Whitehead, Edward Stewart, Kath Ternent.

Towneley Chapel Lamps: Fr David Featherstone, Andrew Harrison, Mary Dewhurst, Fr Frank Jennings,

Stay with us Lord on our journey

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF LOCKDOWN ~ DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION



The Church has designated Tuesday 23rd March as a day of prayer to mark the first anniversary of the lockdown in England. It is to allow you the time to pray about the year that has been, remember all those who have died and suffered through the Pandemic and be grateful to all who have made sacrifices to keep our country going. On this day we are offering Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in each of our three churches as detailed on page 1 of the Newsletter.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST NEEDS YOUR HELP

As we hopefully move to a more "normal" time we are looking for one or two people to join our team and help in managing the Parish Rooms at St Johns. If you think you could help please contact either Margaret Pickles 07751025178 or Michael Mulrooney 07791506695

CAFOD UPDATE

CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Many thanks for your kind donations to CAFOD's Lent Fast Day during these difficult times. We have received £485 in donations. Our sincere thanks. Your kindness will bring greater access to water to many people in the developing world. There is an opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent at 11am via the CAFOD Website. Very prayerful and inspiring. Please sign up on CAFOD web page if you wish to join in: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray>



STEWARDS IN OUR CHURCHES

We are very dependent on the generosity of our wonderful stewards. We are very grateful for the dedication they have shown throughout. If anyone would like to become a steward please contact Fr David.

FOODBANK—THE NEED CONTINUES AND GROWS



Sadly the appeal has to continue. You can drop food off at most Spar stores. You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving>). You can donate cash at St John's Presbytery, drop it off in a clearly marked envelope. This led to £280 being donated during February. Congratulations to everyone at Blessed Trinity—their website has now

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 22 Mar	Lent Weekday	Thurs 25 Mar	The Annunciation
Tues 23 Mar	St Turibus of Mogrovejo	Fri 26 Mar	Lent Weekday
		Sat 27 Mar	Lent Weekday
Wed 24 Mar	Lent Weekday	Sun 28 Mar	Palm Sunday

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR

MARCH: Sacrament of Reconciliation
Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



Canon copier inks: If anyone would like free of charge some new unused black and colour ink cartridges ref 540/541 for a Canon computer printer, please contact Fr Damien.

Clergy Team

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HOLY WEEK, TRIDUUM AND EASTER MASSES AND SERVICES

PARISH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Please see below the programme for Masses and Services during Holy Week and Easter 2021. Because of ongoing restrictions due to the Covid Pandemic, **there will be a booking system** in place this year for all of the Masses/Services listed below. Details of how to book, **starting on Wednesday 23rd March** are set out below.

Please keep this page handy to remind you of when the Masses and services will be.

Palm Sunday 28th March

Masses as follows

St Mary's 9.30am (live-streamed)

St John's 10.45am

Christ the King 5pm

Maundy Thursday 1st April

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Mass in each of our three churches at 7.30pm (Live streamed from St Mary's)

Good Friday 2nd April

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

This will take place at 3pm in each of the three Churches. (Live-streamed from St Mary's)

Quiet time with the Cross

7.00pm Good Friday evening at St Mary's (Live-streamed)

Holy Saturday 3rd April

Easter Vigil Mass

7pm at St Mary's (Live-streamed)

Easter Sunday 4th April

Masses as follows

8.30am St John's

9.15am Christ the King

10am St Mary's (Live-steamed)

10.45am St John's.

NB There will **not be** a 5pm Mass at Christ the King on Easter Sunday.

ALL SERVICES AND MASSES MUST BE PRE-BOOKED AS FOLLOWS

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter because of the pandemic, there will be a booking system in place this year for all of the above Masses/Services. It is essential to pre-book.

We will again be using the services of Mark, our Seminarian. However *some contact details* have changed. PLEASE USE ONLY THESE DETAILS. **From Wednesday 23rd March** places can be booked using:

Email - This is **The preferred option** for all bookings Mjmchall@aol.com

Text to 07407 040243.

Phone - 07407 040243. **The phonenumber will only be available** from Wednesday 23rd March and daily between the hours of: 5:30pm-7pm Monday to Friday, 12 noon - 5pm Saturday and Sunday.

Mark is continuing his studies through online lectures and assignments which is why the phone line will only be open for very limited hours. Emails and texts can be sent at any time, and Mark will respond as and when he is able with confirmation that your booking is complete.

Taking learnings from Christmas, it is really important that you provide **all** of the following information when making your booking:

1) Your name; **2) Which service you wish to book for (day & time)** **3) at which Church** - please do remember to state which Church! **4) How many people you are booking for.**

Remember that you can book multiple services or Masses. All bookings are on a first come, first booked basis, and ALL the services listed above must be pre-booked. You can begin booking only from Wednesday 24th March.

The system worked incredibly well at Christmas thanks to everyone's support, so we hope that Easter will run just as smoothly. Updates on availability will be posted on the parish website, where you can find everything you need.