

# 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. |                           |                     |
| <b>MON 23RD DEC</b>   | Advent Weekday   | 9.00  | 12.30pm                   | 9.00am              |
| <b>TUES 24TH DEC</b>  | Advent II Weekday  | 9.15am  | 10.00                     | 12.00 noon          |
| <b>WED 25TH DEC</b>   | <b>Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services</b><br>Details of all the Christmas Services are on the front page of the Newsletter |   |                           |                     |
| <b>THUR 26TH DEC</b>  | St Stephen   | 10.00am   | 11.00am                   | 10.00am             |
| <b>FRI 27TH DEC</b>   | St John the Evangelist   | 9.15am  | 12.30pm Mass              | 9.00am              |
| <b>SAT 28TH DEC</b>   | The Holy Innocents   | 9.15am  | 12.00 Noon                | 10.30am             |
|   | VIGIL MASS   | —   | 6.30pm                    | 6.00pm              |
| <b>SUN 29TH DEC</b>   | The Holy Family  | 9.15am<br>5.00pm  | 10.00am                   | 10.45am             |

### CHANGES / NEW

All Christmas Services are shown on the front page of the Newsletter

St Mary's  
There is a Carol Service starting at 6.00pm, immediately before the Vigil Mass

### OTHER SERVICES

#### EXPOSITION

Mon Fri  
12.00 to 12.30  
Sat after Morning Mass

#### RECONCILIATION

Mon Fri  
12.00 to 12.30  
Sat 10.30 to 11.30  
Sat after 9.15 Mass  
Sat 11 –11.30am  
5.30 to 6pm

#### ROSARY

MTTFS  
30 mins before morning Mass  
Tues Thurs Sat  
20 minutes before weekday Mass

### ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you want an item included please email to: [itemsforfrank@gmail.com](mailto:itemsforfrank@gmail.com) or drop it into your presbytery letterbox by Thursday evening. Thanks

### Clergy Team

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#### Christ the King

Healey Mount  
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#### St Mary of the Assumption

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#### St John the Baptist

Bracewell St  
Burnley BB10 1TB

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

## NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

22ND DECEMBER 2019



### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE WORD THIS WEEK



Both Mary and Joseph are our companions during this short 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent. In today's Gospel, they are guided through the difficult circumstances surrounding the birth of Our Lord. Joseph is a good and upright man and he wants to do the right thing. However we are told that he changes his mind after he is guided by an angel in a dream and he then decides to take Mary as his wife.

Joseph's role is vital in the story of the Incarnation. It is Joseph who is related to King David and hence through Joseph, Jesus can be known as the Son of David. Joseph will provide himself as the legal father to Jesus ~ he will provide a home and food on the table for Jesus and Mary. He will also go on to enable Jesus to become known as the carpenter's son.

So often, many of us look to be noticed and the centre of attention, but life is not about that, we all have a part to play in life and we are to work out what it is that God asks of us. We can do far worse than be inspired by Joseph's simple faith and trust in God. He is humble but in his own quiet way, he accepts that he also has a privileged role in the story of salvation. He carries out this role with great dignity and knows he is part of something truly divine.

We see the hand of God in today's Gospel guiding Mary and Joseph through the difficult circumstances surrounding the birth of Our Lord. Let us pray for all foster parents that they maybe inspired by the example of the generosity and humility of St Joseph. May both Mary and Joseph inspire us, particularly through their faith and trust in God in uncertain times, encourage and guide us on the final stage of our Advent journey to draw closer to Christ.

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The clergy team of the parish wish all our parishioners and those you love, a very holy and peaceful Christmas.

### CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS—MASS TIMES

|                                | CHRIST THE KING | ST MARY'S    | ST JOHN THE BAPTIST |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>Tuesday 24th December</b>   | 5.30pm Vigil    | 6.30PM Vigil | 7.00PM Vigil        |
| <b>Christmas Eve</b>           | 12.00 MIDNIGHT  |              | 12.00 MIDNIGHT      |
| <b>Wednesday 25th December</b> |                 |              |                     |
| <b>Christmas Day</b>           | 9.15am          | 10.00am      | 10.45am             |

**Carol Service at St Mary's: before the Christmas Vigil Mass starting at 6.00pm**

### MASSES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Masses to mark the Feast of Mary the Mother of God on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January will be as follows:  
 Christ the King 9.30am                      St Mary's 10am                      St John's 11am

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Anniversaries:**

Lois Lamle (1st Anniv), Alan Hayhurst, Margaret O'Hara, Mary and Frederick Pickles, Patrick D'Silva, Kathleen Cavanagh, Kitty Dodgeon, Charlotte Hartley, Tom McElroy, Walter, Michael and Natalie Thornton,

Michael Tomas, James Mulherin, Patsy Green, Daniel Gaughan, Eddie Heap, Thomas Whittaker, Thomas Robinson, Mary Egan.

**In Memoriam:**

Kathleen, James, John and Esther Worden: Margaret Williams, Francis and Catherine Carter, Winifred Maguire, Kenneth Catterall

**Lately Dead.**

Doreen Brimblecombe Dorothy Flude, Joan Townley, Terence Gavin, Peter Brogan.

**Birthday Memoriams:**

Tom Mulrooney, Martin Mulrooney, Rosemary Mulrooney, Lilian Robinson, Keith Francis Shackleton, Margaret Scobie, Leonard Farrow

**Other Intentions:**

Sister Margaret at Pantasaph, Sr Maureen and the Leadership team.

**Christmas Intentions and Memoria**

Rosemary and Eddie Champion, Ada and Clifford Robinson, the Unsworth, Jones and Neary families; Michael and Mary Ann Reynolds, the Reynolds Family, Kathleen and Jimmy Brennan, James and Margaret O'Hara, Joseph and Mary Cunliffe, Joseph Cavanagh, Terry Cavanagh, Dominic Cavanagh, Annalise Cavanagh, Arthur Richardson, Samantha Rawstron, Mary and Neil Summers,

Maria Christina Gonzalez Summers, Keith Parker, Vina Walne, the Walne family, the Parker family, Peter Macken, the Macken family, the Duffield family, the Fell family, the Wilkinson family, Mary and Albert Lawson, Thomas McAleese, Thomas Harker, Mr and Mrs Redmon, Ann and Tony Hilton, family and friends,

John Simm and Paul Simm, Arthur and Muriel J MacMahon, Hubert and Mary E Stansfield, deceased members of the Janowski family, Martin and Winifred Hegarty, Tressa Byrom, deceased members of Harrison and Melvin families, Bill Harrison, Gerard and Laura Bradley, Laura and Joseph Midgeley, Patricia Heaton, Trisha Barry, Rob Barry, The Murray family, The Donovan family, Rose and Walter Shaw, Earnest and Winifred McKnight, Margaret Dakin.

**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.



**ST JOHN'S LADIES GUILD**

Unclaimed raffle prizes from the Christmas Fayre listed in the porch. Next Meeting on Jan 15th when we will plan for the year ahead.

**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 issued and individual family appointments with Fr David will be arranged.

**FINANCE**

Offertory collections : St Mary's: £733.29; St John's: £652.00; Christ the King: £488.84.

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

**PARISH PRAYER COMPETITION AND PRAYER CARDS**

We hope you like the new parish prayer cards with designs by children from our three parish primary schools. Let us look for opportunities to use the new parish prayer personally and communally. Special thanks to the staff and pupils at all our schools and particular thanks to Blessed Trinity for their kind contribution to this project.

Many thanks to all those who took part in the prayer 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 Jesus, fill us with your Wisdom as we move forward together in faith. Enkindle hope in our hearts to embrace change with kindness and solidarity. May the love you offer us be reflected in our lives. Let the example of the Good Samaritan be the guide for our parish. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**HOPE IN THE FUTURE DEANERY NEXT EVENT—THE STRUNG SUNG SUPPER**

Our next Deanery Hope in the Future event, which is a social evening at St Joseph's parish hall, Accrington starting at 7.30pm on Friday 17th January. It is called a "Strung Sung Supper" and it comprises a music group, which includes among others; our Seminarian Luke Bradbury and Fr David playing guitars and other instruments, who will facilitate the singing. Song sheets will be available for everyone present so they can join in the singing.



Hot food will be provided, which is included in the ticket price of £5.00. As well as food, there will be a licensed bar and a raffle in order to support a local charity. Please see the poster at the back of each church. Capacity is limited and admission is by ticket only. If you would like to reserve a ticket please contact Anne Marie Coppock (01282 721701 or 07544 491 425 **by no later than 5<sup>th</sup> January.** Don't be disappointed!

**MINISTERS AT CHRISTMAS —ST MARY'S**



There are lists at the back of church for The Masses and the Carol Service Readers and Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament. Please play a role in these special celebrations.

**THANKSGIVING MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Please read this if you plan to attend the Mass and meal. The Thanksgiving Mass for all volunteers from across the parish will take place at 12 noon at St Mary's church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January followed by lunch in the Vincent Farrell Centre. . If you wish to come to lunch please put your name on the sheet at the back of each church .

**A PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Let us pray as Advent draws to a close that Christ will truly come into our hearts. Lord fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us, through an angel, the coming of your Son as man, lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection, through Christ Our Lord, Amen

**Foodbank at Christmas**

Please keep you donations coming. Your gifts of Christmas goodies was excellent. Thank you all! Keep it up, because, sadly, the need continues even in these celebratory times!!. And oranges are still a top choice please.



**NIGHT FEVER —HOPE IN THE FUTURE DEANERY EVENT**

Our recent Deanery 'Night Fever' event at St James the Less was a wonderful success. The church was bathed in candlelight whilst choirs sang and people could take part in Exposition. A number of priests were available for Reconciliation. Refreshments were available. A group from our parish assisted by inviting people passing by to come in and light a candle. Many accepted the invitation and lit a candle but even those who chose not to do so were genuinely pleased to be asked. The event ended with Benediction.

**ADVENT TUNING IN GROUPS—GROWING IN COMMUNITY AS A PARISH**

The final week of meetings continued to offer the participants a welcome opportunity to share their journeys through Advent. There will be a full review and feedback in January.