

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5TH APRIL 2020



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION THIS WEEK



There was a very catchy song a few years ago called "price tag" which spoke of someone wanting to be spoiled by her lover and asking that they give her everything she asked for, regardless of how much it cost. The song contained the line "forget about the price tag"! Everything has a price and therefore it is often unwise to forget what things cost. The danger of doing this is that when we forget about the price we can take things for granted.

There was a very big price tag on our salvation: it cost Jesus a great deal: He was betrayed by Judas for 30 silver pieces; He was denied by Peter three times when he most needed a good friend; He was rejected by the crowd, many of whom just days before had welcomed the Lord into Jerusalem by waving palm branches, and they now urged Pilate to release Barabbas and instead crucify Him; He was flogged, mocked and spat upon by the Roman soldiers; although weak Jesus had to carry a heavy cross to Calvary, where he was stripped and nailed to the Cross. Our salvation came with a huge price tag!

Therefore the Palm Sunday liturgy for Mass with its contrasts between joy and sorrow, starkly remind us that it was a mighty price for Jesus to pay for our sins to be forgiven: but He thought we were well worth it; we were worth dying for, we were worth everything. The one thing, however that we must not do is to forget what the Lord did for us. So in this coming Holy Week we are to celebrate and remember the extent of the Lord's love for us. Let us fully enter into the mystery of Holy Week and although this year, we cannot physically take part in the powerful ceremonies, they will be celebrated in private and so we can still mark the Paschal mystery albeit in a quieter, more challenging way. Let us allow ourselves to join in the Easter Triduum as best we can spiritually, but with hearts still grateful to God. May we grow in our gratitude for Jesus who gave his all for us. The current words on our Christian lips should perhaps be "don't forget about the price tag!"

HOLY WEEK MASSES AND EASTER TRIDUUM

Monday Tuesday and Wednesday and Easter Sunday

Private celebration of Mass Fr David at 9.30am and Fr Emmanuel and Fr Benneth at 9am.

Triduum

Fr David will celebrate privately all the services of the Triduum at the same time as Bishop John from the Cathedral as follows:

Maundy Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

Good Friday ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm

You may be able to pick up a 'stream' from the Diocesan website as the celebrations go on.

LOOK AT THE PARISH WEBSITE. PASS THE NEWS TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ON THE INTERNET!

<http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

Keep in touch! Keep others in touch through you! Call them and have a chat.

There is new material every single day—to lift you spiritually, to bring news, parishioners' offerings, Fr David's thought for the day, the Holy Week Quiz,and lots more. Keep in touch. Pass it on!

Blessings and Thanks to our superb Website team!

IN THE LIGHT OF THE CORONA VIRUS

Because all churches are closed until further notice the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday and on a Holy day of Obligation is removed until further notice.

Marking Palm Sunday

The priest will bless palms at the end his private Mass on Palm Sunday however these will be kept in church and distributed when the churches are reopened.

In the light of us not having our own palms this year, a good idea is to put a green branch on our front door or in the window to mark this sacred day. <https://thedeaconsbench.com/a-beautiful-idea-for-palm-sunday/>

Video Recording of Sunday Mass for the Parish

Like last week, we will be again uploading onto the parish web site a video recording of this Sunday's Mass from St Mary's for Easter Sunday. This should be available from late morning/early afternoon on Sunday.

Thanks to all those who have helped to make this possible: <http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

Daily Private Masses in the Parish

The priests of the parish will continue to celebrate Mass daily in the churches of the parish **in private**. This will enable you, the people of God to join in "spiritual Communion" with the priests, and each other.

St Mary's: Fr David celebrates at 9.30am **St John's:** Fr Emmanuel and Fr Benneth celebrate at 9.00am

The Lord's Day at Home

These sheets available on the Web site are great for providing sacred time at home while the churches are closed. Please look out for special sheets for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday as well as Easter Sunday.

Keeping in touch as a Community

Our webmaster, Mike, is doing a great job bringing all the church news to the website every day. Please keep looking at the site to learn what is happening, in the parish, diocese, and the wider world. There are many and varied services and provisions to keep us in touch with our faith and each other. We have a number of parishioners who don't use the internet, so please keep in touch with them—

We can offer strength to each other, and have a chat and a laugh
a chat will be especially welcome as well as passing on the news.

Other Streamed Masses

Please look for Mass from the National Shrine in Walsingham; www.walsingham.org.uk or the live streaming from The Good Shepherd parish in Colne; www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk. It is also possible that these streams will offer the Triduum services—though times may not coincide with our parish worship.

Holy Week and Easter Quiz

Please see the Web site for this Quiz compiled by Fr David ~ answers on Easter Sunday.

Government Guidelines

Please do heed the Government's current guidelines and stay at home, except to buy food when essential. This will help protect yourself and the vulnerable in the community.

Offertory Collection

With no Sunday Masses at which to take a collection, please hang onto your envelopes until things go back to normal then you can kindly bring your envelopes and contributions. Thank you.

Mailing the Newsletter

While the churches remain closed, 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.

OUR FRANCISCAN SISTERS' MESSAGE

Sister Patricia and all the Sisters at the Franciscan Convent send prayerful greetings to our Parishioners and our Priests. We are very aware of the challenges facing your families and elderly people at this time. Our own families contact us with requests for prayers. After spending our lives serving the poor and needy in many parts of the world, we feel blessed now to spend our retirement years in the Parish of the Good Samaritan. We keep you in our prayers daily

Thank you to the Sisters for their love and kind words. We should remember them and their patients in our prayers.

FEAST DAYS FOR HOLY WEEK

Feast days

Mon 6 April	Monday of Holy Week
Tues 7 April	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wed 8 April	Wednesday of Holy Week
Thurs 9 April	Maundy Thursday
Fri 10 April	Good Friday
Sat 11 April	Holy Saturday
Sun 12 April	Easter Sunday

PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

We pray, fast, and perform the works of mercy in this time of grace. So that the Lord might find our hearts ready and fill them with the victory of his love.

Pope Francis

MASS
INTENTIONS

Birthday Memorials

Martin Frazer

Anniversaries:

Kath Ternent
Graham Howorth
John Featherstone,
Eunice Morgan,
Cyril Minihan,

Lately Dead

Connie Howarth,
Kevin Walsh,
Kenneth Murgatroyd,
Bridget Malbon,
Cecelia McNicholas,
Tommy Dixon,
Eunice Bacon
Vincenzo Manta
Albert Fell
Jenny Whittle

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGES

A parishioner says: my cousin sent this to me. It is supposed to be from Pope Francis. Whether it is or not, I think it is worth sharing! So beautiful.

*"Tonight before falling asleep, think about when we will return to the street.
When we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party.*

*Let's think about when the coffees will return to the bar,
the small talk, the photos close to each other.*

*We think about when it will all be a memory,
but normalcy will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift.*

*We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us.
Every second will be precious.*

*Swims at the sea, the sun until late,
sunsets, toasts, laughter.*

We will go back to laughing together.

Strength and courage.

See you soon".

Papa Francesco

**PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION
FOR APRIL 2020**

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.



MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS ABOUT RECONCILIATION

These words from the Holy Father should help us while the Sacrament is not currently available:

"Do what the catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterwards I will go to confession.'

"You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the Catechism teaches us to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand."

FOODBANK

The Foodbank is under additional pressure, and very much in need of our help – as far as we can in these times of self-isolation. The foodbank to which we have contributed has joined with Contact Burnley, the Burnley FC initiative, so here are the changes.

Every local Spar shop should have a collection point for groceries and other produce, so keep donating if you are able to do so. They welcome all non-perishable foods and oranges continue to be popular as they last a good while.

If you want to make a money donation here is the website <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/supportburnleyfoodbank>

Stay with us Lord on our journey

A PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

On his path to Gethsemane, on the night of his arrest, Jesus left his disciples—his friends—with lasting words of wisdom and promise: "You will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I love you Abide in me as I abide in you." (John 14:20 and 15:4)

During these holy days we will listen deeply to Christ's wisdom as we follow the path of prayer, prayer that leads us to a quiet place of abiding with Christ and sends us out with a greater compassion for all creation.

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