

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

11TH APRIL 2021

YEAR B



Year of St Joseph

FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 2021

In today's Gospel, we also have the story of Thomas, who refuses flatly to believe that the other disciples have seen the risen Lord. Thomas was a realist, like many people, who need more than just personal testimony as the basis for truth, he wanted first-hand proof for himself. On this last day of the Octave of Easter, Thomas gets the proof he sought and needed. Jesus is gentle, compassionate, yet firm with him through his doubts but grants him what he asks. He shows him his wounds: "Give me your hand" he says. Thomas is given the chance to touch the wounds of the Lord by these words; "Give me your hand". This enables Thomas to make the enormous leap of faith and say of Jesus, "My Lord and my God". Jesus gently prevents Thomas from getting too carried away and says "happy



are those who have not seen but yet believe"

We are among those who have not seen and yet are called to believe in the Risen Jesus as our Lord and our God. He endured the Cross for us. There was nothing glorious at the time about the brutality of the nails being driven into his hands and feet by the soldiers, or the piercing of his side

by the lance.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we bask in the loving mercy of God who in Christ gave everything for us to be forgiven our sins and be reconciled with him. May St Thomas help us grow in our Easter faith and attain the peace that only Christ can give to us.

"... happy are those who have not seen but yet believe...."

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.

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

Masses

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| Monday | 9.30am St Mary's | 7pm Christ the King |
| Tuesday: | 9.30am St Mary's | NB: No Mass at St John's (Funeral) |
| 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: | 9.30am St Mary's | 6.00pm Vigil Mass St John's |
| Sunday: | 9.30am St Mary's | 10.45am Mass St John's 5pm Mass Christ the King |

Exposition and Reconciliation

Every Saturday there will be Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's from 10.30 to 11.30am. The Reconciliation will take place on the Sacred Heart altar.

Please note we have reinstated the 6pm Vigil Mass at St John's from Saturday 10th April.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Luis Maria Ramos Tolosa, Sr Gertrude Geogehan, Yvonne Price, Andrea Killough, Duncan Ferguson, Cath Biddulph (nee Bates), Tom Costello, Carol Chesworth, Ian Mayor, John Masanjika, Mary Coyne, Margaret Nutter, Clarice Grace,

Anniversary: Sam Irvine, Sheila Schofield, Thomas Lyons senior, Thomas Lyons Junior, Maud Walsh, Eunice Morgan, Graham Howorth, Christina Howarth,

Leo Whitehead.

Birthday Memorial: Bashir Variyam.

Other intentions: Good Samaritan parish clergy, Special intention, For prayer answered.

In Memoriam at Easter: Gonzales and Summer families, Tressa Byrom.

Candle in Towneley Chapel: Thomas Earnshaw, Heseldon Families, Fr David Featherstone, Andrew Harrison.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL—PARISH CONFERENCE



The conference, which is based mainly at St John's, would again like to thank everyone who has so generously supported us and donated funds during the COVID - 19 pandemic. In spite of the restrictions we have again been able to support a family with help towards funeral costs, a family needing washing machine repairs, a homeless person with support for travel and accommodation, a further donation to the SVP Sudan appeal for the baby feeding program. We have tried to keep in touch with homebound parishioners by telephone and have taken out cake boxes with a buffet meal at Eastertime.

Sadly during the last 12 months, three of our members have died. Pat Fleming, David Hartley and Elaine Cartmell. May they rest in peace. We keep you all in our prayers and hope you have had a blessed Easter.

MISSIO RED BOX DONATIONS

Many thanks to the Red Box holders in another of our parish communities for their donations for the period March 2020 - March 2021. A magnificent £1,200 has been donated, contributing to the work of the Mill Hill Missionaries throughout the world. God Bless you all. The next collection will be in October. If you would like a Red Box or have one that needs collecting please call Stephen/Francesca on 423496



CAFOD



Thanks to your generosity a further £160.00 has been forwarded to CAFOD as part of our Lent Fast Day donations. May we once again thank you for your support and wish you all the blessing of the Easter Season.

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 £139 being donated during March. Congratulations to everyone at Blessed Trinity—their website has now burst through the £8,000 marker!! Thank you all for your great generosity.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

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| Mon 12 Apr | Easter Weekday | Thurs 15 Apr | Easter Weekday |
| Tues 13 Apr | St Martin | Fri 16 Apr | Easter Weekday |
| Wed 14 Apr | Easter Weekday | Sat 17 Apr | Easter Weekday |
| | | Sun 18 Apr | Third Sunday of Easter |

Stay with us Lord on our journey

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL



Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Clergy Team

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