

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



## NEWSLETTER

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

26TH APRIL 2020



#### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is the Road to Emmaus. On Easter Sunday, two disciples are going away from Jerusalem where all the drama has taken place. They are joined by the Risen Jesus but they don't recognise that He is with them. This is understandable, as they have been traumatised by the events of Good Friday, with all its horrors, and now reports that Jesus is risen have left them very confused, so effectively they are running away.

Jesus, first of all listens to where they are at; they are confused and downhearted, their "faces downcast"! He then puts the events of the last few days into context by explaining all of the Scriptures to them that refer to himself and we are told that their hearts burn within them as He does this. He later joins them at table in the inn and re-enacts what he had done with bread and wine with them, just a few days before at the Last Supper. It is at the breaking of bread that they suddenly realise it is Jesus who is with them, and at this point Jesus disappears from their sight. This encounter with the Risen Lord has rejuvenated them so much, that they immediately



rush back to Jerusalem to excitedly tell the other disciples that it is true that they have seen that he is indeed risen.

It's the same with us, we are often blinded by getting too caught up in the busyness of life, or other things that prevent us from noticing the presence of the Risen Lord, and to recognise he is with us on our Journey. As with the disciples in the Gospel story, Jesus accepts us where we are at, he wants to reassure us of his presence even at times of great concern and anxiety. When we come to Mass on a Sunday, the Day the Lord rose from the dead, Jesus speaks to us in the Gospel and we witness "the breaking of the bread" which is the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. At the end of Mass we are dismissed or "sent out" to glorify the Lord by being faithful to his Gospel and bringing his love to everyone we meet.

A simple way of being aware that the Risen Lord Jesus is always at our side is Bishop John's prayer, which takes its inspiration from today's Gospel story: Stay with us Lord on Our Journey.

"Then they told their story of ..... how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread".

#### THE PARISH WEBSITE

It's a great source for helping to keep in touch with your spiritual side whilst our churches are closed. Just go to <http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/>

**Sunday Mass Live Stream and Recording:** Every Sunday Fr David will celebrate Mass at 9.30 and we can all 'virtually attend' live and as it happens. It is uploaded later in the day to be available for those who miss the 'live' broadcast

**Weekly Reflection from Blessed Trinity CC:** As we did with Holy Week, for each Sunday of Easter there will appear on our website, a video reflection produced by Miss R Wilkinson and involving different pupils from the school along with Fr David. Many thanks to the school for this lovely resource for the Easter season.

**Thought for the Day:** These daily reflections from the parish clergy team are available on the parish web site each day.

There's much more too! Have a good look around, then talk to people who are not on the net!

## Lately Dead

Jim Irwin,  
Eunice Bacon,  
Kevin Walsh,  
Connie Howarth,  
Stephen Jackson,  
Cecelia Foster,  
Roy George,  
Pamela Harrison

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Anniversaries:

Bob Thomas,  
Maureen Ghee,  
Gerard Keough,  
Francis Nicholas Carter

## Birthday Memoriam

Terry Long

### Other Intentions

Dave Tanner

Family conversion and reconciliation



## 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, to stay together. The longer this goes on, the more the friendly calls are needed.

### 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.

### 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

### Burnley Together

We've learnt about a website offering support to all of the town's population. Burnley Together has been set up to bring together all the people who are helping our community to be safe in the most difficult times so that, if you aren't sure who to turn to - we'll know someone who can help. The list of matters they will help with is long and includes:

- Food Parcels
- Meals on Wheels
- Collecting Prescriptions
- Preventing Loneliness
- Dog Walking
- Finances and Debt
- Housing issues
- Help with Shopping
- Mental Health

Just call Mon—Fri: 01282 686402 between 9am and 5pm or go to the website <https://burnleytogether.org.uk/>

### The Lord's Day at Home

These sheets, available on the website, are great for providing sacred time at home while the churches are closed.

### Daily Streamed Masses

There are live streams daily Mass from Walsingham; [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) and from The Good Shepherd parish in Colne; [www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk](http://www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk).

### 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.

### MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS ABOUT RECONCILIATION

These words from the Holy Father should help us while the Sacrament is not currently available: *Speak to God. Tell Him the truth of what you have done: '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 without having a priest at hand."

*Alleluia*  
*Jesus is Risen*

Fr David, Fr Kevin,  
Fr Emmanuel and Fr Benneth  
pray for every blessing and  
wish a holy and happy Easter  
Season to all parishioners and  
those they love.



### PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2020

#### Freedom from Addiction

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



Stay with us Lord on our  
journey

### THANK YOU TO FR DAVID AND OUR WEBSITE TEAM

Thank you too, from the parish, to Fr David and the website team for their continuous input to the parish website. Every day there is new material generated by Fr David, Blessed Trinity and others. It serves to keep up our spiritual lives, and keeps us in touch with each other, sharing our community experience from our isolation. Enormous thanks too, to the students and staff of Blessed Trinity for their Holy Week and Sunday contributions.

### FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 27th April	Easter Weekday
Tues 28th April	St Peter Chanel
Wed 29th April	St Catherine of Siena
Thurs 30th April	St Pius V
Fri 1st May	St Joseph the Worker
Sat 2nd May	St Athanasius
Sun 3rd May	Third Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)



*'You foolish men! So  
slow to believe the full  
message of the proph-  
ets! Was it not ordained  
that the Christ should  
suffer and so enter into  
his glory?'*

### FOODBANK

Please continue to support the Foodbank. Here's how: **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>

**At St John's only.** You may leave a cash donation (in a clearly marked envelope) at the presbytery if your daily exercise takes you past the presbytery, or contact David H on 07434 763822 and we will see if we can collect. Thank you for the £150 we have passed on, Every pound makes a crucial difference to someone going hungry

Thanks to everyone who has contributed.

### Clergy Team

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