

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6TH SEPTEMBER 2020



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS



I'm sure we all have incidences when people are wronging us or others that we know. These sorts of things can escalate: feuds, bitter grudges and disagreements are at the heart of much division in society. These can be the reasons for many long-standing conflicts and falls-outs. Unless handled carefully such things can rip apart families and communities. If I am being mistreated, I generally

prefer to keep it to myself and put up with it quietly rather than confront the perpetrator which can be stressful. The danger is that saying nothing can allow an incident to eat its way into us. We might even be tempted to talk to others about it, but that risks becoming a source of gossip from which we can take pleasure. That does not however resolve the problem ~ there is no change, there is no reconciliation and the problem persists. Confronting someone about their behaviour or attitude requires the gift of courage, and we need to be confident that the reason for tackling the issue is out of love for the person who is doing the wrong and the impact their unreasonable behaviour is having on a wider community.

Today's Gospel gives us the approach that Jesus tells us we should adopt against those who wrong us. He says the initial step is to simply confront the perpetrator. Failure to confront the person who is wronging us shows a lack of love and we are neglecting our responsibility and duty as Christians. So let us be confident that if we go about it the right way, reconciliation can and does result and it leads to great growth in both parties. Reconciliation should never be left untried even though it is harder way ~ it is the better way and it's God's way.

"You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments".

Romans 13:10

NEWS! RETURN OF SUNDAY MASSES FROM 13TH SEPTEMBER

We are planning to start gently with the introduction of some Sunday Masses in the parish starting next Sunday 13th September. This will be a limited to just one Mass in each church and is a bit different to the usual Sunday Programme:

St Mary's 9.30am*

St John's 10.45am

Christ the King 5pm

Please bear in mind that this is very much just a temporary programme and in time we hope to expand it.

Because of the current restrictions on numbers able to attend our churches for services, we suggest that at the moment, people who can, come to weekday Masses and this could kindly leave Sunday Mass for those who are unavailable during the week. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation about this.

*Please note that the 9.30am Sunday Mass at St Mary's will continue to be live-streamed. However as people will be present, there are some restrictions to remember including unfortunately being currently not permitted to have singing. Sincere thanks to the continuing commitment and gifts of our wonderful parish "live streaming team" of Mike, Daniel K, Rebecca and Daniel F.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before all of the weekday Masses— Monday to Friday only. This is in addition to the regular Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's which will continue on Saturday 12th September, from 10.30 to 11.30am.



Lately Dead:

Basil Newton

MASS INTENTIONS

Other Intentions

For the sisters and staff in the Franciscan Convent, Burnley
John Harwood



Anniversaries

Ian Flynn,
Stephen Trundle
Winifred Edmondson,
Kevin Maguire

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.'

OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES TO THE PUBLIC FOR MASS

Fr David continues to work to his successful 'Festina Lente' philosophy and **we have now added an additional Mass** at Christ the King to the established regular pattern of weekday Masses, which will be as follows during the coming week:

Monday 7th September	St Mary's 9.30am	Christ the King	7pm
Tuesday 8th Sept	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	12 Noon
Wednesday 9th Sept	St Mary's 9.30am	St John's	7pm
Thursday 10th Sept	St Mary's 9.30am and 7.00pm:	St John's	10.30am
Friday 11th Sept	St Mary's 9.30am:	Christ the King	12.00 noon
Saturday 12th Sept	St Mary's 9.30am	10.30 Exposition and Reconciliation	

Please see page 1 for details of the newly-introduced Sunday Masses and additional periods of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which are being introduced

Stay with us Lord on our journey



PARISH HIKES RETURN!

We hope to resume the programme of parish hikes next Sunday 13th September. It will be seven miles round the Feizor area and graded moderate. We will meet at St Mary's car park at 12.30pm. Please bring boots, a packed lunch, water, and water proofs.

50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR FRANCOIS MAURIAC

Thanks to those who came to support this enjoyable occasion. Much appreciated.

MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Streamed Sunday Mass: Please note that Fr David and Fr Damien will concelebrate the 9.30am Mass on Sundays (in private) at St Mary's and it **will** continue to be live-streamed. This Mass will be recorded and available to view later on Sunday morning, or early afternoon.

Privately Celebrated Masses: Fr Emmanuel will continue to celebrate Mass **in private** at 9.00am on Friday and Saturday.

Exposition and Reconciliation: St Mary's church will again be open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on **Saturday 12th September** from 10.30am to 11.30. During this time the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Please note the change from Fridays as in previous weeks.

Thank You: We have built excellent teams of stewards over the weeks and they do a really splendid job. Our thanks to them—without your help none of this would be viable!

FEAST DAYS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon 7th Sept	Weekday	Fri 11th Sept	Weekday
Tues 8th Sept	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sat 12th Sept	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wed 9th Sept	St Peter Claver	Sun 13th Sept	24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Thurs 10th Sept	St Ambrose Barlow		

DAVID ROSS'S "NOT (AND POSSIBLY NEVER AGAIN!) THE GREAT NORTH RUN SOLO CHALLENGE"

From David: Job Done—40 days running for the certificate and 113.5 miles for a Bronze medal.

I asked a few people to sponsor me, and set a target of £100 for the mental health charity Mind, being aware of many other important appeals. So, I am amazed, and I want to say so many thanks to everyone who pushed the total up to £500, (£570 with gift aid), Wonderful generosity, God bless and thank you. My JustGiving page remains open for a while (just search there on my name) where the certificate is displayed - as shown aside.



On my way I encountered some moving personal stories. I continued to run, in prayer, for them and everyone whose mental health has been affected by the Covid situation.

SVP IN LOCKDOWN—PARISH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN UPDATE



Since our last update members and friends have carried on delivering support to some of the so many in great need. Our recent work has included: • Grant given to a family whose mum had died with Covid 19 for the father to purchase high school uniform for the son as they were in desperate need. • £200 given for electrical appliances for a new refugee. • Money given for gas, electricity (£30). • Food bought for a family (£35). • Family referred to the Food Bank. • Emergency food parcels from St John's presbytery. • We have continued to receive good quality furniture into our storerooms and been able to fulfil urgent needs to both New Neighbours Together and the people of our parish. • Grateful thanks for transporting goods inward and outward goes once again to 'Ken'. • Grateful thanks also to Emmaus who are allowing to use of some of their space. • Week by week we have collated and paid in the cash donations from St John's to Blessed Trinity's Just Giving site for the Food Bank. • Donations of good quality clothing, groceries and other useful items have been received.

What we do is done in your name, and through your caring support. What we are able to do is sustained through prayer, your continuing spiritual support for us is begged. Last and far from least, we welcome to our new SVP Auxiliary member Danny. Thank you for joining us.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



KSC QUIZ

The weekly Quiz is back at a different time and day from before! It starts on Thursday 3rd September at 8.30pm PROMPT. Keep your brain alert and join the fun!



GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH — CAFOD GROUP UPDATE

Thank you for the **generous donations of £220** the group has received recently and forwarded to CAFOD Head Office, "You have given with gentle kindness and selfless love, your generosity through these strange times has made such a positive difference." On the campaigning front, there will be an **online webinar on debt injustice** – "Stories from our partners: Zambia and debt". The link to register for the webinar (and for more information on everything in this item) the can be found on our **new CAFOD Good Samaritan webpage** on the parish website, which the web-team have kindly set up and highlighted for us on the drop down "home tab". **Do you work with children and young people** in school, in the parish or in our community? If so CAFOD have a range of resources and ideas for the new academic year, just visit the CAFOD Group's webpage for the link to find them.



FOODBANK—KEEP IT UP! AN EXTRA PLEA!

Sadly, the need continues for us to support the Foodbank. Here's how:

Every local Spar shop should have a collection point for non-perishable food

There are two ways to make monetary donations:

Online Donations: Blessed Trinity are supporting the Foodbank. Here is the website <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving>. They have raised £3.856 so far! Well done them!

Cash Donations (at St John's only). You may leave a cash donation (in a clearly marked envelope) at the presbytery or contact David H on 07434 763822 and we will see if we can collect. We will pass these on to the Foodbank via the Blessed Trinity website (above)—£50 was sent this week. *God bless you all.*



Thanks to everyone who helps with this vital work

QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE



This is the recognition of outstanding Voluntary Service—equivalent to an MBE. Do you know of a worthy organisation that deserves to be rewarded? If so, please put them forward. The deadline for this year is **25th September**. The parish's own Catholic Handicapped Children's Fellowship won the award a few years ago, showing that it's accessible to things we're doing around here! And it was fun and enjoyable for all concerned. Further information is available from one of our parishioners at terry.hephrun@btopenworld.com. Just drop Terry a line for advice and help, to see if you want to continue. (But soon!).

TESTING FOR COVID 19—FREE—NO SYMPTOMS NEEDED

You are invited to have a test to see if you are suffering from Covid. It's free, and available on Centenary Way near the Gala Bingo, seven days a week, between 10.00am and 3.00pm. No booking needed. Just turn up. No injection—they just take a swab. Waiting times vary—from 5 to 30 minutes.

It's being done to help measure how many people have the infection so that the authorities can make informed decisions to help control and manage the disease, and about when to end the Lockdown. And apart from reassuring yourself, you will be helping the community, and meeting our responsibilities as Christians.



IN THE LIGHT OF THE CORONA VIRUS

Because of the Covid lockdown the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on Sunday and on a Holy day of Obligation **remains lifted** until further notice.

Other Daily Streamed Masses

There are live streams of daily Mass from Walsingham; www.walsingham.org.uk and from The Good Shepherd parish in Colne; www.goodshepherdpendle.org.uk.

Offertory Collection and Donations

As there are still no Sunday Masses If, in the circumstances, you are able to do this, it will be most welcome. If not, please keep your envelopes until churches re-open and make your donations as usual. To make a donation go to the website. On the right of the Home page there is an icon (aside). Click on it and follow the instructions. Please Gift Aid if appropriate. It's fully recognised that some people will now be in a worsened financial position and less able to give at the moment so please do not feel obligated. Thank you.



Mailing the Newsletter

Until we get back to normal activities, 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. If you would like to include an item, or make a Mass Offering, please email your request by midday on Thursday.

Thought for the Day

These daily reflections from the parish clergy team are available on the parish web site each day.

The Lord's Day at Home

These sheets, available on the parish website, are great for providing sacred time at home while the churches are closed. Go to. <http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/> and follow the link

Government guidelines

Please do heed the Government's current guidelines about staying alert and safe. This will help protect yourself and the vulnerable in the community.

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