

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
26TH DECEMBER 2021 **YEAR C**



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

On this Feast of the Holy Family we think about how God entered human history as a vulnerable baby, born into poverty but destined to save the world. We think of Mary, conceived without sin to become the Mother of God ~ we marvel at her faith and confidence in God's word. We also think of St Joseph who put his faith and hope in God to guide him through the mysterious circumstances of the Incarnation. God deemed it necessary for Jesus to have the experience of growing up in a family with all the ups and downs that family life involves. Much of the life of the Holy Family is hidden from us. However we are given an insight by Luke of one challenging incident for the Holy Family in today's Gospel when Jesus aged 12 years old goes missing for three days. Parents can relate to the anxiety of Mary and



Joseph when they discover he is not with them. We then share their joy of finding him in the temple as well as reflecting on the reminder of who Jesus really is. We also share their confusion at the mystery prompted by Jesus words "I am busy with my Father's affairs". This was all before he began his public ministry with his baptism aged 30 years. His family years are unknown years but they were vital years. So in the Holy Family we see a perfect model of family life given by God to us. It is lived out in faith and obedience to God's will. May we be helped by the Holy Family to be examples of faith and love for the commandments of the Lord. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless your own family and all the people in our parish.

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES WEEK COMMENCING 27TH DECEMBER

We have an adjusted programme for this week, especially for Monday, and next weekend.

Monday 27th Dec *St John the Evangelist*

12.30pm St John's (No other Mass today)

Tuesday 28th Dec *Holy Innocents*

9.30am Christ the King 12.00 noon St John's

Wednesday 29th Dec *St Thomas of Canterbury*

9.30am Christ the King 7.00pm St John's

Thursday 30th Dec *6th day within Octave*

9.30am Christ the King 10.00am St John's

Friday 31st Dec *7th Day within Octave*

9.30 St John's 10.00am Christ the King

Saturday 1st Jan *Holy Mary Mother of God*

11.00am Christ the King **NO VIGIL MASSES**

Sunday 2nd Jan *2nd Sunday of Christmas*

9.15am and 5.00pm Christ the King 9.30am** and 11.00am St John's

**9:30am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed

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

Please note these changes:

- There will be **NO** Exposition and Reconciliation on Saturday 1st January
- There will be **just one Mass** on Monday 27th December and on Saturday 1st January.
- There will be **NO Vigil Masses** on Saturday 1st January—New Year's Day

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead:

Pat Morrisroe,	Anne Hargreaves,
Pat Baker,	Clare Kirrane,
Walter McCabe,	Des Beckett,
Kathleen Atkinson,	Vincent Snape,
Michael Curran,	Kathleen O'Dowd,

Anniversary:

Margaret Atherton,	Thomas Cunliffe,
Stephen Lawrenson (1st Anniv)	Mary Ann Melvin,
John Coppock,	Eddie Heap,
Peggy Guilfoyle (1st Anniv),	Anna and Leo Ward

Other intentions:

Brian Bennett, Stephen McGuinness
 Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish,
 Eddie McMermaian, Donor's intentions,
 Holy Family.

Birthday Memories:

Sam Irvine,	Margaret Scoble,
Ellen Cunliffe,	

In memoriam:


Deceased Kilday family, Irvine family,
 Deceased members of the Mullin and Cooke family.

Christmas Memoriam:

Rene and Walter Shaw,	Ronnie Whittaker
Tressa Byrom,	Teresa Kilday and family,
James Mulherin,	Tom Mulherin,
Carmel Crawford,	Kathleen Worden,
James Worden,	Margaret Williams,

Francis Carter,
 John Worden,
 Kenneth Catterall,
 Winfred Masure,
 Angela Norwood,
 Mary Morris,
 Christine Ostle,
 Philip Crowne,
 Rita and William Kelly,
 Margaret Teresa Burke,
 Clarice Grace,
 Michael and Mary Ann Reynolds,
 All the Reynolds family,
 Kathleen and Jimmy Brannon,
 Gonzales and Summers family,
 Langton and Redmond family,
 James and Margaret O'Hara,
 James, Maureen and John Whitehead,
 Deceased members of MacMahon and Stansfield
 families, Deceased members of the Frazer and
 Corrigan families,

Catherine Carter,
 Esther Worden,
 Jimmy Carter,
 Sheila Macaulay,
 Ellen Baily and family.
 Frank Donnelly,
 Tom and Joan Crowne,
 Shaun Gaughan,
 Peggy Magee,
 Tom Grace,
 Peter Quigley,



May the blessing of joy abide within you;

May the blessing of peace rest upon you

May the blessing of love flow through you

*May the blessing of the Lord be yours at Christ-
 mas and in the new year*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIESTS

*Fr Damien and Fr David wish to thank you for your kindness and
 generosity at Christmas and throughout the year.*

*May all our parishioners and your loved ones have a blessed holy
 and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.*

WELCOME TO OUR SEMINARIAN



We have been asked to host Carmine Rea, a Salford Seminarian at Oscott College in Birmingham for a three week placement in the parish. All being well, Carmine will arrive on 3rd January and stay at the presbytery at St Mary's. We know you will make him very welcome.



*Stay with
 us Lord
 on our
 journey*

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving Father help us to remember the birth of Jesus that we may share the song of the angels, the joy of the shepherds, and worship of the wise Men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from every peril through the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the day make us happy to be the children, and bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts of Jesus. Amen.



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