


PARISH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN: SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Feast Days	MASSES and SERVICES		
		Christ the King	St Mary of the Assumption	St John the Baptist
		Entries in red signify a change from the norm. Where appropriate these are detailed in the 'Changes/New' panel below.		
MON 13TH JAN	St Hilary	9.15	12.30pm 6.00pm	9.00am
TUE 14TH JAN	Weekday	9.15am	11.00am Funeral Mass	12.00 noon
WED 15TH JAN	Weekday	9.15am	12.30	7.00pm Mass
THUR 16TH JAN	Weekday	9.15am	10.00am	9.30 (in School)
FRI 17TH JAN	St Anthony	9.15	12.30pm	9.00am
SAT 18TH JAN	Weekday	9.15am	12.00 Noon	10.30am
	VIGIL MASS	—	6.30pm	6.00pm
SUN 19TH JAN	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.15am 5.00pm	10.00am	10.45am

CHANGES / NEW

St Mary's
Monday 13th Jan: 6.00pm:
 Reception into Church
 Margaret Williamson RIP
Tuesday 14th 11.00am:
 Funeral Mass for
 Margaret Williamson RIP
Saturday 18th Jan 12.00 noon:
 Celebration Mass for Volunteers

St John's
Thursday 16th Jan: 9.30am
 Mass in St John's School
 with Bishop John

OTHER SERVICES		
	EXPOSITION	
No Exposition	Mon Fri 12.00 to 12.30	Sat after Morning Mass
	RECONCILIATION	
Sat after 9.15 Mass	Mon Fri 12.00 to 12.30 Sat 10.30 to 11.30	Sat 11 –11.30am 5.30 to 6pm
	ROSARY	EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
M T T F S 30 mins before morning Mass	Tues Thurs Sat 20 minutes before weekday Mass	Weds 6.30pm

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace
Numbers 6 24-26

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you want an item included please email to: itemsforfrank@gmail.com or drop it into your presbytery letterbox by Thursday evening. Thanks

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Christ the King	St Mary of the Assumption	St John the Baptist
Healey Mount	3 Todmorden Road	Bracewell St
BURNLEY BB11 2QJ	Burnley BB10 4AU	Burnley BB10 1TB

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

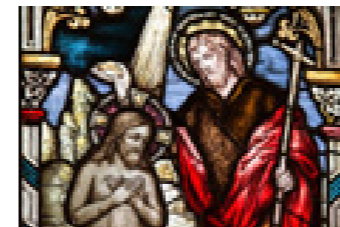
NEWSLETTER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12TH JANUARY 2020



Christ the King
 St Mary of the Assumption
 St John the Baptist

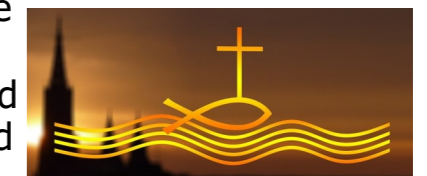
FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE WORD THIS WEEK



Last week we celebrated the Epiphany, a revealing of who the child born in the manger really is, in the calling of the magi by God through the star. Like the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord is also an unveiling of who Jesus truly is. In today's feast, his true identity is revealed to the chosen people gathered that day at the River Jordan to be the Beloved Son by the voice of God himself.

Through such affirmation, he was given the power he needed for the three year ministry he was about to begin.

At the heart of the Incarnation is God coming among us to live a fully human life and to show us how God wants us to live. To do this, God had to totally immerse himself into the fullness of human life. Between the actual Epiphany and the beginning of his ministry marked by Christ's Baptism are some thirty years. Apart from one incident at the age of 12 nothing really is known about those years, nothing else is recorded in the scriptures about them. For this reason they are known as the hidden years. We know he lived under the authority of Mary and Joseph. He would have done all the normal things that human beings do; experience family life, make friends, go to school, go to synagogue. In fact he would have experienced all the things human beings absorb themselves in. This included their fears, the things that worried them as well as the things they looked forward to. There is no substitute to the living out of ordinary life. These hidden years were not wasted years by any means, they were vital years, when we are told he grew in wisdom and stature. The Parables he told, the compassion and understanding he shows during his ministry, make manifest a deep understanding of human life. They illustrate that he had totally experienced and understood the life he had lived to the full.



Today we think of our own Baptism and we thank the Lord for this great gift by which we become children of God and members of the Church. May the Lord help us to live out the grace of Baptism by showing the Lord the trust of a child, and by becoming ambassadors of the Lord's peace and love to one another.

Stay with us Lord on our journey



Birthdays Memoriams:

Joseph Moore (100th B'day)
Mary
Sarah (Sally) Lalor

In Memoriam:

Thomas Barker
Mary Barker
Francis and Teresa Carter

Other Intentions:

I G Warrington
Fr Kevin's Intentions

Anniversaries:

Cyril Chadwick
Joseph Hoyle
Alice Glew
Natalie Thornton
Mary Culas D'Costa
Jean Whittle
Mary Egan
Winnifred Spencer
Lois Lamle (1st Anniversary)
Caroline Park

Lately Dead.

Margaret Williamson
Kathleen Commons
Kierin Leonard
George Macken

CAFOD PRAYER APPEAL

Our parish of The Good Samaritan gave generously to the Family Fast appeal last year when CAFOD featured the plight of Mahinur, her disabled husband and son. With donations from Family Fast Day, CAFOD was able to help Mahinur and others in need throughout our world. Sadly, Mahinur's son, Rabiul has died of a fever. He was receiving treatment but the doctor at his local clinic was not able to save him. Mahinur has asked if we would please pray that Rabiul may rest in peace. Thank you.

TUNING IN GROUPS ADVENT 2019

Growing in Community as the Parish of The Good Samaritan.

Thank you to everybody who participated in one of the groups
There will be a gathering for all participants at St John's Club Room on Thursday January 16th at 7 30pm to review the exercise and share observations. Your contribution will be very welcome and important to help us shape future events. Please come!!



CHRIST THE KING CHRISTMAS FAIR

Each year, from the funds raised by the Christmas Fair donations are made to charity. This year, SVP, The Women's Refuge, and The Church on the Street will receive £500. Thank you and well done for your charity suggestions and your excellent support.



ST JOHN'S TEA DANCE

The T Dances are back! At St John's on Wednesday 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Come along and shake a leg, enjoy a sing-along, a New Year catch-up natter wi' a reet gud brew!!



FOODBANK

Thank you for your gifts of Christmas goodies—it was excellent! Keep it up, because, sadly, the need continues. Whilst most of us have 'eating fatigue' it's the opposite for too many others. And oranges are still a top choice!



ST JOHN'S LADIES GUILD

The next meeting is after the Mass on Wednesday 15th Jan in the Parish Hall. We're planning the year ahead. DO come along and share your thoughts and ideas.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - JANUARY 20120

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



THE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

For children in school year 3 and above will start in January with information meetings for parents only are arranged as below—(all dates January):

St John's (parish hall) Tuesday 14th at 7pm

Christ the King (school hall) Thurs 16th at 6pm

St Mary's (School hall) Thursday 23rd at 7pm

At these meetings application forms will be issues and individual family appointments with Fr David will be arranged.



FINANCE

Offertory collections for Weekend 4/5th January

St John's: £585.00 St Mary's: £795.98

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

PARISH PRAYER COMPETITION AND PRAYER CARDS

We hope you like the new parish prayer cards with designs by children from our three parish primary schools. Let us look for opportunities to use the new parish prayer personally and communally. Special thanks to the staff and pupils at all our schools and particular thanks to Blessed Trinity for their kind contribution to this project.

Many thanks to all those who took part in the prayer competition last year. All the prayers were excellent and each week we are publishing one in the Newsletter over the coming months. Here's this week's:

Lord, your message to us, as the Good Samaritan, is to reach out to those in need, at home, in our country and throughout the world. Please give us the help of your love to enable us to live up to these challenges as individuals and as a community in your name. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Thanksgiving Mass for all those who have a role or a ministry from across the parish will take place at 12 noon at St Mary's church on Saturday 18th January followed by lunch in the Vincent Farrell Centre for all who have put their names on the list.



Take an active part!

INVITATION TO SING!

The Mass of Thanksgiving for Volunteers is on Saturday 18th January at St Mary's. We would welcome and encourage singers throughout the whole Parish to come together. Whether you are with one of the singing groups or just want to actively enjoy the Celebration and share in the singing, please come to the Practice on Thursday 16th January at St Mary's, 6.30 to 8.00pm. Everyone Welcome!

ABOUT THIS YEAR'S GOSPEL

The Department for Formation is holding a talk and discussion on St Matthew's Gospel, which will be read during most of the coming year. It's at St Anne's Parish Hall in Higher Openshaw on Monday 20th January from 7.00pm. Please see the poster in the church. Everybody welcome.

CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY GATHERING

The next Christ the King Community Gathering will be NEXT Monday, 13th January at 7:15pm in the Presbytery.



Come along, you'll be most welcome!

THE MASKED BALL

Now that Christmas is over and you are wondering 'What next?' Why not join us at the Parish Masked Ball, scheduled for 7.30pm (straight after Saturday's vigil mass) Saturday 25th January 2020, in the Vincent Farrell centre. Previously known as the dinner-dance with a difference, the difference being you supply your own food and drink, we supply the venue and music. Cost £3.00. If you would like to attend please write your name on the sheet provided at the rear of St. Mary's Church.



PARISH HIKES

Our next hike will be approx 6 miles around Barcroft Hall on Sunday 19th January. It is graded moderate. On this occasion we will meet at Christ the King church car park at 12.30pm. Please bring boots, waterproofs, food and drink. Please also see a flier at the back of each church listing all the hikes planned for the next 12 months.



A CUPPA AND CHAT AFTER MASS

The social get-togethers follow the Sunday morning Masses at Christ the King and St Mary's. Everybody welcome.

A NEW YEAR PRAYER

Bless this Year
With love and light
Bless this year with faith and sight
Bless this year
With grace and ease
Bless this year with joy and peace