

Dear Parishioners

Fiona Bruce MP and the All Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group have written requesting your help.

As many of you will know, Rob Marris MP is trying to legalise assisted suicide.

This battle will be won or lost in constituencies - many MPs we have spoken to are saying that they will "see what their constituents have to say" before making up their minds. The more your MP realises that there is opposition in their constituency, the more likely they will be to vote against. It really is essential that you do all you can to influence their decision. You really will make a difference.

Please could you:

1. Make contact with your MP using this tool <http://notoassistedsuicide.org.uk/> or, you can also use this link <http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/>

2. Ask for a meeting at one of their local constituency surgeries.

At the meeting, there are two things that need to be communicated:

- Say that you would like them to oppose the Bill
- Say that you would like them to turn up on Friday September 11th to vote against the Bill.

Crucially, we then need you to let us know the results of your efforts. We need this intelligence as it helps us to calculate whether or not we can win the vote.

If you cannot get to see your MP, please write to them in your own words setting out why you oppose assisted suicide using this link (some helpful evidence-based arguments are available here). <http://notoassistedsuicide.org.uk/>

Also Archbishop Peter Smith has written: "I strongly urge all Catholics to contact their own MP as soon as possible to express their concern about the dangerous impact which such a Bill would have on the most vulnerable people. MPs do listen to their own constituents. What is needed is more and better palliative care, not assistance with suicide." I recommend these excellent websites: the Bishops Conference www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide and the Anscombe Bioethics centre www.bioethics.org.uk "

Remember that every charity for the disabled is adamantly opposed to this Bill! Although parliament is in recess the Assisted Dying Bill will be debated after their return on September 7th. Please act now.

Fr John

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th July 2015 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday 25th July

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Exposition 11am—11.55am

Reconciliation 11am—11.45am

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am followed by Coffee **Wednesday**—Mass at 9.15am

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am

(Parish Mass Book p.109. Eucharistic Prayer IV p.31)

Tuesday—Mass at 9.30am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Bob Driver, In thanksgiving, Bette Coleman, Martin Filbin, John Ramsden

SICK

Fr Peter Birmingham, Sally Hickling, John Ramsden, Carol Waterworth, Arnold Marsden jnr,

LATELY DEAD

Mgr Terence Dodgeon

ANNIVERSARIES

Bette Coleman,

Please note: Notices for the Newsletter need to be in by 9.30am on a Friday morning

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £826.53 Sabden £213.13 Standing Orders £170.48

There will be a collection at all masses next weekend for 'Day for Life'

SAFEGUARDING DBS clearances have begun to come through. A few glitches and some may have been 'claimed' by a different parish. Don't worry it doesn't make any difference the diocese will amend it. Don't forget to register online at www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service and please send me (Ann Harkin) a copy. anhark456@aol.com

CAFOD In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis calls on us all to make simple daily gestures to care for the world's poorest people, for future generations and for the earth, our common home. This is an opportunity to live wisely, think deeply and love generously. **Where will you start?** Here are some ideas: use less water, avoid using paper or plastic, use public transport or car share, turn off the lights, cook only what can be reasonably consumed, plant trees, show care for other living beings.

VACANCY Salford Diocese have a vacancy for a Building Surveyor. This is full time appointment. See poster in porch

FR FRANKIE'S MEMORY BOOK a copy of the book that was presented to Fr Frankie, is available at the back of church—please have a look BUT do not take it home!

LOST Two keys on a key ring with love on Weld Day—has anyone found them? If you have then could you hand them in at the presbytery. Thankyou

COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING GROUP On 21st July we meet at 7.30pm in the presbytery to formulate plans for our meeting with the Bishop to discuss ideas on how he can add his voice to our work. The meeting is also an opportunity to learn about human trafficking and what we are doing about it. All parishioners are welcome.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE For those who are going on the pilgrimage, please collect the minutes of our last meeting from the sacristy. Flight tickets can be collected from Susan after Mass on Saturday 18th and 25th July and Sunday 26th July. Alternatively, please contact Susan on 01200 425928 or 07887690402 to arrange collection/delivery. If possible, please pay £10 coach costs on receipt of the tickets.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES. Anyone who wishes a petition to be taken for them, to be placed at the grotto, please use the box at the back of the church. The box will be available until Wednesday 29th July. Boxes are also available both in Sabden and Dunsop Bridge.

JESUITS & FRIENDS The Summer edition of the magazine is available from porch
S.V.P. No meetings for next 3 weeks—re-commence Tuesday 11th August 7pm

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way with Weld Day. In addition to Ralph Livesey Ltd and Mr Warbrick who we thanked last week, could we please add Philip and Judith Byrne who once again provided and served the Wine.

CLITHEROE

FOODBANK The Foodbank is currently short of sponge pudding, tinned custard, sauces (tomato or brown) and chocolate treats (inc wrapped choc biscuits). Telephone Ruth Haldane on 07849 534431 if you would like to help or info@ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk

ROTA'S The new rota will be compiled and distributed towards the end of the month (July). If you wish to withdraw your name from any of the tasks we would be grateful if you could let Janet know by TODAY Sunday July 19th. The new rotas should be available next weekend. Those who do not receive them by email can pick up their copy from the box on the table near the sacristy door.

July 25th/26th	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	R & F Holgate
Readers	A.Southworth	J.Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	C.Morgan, S.Smith, A.Marsden
Tea and Coffee		M.Geddes, L.Curphey, P.Holgate

COOKERY CLASSES Steady progress is being made on our bid to start classes in Clitheroe, but we need more volunteers for the following — cooks—washers up—collecting food from supermarkets—to name but a few. If you are interested in this project or are willing to help in any way then why not come along to our next meeting on Monday 17th August at 7.30pm at The United Reformed Church. We would be delighted to see you and whether or not ask that you will hold this project in your prayers
MISSIO (Red Boxes) We are asking people to check if they have a red box at home which for some reason may not have been collected for a while. Maybe you have moved house. Envelopes for your donations are available in the porch along with contact details for Janet and Sion Hall. Please call us with any query you may have 01200 428949. As Pope Francis recently said 'By making a personal donation you are giving a part of yourself, first to the Lord and then to others, which becomes a tool for the evangelisation of humanity built on love.'

TABOR September—December 2015 Programme now available from porch.

PARISH DRAW will commence in September. Cost of a ticket is £20. You will be given a number which will go into the draw which will take place at the end of each month (10 months in total). If you would like a ticket then please fill in one of the blue forms that are available at the back of church with your name, address and telephone number and pop it in the box provided. **Please note: In the past if you received your ticket from either Arnold Marsden, Janet Clegg, Peter Sutcliffe, Sheila Webb, Derrick Hutchinson, Anne Marie Williams, or any other agent namely Margaret Marsden who retired or Mary Preedy who sadly passed away YOU STILL NEED TO COMPLETE ONE OF THE SLIPS.**

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 1 J & C Hartley

DUNSOP BRIDGE

OPEN GARDENS TODAY Sunday 19th July Open Gardens at Waddow Lodge, Waddington courtesy of Peter and Liz Foley.

ST HUBERT'S DUCK RACE August Bank Holiday Monday 31st August beginning at 2pm. Please take a book (or take some books!) of tickets to sell for the race and write the number of the book(s) and your name on the form. (individual tickets £1; book of ten: £10.00. Tickets can also be had from Arnold Marsden 01200 427096 or Les Collinson on 01200 427029

