

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Pope Francis writes, at the start of his letter to the Church, "The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness." He invites all Christians everywhere to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them.

In our Parish we have made a start responding to Pope Francis by arranging six meetings to examine our Faith through this document. So far we have had two gatherings before Christmas, each lasting one hour. Groups of around eight parishioners read and discuss the message in an atmosphere of welcoming friendship.

Here are some comments from parishioners who attended;
"I really enjoy these groups—meeting with others and talking about our Faith"
"Another excellent and thought provoking session"
"Very friendly group, it was easy to participate for someone who finds it difficult to open up"

We have arranged four more sessions leading up to Easter and invite ALL parishioners to come and experience these groups. The meetings start at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Centre with refreshments served from 7.15pm. They end at 8.30pm but those who wish may stay on to discuss some issues in greater depth. What a great thing to do for Lent! Please come and join us.

The dates for your diary are 3rd February, 17th February, 2nd March and 9th March.

Parishioners will be available to explain more to anyone interested after all Masses next weekend, 30th/31st January.

We look forward to seeing you on the 3rd February.

Peter Donnelly.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th January 2016

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am
Funeral Service 10.45am
Marie Lund

Wednesday

Mass at 9am: Funeral Service 11am— Harry Hargreaves

Thursday

Requiem Mass at 10.30am - Lucy Wrigley: Mass at 7.30pm

Friday—Mass at 9am

Saturday (30th January)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am 11am—11.55am Exposition
11am—11.45am Reconciliation 6pm First Mass of Sunday

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, page 129, Eucharistic Prayer III, page 24
Preface VII p 70 **Tuesday** —Mass at 9.30am

There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for Caritas Diocese of Salford.

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Margaret McKenna x 2, Bridgid Hardwick, Murray family intention, Jeff Cowgill, Carol Waterworth, Christine Bamber, Molly Hartley, Marie Lund, Lucy Wrigley

SICK

Helen Addy, Veronica Hollis, Vivienne Tingle,

LATELY DEAD

Carol Waterworth, Lucy Wrigley, Harry Hargreaves, Bridgid Hardwick, Marie Lund

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret McKenna, Molly Hartley, Christine Bamber, Rose Corry

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £662.22 Sabden £143.49 Dunsop £128.50 S/O £170.48

LECTIO DIVINA You are invited on Wednesday evening at 8pm to learn and experience Lectio Divina, a traditional form of prayer dating back to the early years of the church. Please bring a bible with you.

WALSINGHAM Englands National Shrine of Our Lady. The annual pilgrimage by the Blackburn Branch of the Walsingham Association will take place Tue 17th to Thur 19th May 2016. Cost from £170 per person for Standard Room with full board. Deposit £50, non-returnable. To book a place Tel Vincent 01254 209101. A mini-bus will go from Clitheroe, at a low cost, to join the coach in Blackburn and back on return and can pick up at Whalley Bus Station and in Langho on route. Tel Maureen 01200 443499 to book a seat.

PARISH DINNER At the Parish Forum held last Wednesday, the subject of a Parish Dinner arose. A suggestion was made that we hold a joint event - St Michael & John's, St Mary's Sabden and St Hubert's Dunsop Bridge. A provisional date has been booked - Saturday April 9th with a 3 course meal, and held in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall. To get some indication of how many people are interested could you please add your name to the list at the back of church up by February 7th.

LOURDES The Annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop John Arnold, will take place between 29th July and 4th August 2016. If you are a doctor, nurse or health care assistant and are interested in the possibility of volunteering your skills to help support those sick and disabled pilgrims who need particular care during the pilgrimage, the Diocesan pilgrimage organisers are eager to hear from you. Financial support obtained through a special bursary fund, is available for those involved in healthcare, to assist with the cost of travel and accommodation. If you are interested and would like further information please contact the Pilgrimage Medical and Nursing Co-ordinator Veronica Hall on veronica@salfordlourdes.co.uk or telephone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209

PACT Prison Advice & Care Trust a Catholic prison charity is seeking two new trustees to give guidance, to ensure good governance, strategic oversight and direction. Pact is a growing award-winning independent Catholic national charity working in prisons and communities across England & Wales. Its aim to offer realistic hope of a fresh start to tens of thousands of prisoners, ex-prisoners, offenders, children and families. For further information anyone who might be interested please visit www.prisonadvice.org.uk/get-involved or call Chris Dunne 020 7735 9535

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MANCHESTER—LENT CAMPAIGN help to end abortion. Launch meeting 7.30pm Sunday 31st January St Kentigern's Social Club, Hart Road, Fal-lowfield M14 7DW. All welcome

CLITHEROE

<u>January 30/31</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Welcomers	A.Harkin	R & F Holgate
Reader	A.Southworth	Marina Barrett
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	C.Leeming, T.Mercer, A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee		Sims Family
Little Church		G.Hennigan/J.Golding

APF RED BOXES Could donations be in to the Sacristy by today 24th. Spare boxes available in the porch along with envelopes for much appreciated one-off donations. Please phone Sion or Janet if you have any problems on 01200 428949

OLIVE AID The Crib offerings this year will be given to 'Olive Aid', the charity which helps Palestinians replace their lost olive trees.

LADIES GROUP MEETING Wednesday 27th January in our Parish Hall 7.30pm. A talk by Peter Anwyl—LOVING CARE—caring for Dementia from carers prospective. Admission is only £2 including Tea and Biscuits.

CLITHEROE COOKERY CLASSES Volunteers of all kinds, but particularly cooks, are needed to help at these classes from 11am—1.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Parson Lane. More info 07851 210773 or 07818 854155

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Today, Sunday the annual ecumenical service will be at 6pm, this year hosted at St James'

WANTED a young practicing parishioner from the Czech Republic is looking for a person to share the rent of her terraced house on Victoria Street ☎07709 179586

JIMMY CRICKET LAUGHTER SHOW NEXT Friday 29th January at 8pm—Tickets £10 on sale after Masses this weekend or you may telephone one of the following numbers 01200 427912/441792/426769/423307 ext 3. See poster in porch

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 38—E.Robson. There is just one bonus ball left—only £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth. tel 01254 823748.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK The service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is this afternoon (Sunday) 4pm in Sabden Baptist Church, Clitheroe Road. Organised by Sabden Christian Council, it would be nice if St Mary's was well represented.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS there will be Stations of the cross each Tuesday through Lent at 7.30pm here in St Mary's. We welcome any parish groups who would like to lead.

PANTOMIME—SLEEPING BEAUTY is being presented next month by the New Village Folk, who are based at St Mary's. It takes place in the Community Hall on Wednesday February 24th to Saturday February 27th at 7.15pm each evening plus a 2pm Saturday Matinee. Evening performances £10 adult and £8 OAP's and under 16, and includes a Potato pie supper. It is presented cabaret style so you sit at round tables—and bring your own drink along. Tickets for the Saturday ate £5 and refreshments are available to buy. All the cast are local, so you will see a lot of familiar faces. Tickets on sale after mass on Sundays at Sabden or from Margaret Parsons 01282 778652 or see Janet at Clitheroe. The last Panto was a sell out so buy your tickets early.