

Dear Parishioners

“To live is to change. And to be perfect is to have changed often.” Famous words of John Henry Newman. They reflect one of the great demands of the Gospel, which is Christ’s call to each one of us to change. It is not always welcome, it’s not always comfortable, it’s not always easy, but like it or not, if we refuse to change we will die. That goes for us as individuals, and for us as a Christian community. (This is reason for the recent parish meeting!) To live is to change. To be perfect is to have changed often.

Those called to the consecrated life (priests and sisters in religious orders) or to the diocesan priesthood live this out in a special way: a divine intervention takes their lives in unimagined directions. In turn, their changed lives influence others and help many people make the changes necessary to growing in faith, in relationships and in responsibility. The apostles are the most startling example of divinely disrupted lives. ‘Follow me,’ said Jesus, and they left their fishing nets so that untold numbers of people might hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Today we pray especially that those God is calling may allow this divine intervention into their lives so that they might become the disciples Christ intends them to be as priests or religious.

This year in Salford Diocese, we look forward to the ordination to the Priesthood of Rev Michael Deas and Rev Richard Howard who are completing their studies at the Venerable English College, Rome. We also have two ordinations to the diaconate: Mark Paver (whom you will remember was on placement with us) also from the English College in Rome and Gavin Landers from Oscott College, Birmingham. Please hold them in your prayers as well as our other students who are continuing their journey in formation: Damien Loudon, at the Beda, Rome; Callum Brown (who was also on placement here) and Bob Hayes at Oscott College, as well as Luke Bradbury at the English College in Valladolid, Spain. Please also remember in prayer Daniel Gillard who is currently making a formal application to the Diocese for the coming academic year.

Today there is special collection to pay for the training of these young men and the money you give is essential. In 2014 expenditure on training these future priests exceeded income by £165,000. Please give generously.

Fr John

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Vocations Sunday - 17th April 2016 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Tuesday

Mass at 8am

Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 8am

Thursday

Mass at 8am & 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (23rd April)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Reconciliation 11am—11.45am

Exposition 11am—11.55am

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 p 268 Eucharistic Prayer I p 18
Preface IV of Easter p 74 **Tuesday** —Mass at 9.30am

*There will be a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend
for the Priests Training Fund*

Pope Francis has asked that a special collection be taken
in all Catholic Churches in Europe next Sunday
24th April 2016 to aid the people of the Ukraine

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK John Joe Mckenna, Wedding intention, Martin Nolan, Albert Blockeel, Dorothy Nelson, William Fox, Tilie Malpass, Helen Addy, Antony Romer-Grundy

SICK Fr Michael Dunn, Bert Bradley, Helen Addy, Norman Dudman, Joan Simpson, Veronica Hollis

LATELY DEAD Dorothy Nelson, William Fox, Tillie Malpass, Antony Romer-Grundy

ANNIVERSARIES John Joe Mckenna, Albert Blockeel, Martin Nolan

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £764.15 Sabden £175.67 Dunsop £1,294.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

WALSINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE Saturday 7th May—see poster in porch

TURIN SHROUD Photographic exhibition of the Holy Shroud of Turin at Salford Cathedral until Tuesday 19th April—Monday—Friday 8am—6pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am—6pm – See poster in porch

PARISH DINNER Please see Geraldine Hennigan for any refunds

MASS OF HEALING The next Mass of Healing is on Sunday April 24th at 2pm in the Parish Centre. Please complete a form from the back of church and return it to the box by Monday 18th April—we need to know to make transport and catering arrangements.

HELP FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES Pete & Rosie Simpson (Anti-Trafficking Network) have a home in Turkey where 50 Syrian refugee families live. They need unwanted balls of wool, knitting needles or crochet hooks. Contact Anthony Brown 01200 422811 or a.brown@caritassalford.org.uk

PRO-LIFE DAY Saturday 30th April in St Michael & St John's, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am. Special Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon during which the names of children who have died at an early age or before birth will be processed in the offertory procession. Please use slips of paper provided at the back of the church to the names of any children and place them in the basket inside the War Memorial rail. Exposition will close at 5.45pm. There is a watching list at the back of church for you to sign. Watchers required throughout the day for half an hour at a time.

WANTED Home baked cakes for reception after the Mass of Healing Sunday 24th April. Please take to our Parish Hall between 10.30 and 11am on the day.

SALFORD CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION is looking to recruit a professional volunteer with experience of child welfare to join the commission. It involves six meetings per year. Further details contact Dawn Lundergan on 0161 817 2206 or dawn.lundergan@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

PARISH SAFEGUARDING UPDATE Since the last update well over 20 people have been successfully processed. Are there any new 'starters' out there or those who managed to avoid us last time around? If so, please contact Ann Harkin or Bridget Hilton (Dunsop Bridge) ASAP.

LECTIO DIVINA (reading and praying Holy Scripture) This will start up again on Wednesday 20 April at the new time of 7.30-8.30pm at the presbytery. This is a great opportunity to deepen prayer life through scripture. Do come along. Fr Kevin

PRAYER AND PRAISE ON THURSDAYS The sessions that ran well in Advent and Lent will now continue on the last Thursday of each month, after the evening Mass. The next one will be on Thursday 28 April 8.10-9.10pm. Come and praise God in song, silence, prayer and praise. Fr Kevin

RETREAT AT CRAIG LODGE DALMALLY, SCOTLAND 12-16 SEPTEMBER Fr Kevin will be leading a retreat called 'Prayer, Parable, Poetry and Praise!' at this wonderful retreat centre in Scotland, where Mary's Meals is based. The five days will be centred in reading and writing that reflect the Catholic faith. You will get a chance to pray, relax, worship and be creative with words. See Fr Kevin if interested.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION a schedule of dates for Exposition and Divine Mercy Meditations at St Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn is on the notice board in the porch.

MEDAILLE TRUST Anthony Brown will speak at Tabor Retreat House, Preston on Human Trafficking on Saturday 30th April 10am-4pm £15—see poster in porch

BOSAZ TRUST are holding a Refugee Awareness evening—St Bernadette's Social Centre in Whitefield Friday 29th April.

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PARISH CENTRE Subscriptions Adults £10 Senior Citizens & Students £5 now due—renew at the Centre. Sunday Evening Quiz & Play your Cards Right starts 8.30pm.

BAPTISM We welcome Sadie Jayne Young who was baptised last Saturday.

Please collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the table near the Sacristy Door if you have not already done so.

SAINSBURY'S Our Primary School are collecting Active Kids vouchers. Please pop into the Parish Communications Box in porch or hand into school.

TEA DANCE This month will celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It is this coming Wednesday 20th April, Dancing from 2-5pm. Cost £3.50 which includes Afternoon Tea. More details from Daphne 01200 427912

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming J.Luciani - Reader—A.McGuire Eucharistic Ministers F.Ellis & R.Embery **Sunday**—Welcoming—A & J Marsden Reader K.Downes Eucharistic Ministers— P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, T.Mercer Little Church—D & V Harvey Higgins & D & C Carr Tea & Coffee—M.Geddes & L.Curphy

COFFEE MORNING—LADIES GROUP on April 23rd, St George's Day in the Ribble Valley Mayors Parlour 10am—12noon. Tickets on sale this weekend after each Mass. Proceeds to a Dementia charity. We would appreciate any donations for Tombola stall. Please support us. Thankyou. Frances Nelson will also sell tickets at Dunsop Bridge on today Sunday 17th April. We also need home made cakes for this event. If you are kindly baking for the Mass of Healing the day after Sunday 24th, please could you add another cake. Thankyou all for your support.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 18 Grimshaw family. There is just one bonus ball left—only £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth. tel 01254 823748.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING in St Mary's Hall 10am Sturday May 7th. All village churches involved with St Mary's providing refreshments. Tombola—Cake Stall—Good as New—Bric a Brac—Book stall—Raffle. We are appealing for items for all the stalls and if you can help please leave them at the back of church or with Betty Clarkson, Ann Barker, Margaret Parsons or Damien Buggie who are St Mary's representatives on Sabden Christian Council.

PARISH DIRECTORY we are updating the Parish Directory, copies of which will be in the hall after Mass—please check your details are correct and if so tick against your name, if they are incorrect please amend or complete a new slip

DUNSOP BRIDGE

SUNDAY TEAS Thank you to all those who supported our village long standing Sunday Teas which, on Sunday 3rd April the proceeds were for the Parish funds, profit after expenses was £382.75. Special thanks to our team of helpers and those who baked and donated cakes—all of which sold out. Sunday Teas are available each Sunday until the end of August. Open from 10.30am—4pm in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. To help telephone Julie Bennett 01200 448630