

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Day for Life encourages us to reflect how precarious and precious and interlinked all life is.

Paula has profound intellectual and multiple disabilities and she spends much of her time rocking gently, smiling and looking around her. She cannot talk but she clearly loves to sit outside in her wheelchair, in spontaneous appreciation, listening to the birds, feeling the warmth of the sun and the cool of the wind, taking in the scent of the flowers; just watching the world go by. Above all, she loves people to come and sit with her. As Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche says, people like Paula live by the heart.

Paula reminds us all, especially very busy people, to stop and see that God has given us so many gifts, and often the most wondrous gifts are the simple ones that we take for granted. It is also easy to overlook or ignore or indeed think less of people who rely on the heart, who do not seem to be 'like us' because of disability, age, vulnerability or frailty.

In Luke's Gospel, the disciples come to a crucial turning point as Jesus asks them, "who do you say I am?". Peter's reply, you are "the Christ" is inspired and spontaneous. It is from the heart. People like Paula ask simply by their presence, "who do you say I am?". The response is also inspired: each human being, whatever his or her capacities, is wonderfully made in the image of God and as St Paul tells the Galatians, all the baptised are one in Christ. There is no 'us' and 'them'.

In his encyclical on ecology, *Laudato si*, Pope Francis points out that we are deeply connected to the world around us. However, he adds that "a sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings." The Pope says that "we have only one heart" because ecology is also human ecology. An attitude of the heart allows us to see the world around us with wonder and as grace filled, so that all creation is alive to the glory of God. And the heart reminds us that every human being is a Christ for the other. *Pia Matthews*

We must arrange a Parish study of Laudato si after the summer, Fr John

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 19th 2016 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee
11am—First Holy Communion Mass

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday (25th June)

Mass at 6pm. No other services morning or afternoon.
Deanery Year of Mercy Pilgrimage (see next page of newsletter)

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 99
Eucharistic Prayer II p23 Preface VII p 67 **Tuesday** —Mass at 9.30am

MASSSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Patrick Emerson x 2, Helen Addy, Derek Birtwell,

SICK

Joseph Kitching, Helen Addy, Norman Dudman, Bert Bradley, Joe Wright, Ron Crossley

LATELY DEAD

Tony Perrin, Angela Stevenson

ANNIVERSARIES

Derek Birtwell, Linda Walker



There will be a retiring collection after all masses this weekend for Day for Life

Two important events this week which I do encourage you to attend. **The Parish Forum** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesday. Items for the agenda are still welcome.

Deanery Year of Mercy Pilgrimage on Saturday

Those who wish to walk should park up at St Mary's Osbaldeston before 11am when we shall leave to follow quiet lanes and paved bridle paths for 5 miles to St Mary's Samlesbury. Tea, Coffee and Soup will be available on arrival but bring your own picnic.

Those who wish to drive directly to St Mary's & St John Southworth (2nd turning on the left **PR5 OUL** on the A59 after the motorway roundabouts) may arrive from 12.30pm onwards. Drinks will be provided but bring your own picnic.

St Mary's has a designated Holy Year Door and Reconciliation (Confession) is available from 12.30 to 3pm. There will be an Holy Hour from 2-3pm.

Fr John

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £820.59 Sabden £109.21 Dunsop £301.52
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

LECTIO DIVINA (reading & praying Holy Scripture) on Wednesdays 7.30-8.30pm in presbytery. Because of the Parish Forum this week there will be no Lectio Divina but meetings will re-commence the following Wednesday 15th June.

CAFOD MEETING Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th June.

LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR This will take place on Wednesday 27th July. Coach to set off from the Interchange at approx 3.30pm and will arrive back approximately 9.30-10pm. Cost £27 which includes all tips. Names will be taken at our next meeting (when menu choices will be available) on Wednesday 29th June or you can ring either Janet 01200 423307 ext 3 or Daphne 01200 427912

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LANCASHIRE Ecumenical Convention Mon 20th June-Friday 24 June at Cardinal Newman College Preston—details on poster in porch.

FOODBANK Strong people required on Friday 24 June to help with the annual stocktake at the foodbank warehouse—carrying boxes to and from the weighing scales. If you can help, please phone Ruth Haldene on 07849 534431 or email info@ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk

KNIT AND KNATTERTHON in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall on June 29th from 10am-10pm. Come and knit a square for Syrian refugees in Turkey. Wool and needles provided. Knitting lessons for beginners and a special class for men. Come along any time or stay for the full 12 hours. Light refreshments and entertainment for the last hour. Contact Anthony Brown 01200 422811 or a.brown@caritassalford.org.uk

CARITAS Caritas Diocese of Salford is recruiting one Caritas Representative from each Parish. As the Parish representative, you'll receive the latest information about what Caritas is doing in your area. You'll be able to share your stories with us as well. If you would like to become a Parish representative, please first obtain consent from your Parish Priest, then contact us on 0161 817 2250 or email parishreps@caritassalford.org.uk

THE BIG MILE walk 26th June at 1pm.—'a walk for the ages' All proceeds to Caritas Salford and the SDVP to support Northwest Befriending Services. Register at www.caritassalford.org.uk/bigmile or contact comms@caritassalford.org.uk for more information.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Weld Day Sunday 3rd July.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Commissioning of New Ministers and Renewal of Serving Ministers will take place at Masses on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June.

DAY OF RENEWAL St Clare's Church, Preston Sat 25 June 10am-4pm—see poster

PRO-LIFE WALK Will people who have promised sponsor money for Right to life, please put money in a clearly marked envelope onto the collection plate with name of the sponsor. Donations are still being accepted.

CARITAS VACANCY Caritas Diocese of Salford wishes to recruit a Social Worker for our Schools' Service. This position will be based across Greater Manchester. For more info and to download an application form please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk or call 0161 8172264

CLITHEROE

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

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming A.Harkin Reader—A.McGuire Eucharistic Ministers—Volunteers. **Sunday**—Welcoming—A & J Marsden Reader—G.Lambert Eucharistic Ministers—Volunteers. Little Church—S.Fellows & C.Mashiter Tea & Coffee – P.Byrne & family

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Still a few cards and gifts available to buy from the side porch— to the left of the Sacristy door

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S invite you to join them for Choral Evensong on Sunday 12th July at 6.30pm. The choir will sing Evensong, and there will be hymns for the congregation to join in. David Thornton, their new Director of Music will play the organ.

THE MAYOR'S BIG PICNIC Cllr Mark French welcomes local people to enjoy a Jacob's Join lunch together on Sunday 26 June at St Mary's Centre shortly after the Civic Service which is at 11am.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL no 3 Sue Aspin. There is just one Bonus ball left—only £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth. tel 01254 823748.

SUMMER FETE St Mary's Summer Fete NEXT Saturday 25 June 2-4pm. All usual fun and attractions. Donations of gifts to sell and raffle prizes appreciated. Toy Tombola and Teddy Bear show and picnic—don't forget to enter your Teddy. Lovely family afternoon out. Best cream teas for miles around. We would also like donations of empty jars containing a small gift e.g. toy, toiletry, confectionary—put in box in porch or give to Donna or Melanie. We will need homemade cakes and plants for plant stall. There are lists in the porch for helpers and raffle prizes—please help if you can.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

SUNDAY TEAS The popular summer teas in the Dunsop Bridge Village Hall will be served by the friends of St Hubert's school both this Sunday 19th June and next Sunday 25th. All proceeds go to the school.

APF MISSIONS Red Boxes are now due.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS This year it is the 150th anniversary of Thorneyholme RC Primary School in Dunsop Bridge. Staff are inviting past pupils, parishioners and members of the local community to visit the school on Friday 8th July from 1.30-3.30pm or Sunday 10th July 11am-2pm. Visitors will have a chance to see a timeline display by the school and memoirs written by past pupils in the main hall and view children's current work in the classrooms.