

Dear Parishioners

On Wednesday Pope Francis again made an appeal on behalf of our planet and the poor, observing that natural disasters could be limited if we would take better care of the environment. He concluded:

“Therefore I encourage you to join far-sighted efforts in the protection of our common home.” Well this parish has started by discussing his landmark letter on “The Care of Our Common Home, Laudato si.

Moving on from last week’s very successful meeting which looked at the introduction to Pope Francis’ letter, this Wednesday we shall look at the first section which asks “What is Happening to Our Common Home?”. We shall divide into three groups, with each group looking at one of three important issues: pollution and climate change; waste of resources; global inequality and how we may combat it.

These issues are important to us all not only as individuals and communities but also as a nation. Pope Francis has pointed out there are many opinions on the causes of and cures for our current ecological crisis and this is your opportunity to have your say. Each group will look at one issue and then feed back to the groups as a whole for general discussion. This will provide the opportunity for everyone present to share their thoughts and views on these important issues.

We all care about the world around us and the people in it though it is sometimes hard to know and feel how as individuals we can help. This is your chance to listen to Pope Francis’ thoughts, discuss these with others and provide your own views and thoughts.

If you were not able to come to the introduction last week, this does not matter. Each session works independently to the others. We will be looking at all six sections of Pope Francis’ teachings over six evenings between now and Lent and you are welcome to come to one or all of the sessions as you are able or wish.

Tea and coffee will be provided as usual from 7:15pm onwards. The meeting will start at 7:30pm and we will finish at 8:30pm. If anyone wishes to continue the discussion for a little longer, they are more than welcome to do so. The session will finish with St Francis’ inspirational Laudato si song which, if you have not yet heard it, is an uplifting, foot tapping, inspirational hymn. Some were left humming the tune all week!

So come along and have your say on these important issues.

Fr John

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 16th 2016

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am—followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

10.30am Funeral Service Angelo Natale

Thursday

Requiem Mass at 1pm—Teresa Atkinson
Mass at 7.30pm—Memorial Mass Sr Eileen

Saturday (22nd October)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Reconciliation 11—11.45am

Exposition 11—11.55am

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am Eucharistic Prayer II p.23, Preface III p.66

Tuesday —Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Fr Joseph Wareing SJ, In thanksgiving, Joan Simpson, Ethelreda & Stanley Baines, Ian Chew, Sr Eileen Pollard, David Dunn, Emily Nuttall, Sean Bennett, Special intention

SICK

Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Joseph Wright, Bill Dewhurst, Jane Crowther, John Carpanini, Fr Joseph Wareing, SJ, Barry Pickup, Ian Chew, Sean Bennett

LATELY DEAD Joan Simpson, Angelo Natale, Teresa Atkinson
ANNIVERSARIES Ethelreda Baines, Stanley Baines, David Dunn, Emily Nuttall

*Next weekend there will be a retiring collection at all masses for
World Mission Sunday*

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £657.17 Sabden £161.72 Dunsop £289.50 Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

CAFOD—HARVEST FAST DAY Grateful thanks to all those who donated so generously. If you haven't yet returned your CAFOD envelope, you can put it in the collection basket at Mass or through the presbytery letterbox. Thankyou

TRIP TO YORK Wednesday 7th December. Leaves Interchange at 8.15am Cost £12.50 or £20 (which includes a guided tour of York Minster). Only 7 places left.

REFUGEE RESPONSE a special fundraising page has been set up to support war-torn refugees coming to the Ribble Valley for a new life. Anyone wishing to donate can do so directly to the CAB or Salvation Army in Clitheroe by logging into <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/RibbleValleyRefugeeCrisisFund>

THE SPIRIT OVER THE WATERS Fr Kevin is helping to deliver an exciting programme of events at Tabor House, Preston for three Thursday evenings: 3, 10 and 17 November. The evenings consist of presentations in scripture, song, drama and theological reflection. Please speak to Fr Kevin if you would like more information. You can book directly Tel: 01772 717122 email tabor@carmelite.net

PRAYER AND PRAISE Thursday 27 October 8.10-9.10pm where we will praise God in adoration, through Scripture and lively music. Come and be uplifted! Fr Kevin

CHRISTIAN AID 'SPEAK UP' EVENING Friday 21 October 7pm St John's Old School Hurst Green. Come and meet your MP, Nigel Evans, and ask him what progress is being made on tackling climate change. Short films, discussions & questions followed by Jacob's Join supper. All welcome

SPONSORED WALK Thank you very much to everyone who walked, helped and sponsored the walkers. Please get sponsorship money to Meriel (07989922666) by 23 October deadline. Fund split between the Caritas and Parish Hall building funds.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017 28th July—3rd August. Volunteers— medical/non-medical to assist. Volunteers of all ages and abilities. To find out more come to one of our meetings—see poster in porch.

LADIES GROUP meeting Wednesday 26 October speaker Peter Wolfenden—'A Country lad looks back to Rural life in times gone by' £2 inc light refreshments. All welcome including men who may find this interesting.

10th ANNIVERSARY TEA DANCE Wednesday 19th October 2-5pm in our Parish Hall. Afternoon Tea/Dancing £4. Information from Daphne 01200 427912

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN EAST LANCS The Police have made some progress in tackling this problem but desperately need the help of the public in alerting to them to potential instances. Please pray and make yourself aware of the signs of human trafficking via the prayer cards and leaflets in the church porch.

MASS IN ITALIAN Starting Sunday 24th October Mass will be celebrated in Italian at St Mary's, the Hidden Gem in Manchester on the 4th Sunday of each month at 3pm.

CARITAS Two vacancies— for an Older People Community Development Officer and Refugee Response officer—see posters in porch

SALFORD DIOCESE NETWORKING—Wed November 23rd—see letter in porch

REFUGEE—Christmas Cards on sale—see Katherine Clay ☎ 07857 808984

Please keep Fr Wareing in your thoughts and prayers—he is undergoing tests in hospital at the moment.

CLITHEROE

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

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of the Children's Society Friday 28 October at Clitheroe Cricket Club. Tickets £7 inc pie and pea supper—contact Ken Robinson 07503 175657 or email andyfroud@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS FAIR Sunday 27 November after Mass 10.30am. Contributions gratefully accepted—Raffle Prizes, Cakes, Jewellery, Bottles of Wines and Spirits, Boxes of Biscuits, Chocolates, Crafts and any unwanted gifts. Please hand in at the presbytery.

PARISH DRAW the first draw at the end of October. The cost is £20 for the year. If you have had a ticket last year please pay your agent (if you have forgotten who it was there is a list pinned up on the notice board at the back of church). If you haven't had a ticket before and would like one approach one of the agents or Janet in the Parish Office

APF RED BOXES Total collected this quarter £595.40

K.S.C. JUMBLE SALE Saturday October 22nd. Jumble will be collected on the morning of the day. Contact Arnold 427096 or Betty 427029. Proceeds to the refurbishment of Ladies Toilets.

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming M.Valovin Reader—C.McGuire Eucharistic Ministers—B.Worden & B.Hilton **Sun**—Welcoming—A & J Marsden Reader—D.Carr Carr Euch Min— H.Addy, P.Donnely, H.Lofthouse Coffee—Embery family Little Church—A.Watson

SEEDLINGS Wednesday 9.30-11.30am -desperately need new volunteers to help with snack time. Chance to meet the next generation. All welcome. ☎ Kay 07921 855576

CLITHEROE COOKERY CLUB needs volunteer cooks. We meet every Thursday 11am—2pm at Trinity Methodist Church and offer a 6 week course to adults referred to us from places such as the Foodbank, Job Centre, CAP and Social service. See poster

MEMORIAL MASS for Sister Eileen is on this coming Thursday evening at 7.30pm

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 27. If you haven't received your new envelopes please check at the back of church or let Donna know 01254 823422

APF MISSIONS—RED BOXES If you wish to Gift Aid your donations—pick up an form at the back of church. Amount collected recently £41.65

COFFEE AFTER MASS—More volunteers always welcome. Keep your eye on the rota on notice board and fill in any gaps you can. Thankyou

JIMMY CRICKET LAUGHTER SHOW at St Mary's on Friday November 18th at 7.30pm in the Hall. Fr Kevin will join the comedian and friends for an evening of music and fun. Tickets £10 including potato pie supper **but take your own drinks and glasses!** Tickets from Margaret Waling 01282 773913, Margaret Parsons 01282 778652 or Pauline Hindle 01282 776041

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Christmas Fair Saturday 3rd December—ideas and stall-holders required. Please consider getting involved.

FOUND An item of jewellery was found in the hall after the Dementia fund raiser. Please contact Pat Whitwell 01282 774588

DUNSOP BRIDGE

ANNUAL BINGO & SOCIAL in Newton Village Hall on Monday 12th December.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS Thorneyholme RC Primary School is holding its final 'open doors' event in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the school. Staff are inviting past pupils, parishioners and members of the local community to visit the school on Sunday 23 October 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.