

Dear Parishioners

It was wonderful to see so many children and young families at the 4pm Mass on Christmas eve. The time certainly suits young families, so this 4pm Childrens mass will be repeated next Christmas.

The following comments are from a priest who works promoting good relations between the Catholic and Jewish communities.

“Another area of common understanding between Jewish and Catholic communities is concern for the created order and the care for the earth, our common home. I have heard many Jewish groups express much gratitude for Pope Francis’ encyclical ‘Laudato si’ (On the Care for our Common Home)

“Pope Francis uses many Biblical texts to explain the essential values on which the encyclical is based. His recurring themes of the dignity of human beings is based on Genesis 1; the origin and connection of humanity to the earth itself is found in Genesis 2; the inter-connection and inherent value of all life comes from Psalm 148; the connection of the degradation of the environment to the degradation of the poor are based on the stories of Cain and Abel in Genesis 4 as well as other quoted texts. He also uses many of the same laws in the Torah that Jewish environmentalists have been quoting for decades: the laws of the Sabbatical Year and Jubilee from Leviticus 25, the protection of species from Deuteronomy 22:6-7 and the Sabbath imperative to rest from Exodus 23:12.

“In Laudato si, Pope Francis is focused on climate change’s impact on the poor. His encyclical looks at the moral and spiritual crisis that climate change illustrates: moral, because of its disproportionate impact on the poor, and spiritual because it highlights our disconnection to creation. He makes a deep and thoughtful critique of the modern economy, consumerism, the current concept of progress, and the way in which technology can have a negative impact on the environment if not properly regulated.

Pope Francis calls for an open and honest discussion among all people to find effective solutions to this growing crisis. Many Jewish communities are seizing this critical moment in the history of our planet to speak out clearly and loudly about our common future on earth that is in jeopardy. Together as Christians and Jews, we must ask: “What kind of world do we wish to leave our children?”

Members of our parish have been exploring this question in our discussions of Laudato si. We meet again a week on Wednesday, 18th Jan, at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Why not join us ?

Fr John

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The Ehipany - 8th January 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Tuesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Funeral Service 10.30am

Margaret Rawsthorne

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday—15th January

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11am—11.45am

Exposition 11am—11.55am First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am Parish Mass book p 115 Eucharistic Prayer I p 28

Preface p67 **Tuesday**—Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday Mass at 9.15am

Next Sunday an Ethiopian priest, a member of the Comboni Missionary Society, will preach the annual mission appeal and take a retiring collection in Clitheroe and Sabden

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Tommy Lewis, Robert Graham, Carol Waterworth, Holy Souls

SICK

Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Jean Schofield, Ian Chew, Fr Joe Wareing
Sean Bennett, Olive Bromley, John Dixon, Pat Horrocks, Agnes Marsden

LATELY DEAD

Margaret Rawsthorne, Tommy Lewis,

ANNIVERSARIES

Carol Waterworth, Robert Graham, Fr Bernard Dobson SJ

PARISH—Clitheroe, Dunsop and Sabden

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £666.17 Dunsop £188.50 Sabden £164.21

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

LADIES GROUP ANNUAL MEAL Friday January 27th at the Newdrop and the cost is £27 for a three course meal including transport and tips. Menu's are available from the porch. **Please note there are only five places left.**

COURSE Joint courses for Aspiring Deputies and Headteachers in Catholic Primary schools. A two day residential will take place on 19-20 January 2017 and for those aspiring to headship, a two day residential on 2-3 February. Interested in either course please contact one of the priests.

CAFOD Bishop John will give a talk on his recent visit to Central America. Venue—St John's, Ivy St, Burnley at 2pm on Sat 21 Jan. Everyone welcome

CAFOD MEETING Thurs 12th Jan at 10am in St Michael & St John's presbytery.

A TASTE OF TIBET Pendle Club, Lowergate, Clitheroe Saturday 11th February 6.30pm. Himalayan food, Live Music, Meal + glass of wine £10. All proceeds to the Gesu Genany nunnery Kham Eastern Tibet. Tickets available on the door of from Clitheroe Books, Moor Lane, Clitheroe.

MEDAILLE TRUST Winter edition of the free magazine now available in the porch. The Medaille Trust is a Catholic charity that provides safe houses for victims of human trafficking.

EDGES MAGAZINE (T.H.O.M.A.S.) are now available free from the porch.

CEILIDH to celebrate Burns Night Clitheroe & Bowland District Girlguiding are holding a Ceilidh in West Bradford Village Hall Sunday 22nd January 4pm-7pm. Adults £7.50, Children £5. Tickets from clitheroeguiders@hotmail.co.uk. Ticket price includes Hot meal, Dancing and Fun. Live music and instruction kindly provided by Clitheroe & District Caledonian Society.

WALSINGHAM The annual pilgrimage by the Blackburn Branch of the Walsingham Association takes place May 16th—18th 2017. Cost from approx £170 per person, some sharing may be required. Deposit £50 non-returnable. To book a place tel: Vincent 01254 209101. A mini-bus will go from Clitheroe to join the coach in Blackburn, picking up on route. To book a seat tel: 01200 443499

CLITHEROE

CHRISTMAS FAIR One unclaimed raffle prize ticket 1323 (Haircare voucher)

FR WAREING Please continue your prayers for Fr Wareing who is residing in St Wilfrid's Presbytery, Preston.

BAPTISM We welcome Sofia Suzanna Stuttard who was baptised recently.

LADIES GROUP Committee Meeting Monday 9th Jan 7.30pm in presbytery
K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 10th January 7.30pm in the presbytery

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Saturday 14th January 10am

United prayer and praise meeting led by
Clitheroe Community Church and Clitheroe
Salvation Army at Clitheroe Community Church

Sunday 22nd January 6pm

United Worship at
Clitheroe Community Church

K.S.C. DANCE

**Friday 27th January
7.30pm**

Dancing to John Lancaster.
Tickets £7
inc Hot Supper.
from Arnold
01200 427096
or Betty 01200 427029

OLIVE AID is a charity which helps Palestinians who have lost their olive trees, usually their only source of income, to the expansion of illegal Israeli settlements on the West bank and that dreadful security wall. Olive trees are precious: just twenty trees can sustain a family for a year. Olive Aid is a self-help project run by the Catholic Bethlehem University which provides needy families with 3 year old olive saplings. Christian and Muslim alike are helped but the project particularly aims to stem the emigration of Christian families who suffer the most in conflict. Today, Christians in Bethlehem constitute less than 15% of the population. Fifty years ago, Christians living in the birthplace of Jesus made up more than 70% of the population! You can donate a tree for £25. For details see me or go to www.oliveaid.com. It is a Christmas Charity that I support and a number of parishioners have joined with me over the past few years. Fr John

The Defibrillator is now in position at the back of church to the right-hand side of the choir loft door

MISSION CALENDARS are available from the porch—Please take one.

ROTA NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Welcoming—A.Harkin **Reader** J.Byrne
Eucharistic Ministers A.Harkin & N.Dixon **Sunday—Welcoming** M.Swales
& T.O'Donnell **Reader** R.Bowes **Eucharistic Ministers**—J.Hall, S.Hall,
K.Downes, **Tea & Coffee**—Embery family

SALE! SALE! SALE!

Many Christmas items—cards—ornaments—Advent calendars etc on sale, most half price at the back of church. Please put money in the C.T.S. box on the wall.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning numbers 8 (17 Dec), 12 (24 Dec) & 25 (31Dec) Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

ROAD CLOSURE the Clitheroe Road, Sabden will be temporarily closed from 3rd—14th January to enable resurfacing to take place. More details on