

Dear Parishioners

In his Encyclical, *Laudate Si*, Pope Francis reminds us that the earth is our common home and we must care for it. He calls the entire world to take action and begin a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We can all co-operate as instruments of God in the care of creation.

At the last "Laudate Si" meeting everyone there decided that, individually and as a Parish, we can begin to do something about this. Lent is the ideal time! So each week throughout Lent there will be a suggested challenge, linked to the environment, for us to take on together. This week we are asking everyone to have "Meat free Fridays" during Lent. This is not merely bringing back the Church's "Fish on Friday".

Amazingly, at least 51% of global greenhouse gas emissions are caused by animal agriculture. In fact it has such a devastating effect on all aspects of our environment that the Union of Concerned Scientists lists meat eating as the second biggest environmental hazard facing the earth. Number one is fossil fuel vehicles.

During Lent we can begin to address these issues as well as preparing for Easter with small sacrifices. If Friday isn't a good day then choose another day.

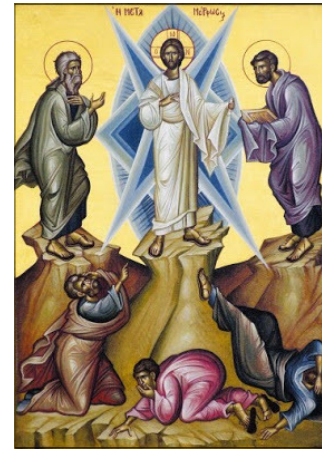
Each week there will be a new challenge in the newsletter. Everyone is urged to take on these suggestions as their Lenten effort so that together we can begin to make a difference and grow as a Missionary Parish.

Laudato si Study Group

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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2nd Sunday of Lent - 12th March 2017 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, & Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Reconciliation at 6.30pm

Thursday

Mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm

Prayer & Praise 8.10pm

Friday

Mass at 9.15am

Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation 7.30pm

Saturday—18th March

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.155. Preface of Transfiguration p.72

Eucharistic Prayer III p.28

Tuesday—Mass at 9.15am

Sunday 19th March— Mass at 10am followed by Reconciliation

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am **Tuesday**— Reconciliation 6pm followed by

Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Wednesday - Mass at 9.15am

Lenten Thought for the week:
Think about your car journey—could you walk or share?
This is linked to the use of fossil fuels.

MASSSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK In thanksgiving, Mr Johnston, Fr Bob Costello SJ, Eric Whitehead, Margaret Maffia x 3

SICK John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Joseph Wright, Cap't Elizabeth Smith (Salvation Army)

LATELY DEAD Fr Joseph Wareing SJ, Margaret Maffia,

ANNIVERSARIES Eric Whitehead, Wendy Byrne, Edward Barnard

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £882.17 Dunsop £358.00 Sabden £266.98

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY AND PRAISE” The Prayer and Praise each Thursday in Lent from 8.10-9.10pm, just after the evening mass. For the seven sessions in Lent, Fr Kevin will introduce different ideas of how to pray and there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture and lively music. Do make this your Lenten devotion.

PAUSE FOR HOPE an Ecumenical Service for all affected by Cancer on Sunday 30th April at 3pm here at St Michael & St John's, Church (in connection with Clitheroe Christians in Partnership). The speaker will be Professor Ray Donnelly MBE, FRCS Founder and President of the Roy Castle Lung Foundation.

EASTER LILLIES The remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is now open. A donation of £3 contributes towards the Easter lily display. Please see Jane Brown (Sat) or Teresa Mercer (Sun) by the Baptistery at the back of church. Please note that names and money to be in by April 9th—Palm Sunday.

KNIT AND KNATTERTHON MARCH 29 The next Knit and Knatterthon is in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall 10am-4pm. Come and knit a square for Syrian refugees in Turkey. Knitting lessons for newcomers, wool, needles and refreshments provided. Anthony Brown 01200 422811 or a.brown@caritassalford.org.uk for details.

REFUGEES IN TURKEY Paul and Lynda Hembrough will speak at the Clitheroe Community Church on March 19 about their work in Turkey with local people and refugees. These refugees are the ones we are knitting for at the Knit and Knatterthons. See poster in porch.

QUAKER DAY OF HEALING Saturday 18 March 11am-4pm at the Blackburn Meeting House. See poster in porch

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of Crossroads Care Ribble Valley on Friday 31st March at West Bradford Village Hall 7.30-11pm. Hot Buffet by Country Kitchen. Tickets £10. See poster

LENT TALKS next Saturday 18th March Hilary Murphy – ‘Praying for our neighbours at the Acorn Prayer House’ Start 10.30am with Coffee and the talks will start at 11am and conclude by noon. Please see details on poster in porch.

Meatless Friday?

As poor countries grow richer and adopt Western lifestyles the consumption of meat, particularly beef, dramatically increases, contributing enormously to Global Warming as forests are felled, grains are fed to cattle and the cow's digestive process releases large volumes of methane into the atmosphere. Help the Planet by adopting the old Catholic practice of not eating meat on Friday, particularly during Lent.

FORGIVENESS HEALING AND PEACE

These are the gifts we receive from the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) This week the children of our three communities will receive this Sacrament for the first time. Please take this opportunity to join them and receive the sacrament yourself.

St Mary's Sabden on Tuesday 14th March at 6pm.

St Michael & St John's on Wednesday 15th March at 6.30pm

St Hubert's next Sunday 19th March after 10am Mass

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND **Saturday Welcoming**—M.Valovin **Reader** J.Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers B.Worden & B.Hilton **Sunday—Welcoming**—M.Swales & T.O'Donnell **Reader** N.Wallace **Eucharistic Ministers**—Volunteer, P.Donnely, H.Lofthouse. **Tea & Coffee**—M.Geddes & E.Curphey **Little Church** G.Hennigan & J.Golding

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE The total money raised in memory of Fr Wareing so far is over £1,000. Will update as and when

LADIES FASHION SHOW (see poster in porch) High St clothes at 50% off - Wed 22nd March in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in aid of Derian House Children's Hospice. Charity Raffle with fab prizes. Tickets and info from Carol 01200 426769. Patsy 441792, Daphne 427912 or from the Parish Office.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY K.S.C. Jumble Sale Saturday 22 April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND RECONCILIATION this coming Friday March 17th led by the Uniformed Group.

LOVE CLITHEROE at Trinity Methodist Church on Monday 13 March at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity for local Christians to focus on the needs of our community and the ways we seek to serve our neighbours with the love of Christ.

EASTER CARDS are now on sale in the side porch (near the sacristy)

MOTHERS DAY Some cards on sale at the back of church £1.50

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting on Monday 13 March 7.30pm in the presbytery

K.S.C. COUNCIL meeting Tuesday 14 March 7.30pm in the presbytery

TEA DANCE Wednesday 15 Marcy 2-5pm in our Parish Hall. This month Pie and Peas Cost £5. Please order tickets from Daphne by tomorrow Monday 13 March

DUNSOP

BINGO FAMILY NIGHT 17th March in Newton Village Hall. Starts at 7pm, adults £2 and children £1, all proceeds going to Thorneyholme RC Primary School.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS Thorneyholme Primary School are saving these vouchers, there is a box for the vouchers in the school entrance or they can be posted through the letter box. Children use the vouchers to buy play time equipment.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 21 Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP Each Tuesday morning a Caring and Sharing Bible Study Group—Sabden Baptist Church 10.30am to noon, with coffee, tea and biscuits.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Coffee Morning/Easter Bonnet parade Sat 15 April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm. This will follow the Sacramental Programme Reconciliation service which starts at 6pm.