

Dear Parishioners

Easter Week and the planned changes around the diocese begin to be implemented, not least in our own parish.

On Wednesday night, the Dunsop Bridge Catholic Community met in St Hubert's Church in response to the Bishop's request that we arrange our weekend schedule of Masses so that one priest is able to celebrate the current two Masses in Clitheroe and one each in Dunsop and Sabden.

Our current schedule is a 6pm Saturday evening Mass (more correctly, the First Mass of Sunday) in Clitheroe, 9.30am in Clitheroe, 10am in Dunsop and 11am in Sabden. This schedule cannot be managed by one priest.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Sunday morning Masses in Clitheroe and Sabden remain as they are and that the Dunsop celebration move to a new time.

Every option was discussed including an early morning Sunday Mass and evening Masses on either Saturday or Sunday and eventually settled on a Saturday evening Mass at 5pm.

However, a 5pm Saturday evening Mass followed by Clitheroe's 6pm Mass cannot be managed by one priest.

The meeting concluded with a request that I ask St Michael and John's parishioners whether they would agree to their Saturday evening Mass reverting to the old time of 6.30pm?

So, the choice is:

5pm in Dunsop, followed by 6.30pm in Clitheroe, Sunday masses remaining the same.

or, 4.30pm in Dunsop followed by the usual 6pm in Clitheroe. Sunday Masses remain the same

But there is another possibility: a Sunday evening Mass in Clitheroe in place of the Saturday evening Mass, as follows:

5pm Saturday evening Mass in Dunsop

9.30am Sunday morning Mass in Clitheroe

11am Sunday morning Mass in Sabden

4pm Sunday evening Mass in Clitheroe.

What do you think? Opinions please *Fr John*

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2nd Sunday of Easter - 23rd April 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday (29th April)

Eucharistic Service - 10.45am

Reconciliation 11am - 11.45am

Exposition 11am - 11.55am

Nuptial Mass at 1.30pm

Chris McGuire & Hilary Meehan

First Mass of Sunday—6pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am

Tuesday—Requiem Mass at 12noon—Sean Bennett

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Sean Bennett x 2, Moira Robinson, John Embley, Wilfred Jackson, Albert Blockeel

SICK John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Joseph Wright, Eileen Walmsley (nee Leeming)
Mgr Peter Wilkinson,

LATELY DEAD Sean Bennett, John Embley

ANNIVERSARIES Moira Robinson, Wilfred Jackson, Albert Blockeel

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £1349.14 Dunsop £311.60 Sabden £285.87

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

APF MISSIONS ¼ collection £506.47 **JESUIT MISSIONS** ¼ collection £197.52

S.V.P.COLLECTION A big thank you to all who contributed to the recent collection of £867. Your enormous generosity will enable us to help many people who are in need.

BROWNEGE PARISH & COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2017 takes place at St Mary's, Brownedge, Bamber Bridge from Saturday 29 April to Friday 5 May with all the usual events, concerts, exhibitions, displays and workshops. Why not enter the annual art or photographic competitions? To see the programme of events and competition details visit www.browndedgefestival.org.uk or like our Facebook page: Brownedge Festival

CAFOD MEETING Thursday 27th April 2017 at 10am in St Michael & St John Presbytery. New members always welcome.

PAUSE FOR HOPE A special ecumenical service for anybody affected by cancer will take place at 3pm NEXT Sunday 30 April here in St Michael & St John's. Participants will include patients, professional practitioners and fund raisers. This is a special opportunity for prayer and praise. Please invite your relatives and friends including those whose lives are touched by cancer.

CARITAS Diocese of Salford wishes to recruit an Admin Officer (Fundraising & Community Services). This position will be based in Salford. More info ☎ 0161 817 2264 or www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers.

CARITAS NEWSLETTERS The fourth edition of the Beacon, the newsletter of our Diocesan charity is now available in the porch. Please take one

PARISH YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE The Parish Representative will be a young adult (18-25 years) who is part of the parish and is passionate and confident about getting young people involved more in the life of the parish and deanery. If you are interested, see your Parish Priest or contact Lorraine Leonard (Diocesan Youth Ministry coordinator) by emailing lorraine.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES St ill some to collect—they can be found on the shelf near to the Sacristy door.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—Today 23rd April at St Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn. Starts at 2pm—Eucharistic adoration, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3 o'clock prayer, Procession, Mass at 3.15pm. Two spare seats available ☎ Teresa 01200 429960

PRAYER & PRAISE These meetings now continue on the last Thursday of the month after the 7.30pm evening Mass, 8.10-9.10pm. The three meetings before the summer break are this coming Thursday 27 April, then Thursday 25 May and Thursday 29 June. We will carry on with music, scripture, adoration and praise. Fr Kevin

LAUDATO SI The proposed meeting with our M.P. Nigel Evans has been postponed until after the General Election.

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

PRO-LIFE DAY Saturday 6th May 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.

RIGHT TO LIFE WALK this year will be on Monday 29th May—more details later
MASS OF HEALING This will be celebrated on Sunday May 7th at 2pm in the Social Centre. Anyone who would like to attend please complete one of the forms which are now available at the back of church. Numbers are needed for transport and catering arrangements. All forms to be returned by Sunday April 30th.

COMEDY NIGHT WITH TONY VINO Saturday May 13th at Whalley Methodist Church. Tickets £6 available on night phone 07811 237236
Email: administraor@clitheroemethodistcircuit.co.uk

HELP! HELP! We urgently need help with preparation and refreshments for the Mass of Healing May 7th. Anyone who could help with setting up tables, serving refreshments and clearing up after the Mass please come to the Social Centre at 1pm on that day. Also donations of cakes will be much appreciated.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat Welcoming—J.Bentley **Reader**—C.Carr **Eucharistic Ministers**—B.Worden & B.Hilton **Sun Welcoming**—M.Rogers & C.Willman **Reader**—Martha Barrett **Eucharistic Ministers**—Volunteer, P.Donnely, H.Lofthouse **Tea & Coffee**—B.Parkinson & B.Barker **Little Church** G.Hennigan & J.Golding

COFFEE MORNING NEXT Saturday 29 April in Ribble Valley Mayors Parlour 10am– noon. Cake Stall, Tombola—any donations of cakes or tombola gifts will be very much appreciated. Tickets £1 on sale after Mass on this weekend 22/23rd April.

LADIES GROUP meeting Wednesday 26 April in our Parish Hall 7.30pm. Speaker—Mrs Carol Johnson from Woodend Mining Museum on 'How we came into Farming'. Admission £2 including Tea & Biscuits.

LADIES GROUP a date for your diary. The Ladies Group are hosting a concert on Wednesday 24 May 2-4pm—GO ON TOUR! Concert—£6 admission inc afternoon tea. Tickets on sale 6/7 and 20/21 May

CHRISTIAN AID 14-20 May—If anyone would like to help with the door to door collection this year please see Janet (even if you have helped before) in the Parish Office

DUNSOP

APF RED MISSION BOXES are now due—please bring them in to church. Thanks

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Garden open for charity—Waddow Lodge, Waddington Sunday 28 May

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 48. 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.