

Dear Parishioners

As announced at last weekend's Masses, on 10th May at the Parish Forum we shall discuss how best we may respond to the Bishop's request that we rearrange the 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.

My hope is that during this meeting a consensus will develop that will enable us to make a firm decision.

Two questions have been asked of me. Could we experiment with Mass at different times and then choose the most appropriate? Will we have a ballot? The answer to both is: No.

Experimentation with times of Mass would only cause confusion, so we must work to agree a final and binding decision.

There will be no ballot because I'm looking for a consensus. For this to emerge there should be a frank exchange of views coupled with a generous willingness to give and take a little on all sides. If necessary a show of hands, only by those attending the meeting, may be required to move the discussion along.

A few parishioners have mentioned that since Clitheroe is the largest community, has two Masses and that the Masses on Sunday morning will remain at the times agreed with Sabden over seven years ago, then Clitheroe should be willing to offer some form of concession.

So, a reminder of the options which are under review.

5pm Saturday evening Mass in Dunsop necessitating the Clitheroe evening Mass moving forward to 6.30pm or possibly transferring to Sunday evening, at a time to be agreed.

Or a 4.30pm Saturday evening Mass in Dunsop followed by the usual 6pm Mass in Clitheroe.

To be honest, having two Saturday evening Masses would not offer a real choice to the parish as a whole and I'm not too sure that the Bishop would be happy with this suggestion.

Nothing is decided, so let's talk about these and any other possible options not yet suggested.

Above all I ask you to pray that as a community we arrive at a reasonably satisfactory consensus.

Fr John

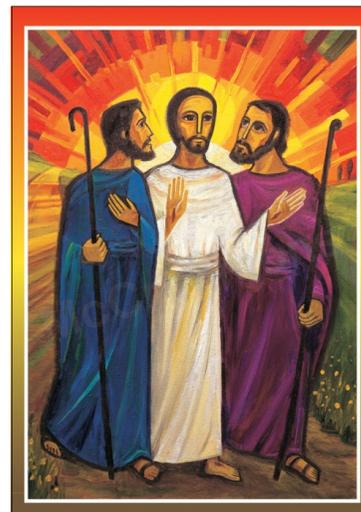
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3rd Sunday of Easter - 30th April 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday & Tuesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday (6th May)

Pro-Life day of Prayer
Mass at 12noon
6pm First Mass of Sunday

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am

Tuesday—Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday - Mass at 9.15am

Next Sunday is Vocations Sunday

There will be a retiring collection to pay for the training of priests to serve in our Diocese.

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Winifred Ann Slater, Boira Robinson x 2, Veronica Connolly

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

LATELY DEAD Sean Bennett, Cliff Cross (Australia) late of this parish, Veronica Connolly

ANNIVERSARIES Hubert Jackson, Winifred Ann Slater, Moira Robinson

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £800.72 Dunsop £308.50 Sabden £148.18

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Clitheroe/Sabden £1084.90 Dunsop £305.25. Emergency Appeal £1270.07 CAFOD box collection 2016 £2255.65. Many thanks, your generosity is helping our brothers and sisters living in poverty to transform their lives. The Emergency Appeal for East Africa is helping those who are currently facing severe hunger

PAUSE FOR HOPE A special ecumenical service for anybody affected by cancer will take place at 3pm TODAY 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 you relatives and friends including those whose lives are touched by cancer.

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.

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

PRO-LIFE DAY NEXT 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 church for the names of any children and place them in the basket. The watchers list is also available to sign, both these can be found near the War Memorial.

PARISH THEATRE TRIP—Blackbirds at Dawn Friday 15 September at 7.30pm at the University of Cumbria in Lancaster. The play concerns modern day slavery, and is suitable for those over 16 years. It addresses many of the issues connected to our parish's work on anti-trafficking and there is a discussion after the performance. Total cost, ticket + transport (minibus) is £8.50. Please collect a form from the back of church and return with payment to Fr Kevin to book a place.

HELP! HELP! We urgently need help with preparation and refreshments for the Mass of Healing next Sunday 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.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS Saturday 13 May at Kearsley, Bolton—see poster

THE BIG SWIM Helen Addy (nee Mercer) is going to 'Swim the Channel' for Rosemere Cancer Foundation in recognition of the excellent care she received during her cancer treatment. She will swim a mile a day (64 lengths) at Stonyhurst College Pool for 21 days starting June 1st. Her Just giving page for sponsorship of www.justgiving.com/Helen-Addy or tele 01200 441015.



SALVATE—'Hello' in Latin—is a new group to develop welcoming in our community aimed at newcomers in the parish and everyone else. If you want to join us contact salvateolotv@gmail.com

RIGHT TO LIFE WALK this year will be on Monday 29th May—sponsor forms will be given out next weekend—please take one.

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

MASS OF HEALING This will be celebrated NEXT 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 TODAY Sunday April 30th.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming—J.Luciani **Reader**—A.Southworth
Eucharistic Ministers—A.Harkin & N.Dixon **Sun Welcoming**—A & J Marsden
Reader—P.Donnolly **Eucharistic Ministers**—J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes **Tea & Coffee**—C.James & A.Pritchard **Little Church** S.Fellows & C.Mashiter

LADIES GROUP The Ladies Group are hosting a concert on Wednesday 24 May 2-4pm—GO ON TOUR! £6 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

PARISH DRAW WINNERS £100 49 B.Mercer, £20 39 M.Walmsley, £20 160 S.Webb, £10 47 P.Hartley, £10 145 D.Bleazard, £10 161 S.Whittaker, £10 147 V.Bradley

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 24. Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

CHRISTIAN AID St Mary's is hosting the village's effort for Christian Aid and Coffee Morning on Saturday May 20th from 10am to noon in the Hall. £2 Admission inc refreshments. Tickets from Betty Clarkson, Ann Barker or Margaret Parsons and on sale after Mass.Red collection envelopes can be left at church or returned at Coffee morning.

EASTER COFFEE MORNING thanks to all who supported this event which raised £356 for church funds. List of winning raffle numbers is onboard at the back of church.

PLEASE NOTE

Next Sunday May 7th there is no Little Church or Coffee in the Hall as it has been booked for a Christening party. However if the sun is shining, the Brown family in the Church House will open up their garden for Coffee after Mass.