

Dear Parishioners

Speaking of today's great feast of Pentecost Pope Francis said: 'Saint Paul concludes his Letter to the Romans by praying that "the God of hope" will make us "abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Rom 15:13). As a gift of the Spirit, hope is both an anchor (cf. Heb 6:18-19) giving us security amid the storms of life, and a "sail" driving us forward towards the safe harbour of eternal life. The Spirit bears witness within our hearts to the consoling truth of God's promises and the inheritance that awaits us as his beloved sons and daughters (cf. Rom 8:16). Filled with this hope, we can become, in the words of Cardinal Newman, "consolers in the image of the Paraclete... advocates, helpers and bringers of comfort" to others. The Spirit, who brings hope to all creation (cf. Rom 8:20-22), also inspires in us love and respect for this world in which we live. May this Pentecost find us, like Mary and the Apostles, gathered in prayer, and may the gift of the Holy Spirit make us "abound in hope."

Returning from the School break, candidates in Dunsop make their First Holy Communion today, followed next week by the children of Clitheroe and Sabden.

On Weld Day, which this year is Sunday 2nd July, at the special 10am Mass celebrated on the Parish field all the children from the three school communities will be presented to the parish in all their finery and receive their certificates and rather splendid work books as mementos of the day they received the Body of Jesus Christ for the first time and became fully fledged Catholics. The Parish Picnic will follow.

Today also is the last Sunday before we adopt the new Saturday/Sunday Mass schedule which is clearly listed on the front of the newsletter and church notice boards. Please share this news far and wide, particularly among parishioners who may not have been to Mass recently.

Next Sunday, 11th June, due to the First Holy Communions, there will be an extra Mass in Clitheroe at 11am. So, next Sunday only parishes Masses will be:

Saturday at 6pm first Mass of Sunday in DUNSOP

Sunday at 9.30am usual morning Mass in CLITHEROE

Sunday at 11am First Holy Communion Mass CLITHEROE

Sunday at 11am First Holy Communion Mass SABDEN

Sunday at 5pm the new Sunday evening Mass CLITHEROE

The following Sunday's masses will be at the new times. Please see the red box on the front page.

Fr John

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Pentecost - 4 June 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that this revised Mass schedule will take effect on Saturday 10 June

Saturday evening

6pm Mass at St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday morning (no change)

9.30am Mass at St Michael & St John's

11am Mass at St Mary's, Sabden

Sunday evening

5pm Mass at St Michael & St John's

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 (10th June)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Reconciliation 11-11.45am

Exposition 11-11.55am

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday 4th June—Mass at 10am Thursday—Mass at 9.15am

See back page for next weekend's masses

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

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The S.V.P. Collection will be taken this weekend. If you are a tax payer and are willing to Gift Aid, please take an envelope from the back of church for your donation, fill in your details and place in the collection box. We apologise for the late notice. Please be generous, your money helps many local people in need. Thank you

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Anne Dooley, Paul Francis Byron, Special Intention, Judy Roberts x 2, Norman Bromley x 5, Michelle Kiss, Helena Keane x 2
SICK John Dixon, Joseph Wright, Mgr Peter Wilkinson, Gordon Gorrighan, Margaret Fagan, Cliff Astin, Pat Horrocks
LATELY DEAD Anne (Nan) Dooley, Judy Roberts, Michelle Kiss, Helena Keane
ANNIVERSARIES Norman Bromley, Paul Francis Byron

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £993.90 Dunsop £197.10 Sabden £128.81
CATHOLIC COMM Clitheroe £253 Dunsop £68.31 Sabden £10.50
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

PRAYER & PRAISE The remaining meeting before the summer break - Thursday 29 June. We will carry on with music, scripture, adoration and praise. Fr Kevin

REFUGEE DAY OUT Saturday 15 July. Volunteers needed to help—please contact Tom & Kathryn Clay on email tomclay48@hotmail.com or ☎07962 136749 or

BOOK FAIR Christ Church, Chatburn Saturday 10 June 10-4, Sunday 11 June 12-4. Hundreds of books plus DVDs?, CDs, Jigsaws and Board Games. FREE ENTRANCE Home made refreshments available.

SALFORD DIOCESE—(CCRS) Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies, a two year programme commencing September 2017. See poster in porch for more information and who to contact.

URGENT APPEAL FROM LORD DAVID ALTON

When it comes to life issues—abortion, assisted suicide, pregnancy support and embryo research—the makeup of Parliament after the election is going to be of fundamental importance.

We are very likely to face another attempt to introduce assisted suicide in the next Parliament and to see new legislation brought forward on abortion from both the pro-life and the pro-abortion lobbies. The pro-abortion lobby have made it clear that they are aiming to **introduce legislation** that will introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up-to-birth.

The pro-life lobby look like they are going to be focusing on incremental areas (such as sex-selective abortion, time limit reductions, etc) that **new polling** shows a majority of the public support.

These policy areas are conscience issues for the majority of parties, so the position of your successful local candidate will directly dictate where parliament goes on these issues.

A website has been launched—**www.wheredotheystand.org.uk**—to allow people to easily email their local candidates to find out where they would vote on a series of bills on these issues. This will give you a firm idea of where these candidates stand on these topics and how they are likely to vote in the next Parliament.

If you have time ahead of the election, it would be very helpful if you could use the website to email your MP candidates and help let as many people as possible know about the website above

MARK PAVER ORDINATION We need to get organised if we are to book a bus for Mark Paver's ordination in the Cathedral on Saturday on July 22nd. To date, not much interest has been shown but if you are interested in attending then please sign the paper at the back of the Church or speak to one of the priests or Teresa Mercer. The cost is £5
EUCCHARISTIC RALLY St Albans, Blackburn Sunday 18 June 3pm. Rosary, Homily, Meditation, Blessed Sacrament Procession, Hymns, Benediction.

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 from June 1st. Her Just giving page for sponsorship of www.justgiving.com/Helen-Addy or tele01200 441015.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Sun morning Welcoming—B.Parkinson & E.Thomson
Reader—R.Bowes **Eucharistic Ministers**—G.Lambert, P.Lambert, P.Sutcliffe **Tea & Coffee**—Embery family **Little Church** S.Fellows & C.Mashiter. **Sunday Evening—Welcoming**—A.Harkin **Reader** A.Harkin, **Eucharistic Minister**—A.Harkin
HELP! HELP! The majority of Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic ministers who ministered at the Saturday evening Mass in Clitheroe have not let Janet know to which mass they now intend to commit. Would they please let her know as soon as possible.

MYSTERY TOUR The Ladies Group Annual Mystery Tour Wednesday 28 June. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange at 3.30pm prompt. Cost £28 which includes Coach, Two course meal. To book please see either Janet 01200 423307 ext 3 or Daphne on 01200 427912. Menu's are available from the porch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION cards and gifts are on sale in the side porch which is open before and after morning Mass Monday to Friday, and both Saturday and Sunday morning masses.

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Monday 12 June at 7pm in the Presbytery
ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass/Service each morning this week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us.

DUNSOP

TROUGH TEAS in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall each Sunday 10am-4pm. On Sunday 23 July St Hubert's are running the teas. Please hold the date and a list will go at the back of church to assist with serving and donation of cakes. Further details contact Julie Bennett 01200 448630

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 33 Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

CHRISTIAN AID ENVELOPES can be popped through the door of 26 Whalley Road
EASTER COFFEE MORNING Some raffle prizes still unclaimed—No's 51-55 (Easter Hamper) and 551-555 (White Wine). Please pick up your prize from sacristy

APF RED MISSION BOXES are due please bring to church

WORLD FOODIE NITE in aid of Refugee Day—Friday 16 June in St Mary's Parish Hall, Sabden 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (£3 children). Keralan, Kurdish and Albanian food. Entertainment. Call or Text Tom Clay on 07962136749 for tickets.