

Dear Parishioners

Today is Sea Sunday when we pray for all who live and work at Sea and remember also the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

Many seafarers are Catholics, coming from the Philippines, India and Poland, so a key part of Apostleship of the Sea's work is to provide spiritual support; helping them to get to Mass or praying with them in times of difficulty.

Another important part of the Apostleship's work is giving simple, practical help to all seafarers, regardless of religion. For instance, it recently had to step in and help a Russian crew of a container ship. The crew had not been paid their wages for the previous few months. The ship was in a poor state of repair and was detained by the UK Maritime and Coastguard agency at Chatham in Kent after developing engine trouble. The Apostleship of the Sea provided the seafarers with practical and pastoral support, including buying essential provisions.

Usually a port chaplain's work is fairly straightforward, like making sure seafarers have the correct SIM cards for their mobile phones, so they can make contact with their families back home. (Seafarers from Third World countries often spend 11 months away from their families) Sometimes, however, the work is more demanding as recently, finding accommodation for two shipwrecked crew members and comforting a deeply disturbed crew of another ship, one of who's members had suddenly died far from home.

Our daily life depends on the maritime industry and the sea. 90% of world trade is transported by sea. Around the world, nearly 1.2 million seafarers, many from developing nations, work on board 50,000 merchant ships carrying food, clothing, furniture, petrol and many other products. Working conditions are very difficult, as seafarers often work long shifts in extreme weather conditions, sometimes experiencing pirate attacks. It is the most unregulated and dangerous industry in the world.

The Apostleship of the Sea is the Catholic Church's official outreach to seafarers and fishermen, through port chaplains, ship visitors and cruise chaplains. They rely almost entirely on the support of Catholic parishes and their generosity to continue this vital work.

Today's collection is your opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of seafarers.

Please also keep Apostleship of the Sea in your prayers.

Fr John

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th July 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
& Mass at 5pm

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Eucharistic Service
at 7.30pm

Saturday (15th July)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11-11.45am Exposition 11-11.55am

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Mass at 9.15am

Saturday Mass at 6pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

*There will be a retiring collection after all masses this weekend
for The Apostleship of the Sea*

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK David Holden x 2, Bob Driver, Private Intention Deceased friend, James Albert Hartley

SICK John Dixon, Joseph Wright, Gordon Gorrighan, Margaret Fagan, Cliff Astin, Pat Horrocks

LATELY DEAD David Holden

ANNIVERSARIES Bob Driver, James Albert Hartley, Bette Coleman

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe & Sabden (Weld Day) £833.42 Dunsop £286.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

FOODBANK We are currently short of the following items: Sugar, Brown sauce/Ketchup, Long life fruit juice, Sponge puddings, Anti-perspirant—ladies and gents, Shaving Foam/Gel, Disposable razors, Laundry liquid/powder. Thanks to everyone who contributes to foodbank, for your generosity and continues support.

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.

MARK PAVER ORDINATION Saturday 22 July. Due to lack of support there will be no bus to this event at Salford Cathedral. The easiest way of attending is to catch the train from Clitheroe to Salford Central Station. The time of the ordination is 12noon to be in the Cathedral by 11.30am.

VACANCY for a highly motivated and well-organised Receptionist to provide the highest standards of reception for Cathedral Centre. £16,500—£18,000 37½ hr week. Tel 0161 817 2222 for more details.

VOLUNTEERS - Are you ready to put your faith into action? A youth ministry project based in Salford run by the Spiritans are looking for volunteers between ages of 18-26 to join our team in Salford this summer. Email us for more info admin@justyouth.co.uk or visit our website <http://www.justyouth.co.uk>

CRAIG LODGE RETREAT—25-29 SEPTEMBER There are still some places available on the retreat entitled "Recreate me in Heart and Spirit." Minibus transport to and from this event is available: places are offered on a first-come-first-served basis, so please see Fr Kevin if you would like to book a place.

REFUGEE DAY 'Welcome the Stranger' on Saturday 15 July from 11am on St Michael & St John's field. A chance for local families to say 'Hello' and meet refugees and asylum seeker families. Bring a picnic! Games—Activities—Halal BBQ (12.30pm) OR join in the walk along the banks of the River Ribble with Fr John (main gates of Brungerley Park 10.30am start). Cream teas will be served in St Mary's Church Hall Sabden at 3.30pm. Helpers wanted—phone or text Tom Clay on 07962 136749

CAFOD Come along to meet Mwila Malumbi, CAFOD's International Country Rep from Zambia, a rare opportunity to meet one of CAFOD's representatives working 'on the ground'. We'll also have the chance to find out about 'The Good Shepherd's River Power Pod Africa Project'. Meet the team who will be bringing innovative, safe, reliable and affordable renewable energy to poor rural communities in Kenya, where the cost of connecting to the main energy grid is more than the average person earns in a month, giving them the 'Power To Be'. See poster in porch for times, dates and venue

PRO-LIFE WALK Any parishioners with sponsorship money for the recent walk still to hand in please place it on the collection plate in an envelope with their name on. As soon as all the money is collected in we will be able to give a final figure of money raised.

ACN PORTRAITS OF FAITH Syria's Christians Search for Peace. Christian families remaining in Syria are in great need of our prayers and support. Our cathedral will be hosting an exhibition, organised by Aid to the Church in Need, to raise awareness of their plight. For full event details, please see the leaflets at the back of church or visit www.acnuk.org/event. Venue - St John's Cathedral M3 5LL today 9th July 12noon-5pm. Entrance Free

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 28 JULY Anyone who wishes a petition to be taken and placed at the grotto, please use the marked boxes at the back of our churches in Clitheroe, Sabden and Dunsop which will be available until Sunday 23 July. Also, we are collecting for a candle to be placed at the grotto for all the people of the parish. If you would like to contribute to this, please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Lourdes Candle' and put it in the offertory basket at Mass or post it through the Clitheroe presbytery letterbox.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND **Sun morning Welcoming**—J.Clegg & E.Davies
Reader—Caroline Carr **Eucharistic Ministers**—A.Marsden, P.Donnely, E.Lambert
Tea & Coffee—C.James & A.Pritchard **Little Church** S/Fe;;pws & C.Mashiter
Sunday Evening—Welcoming—Volunteer **Reader** A.Southworth **Eucharistic Minister**—A.Southworth & B.Worden

HELP! HELP! We could still do with some volunteers for Welcoming and reading at the Sunday 5pm evening mass. Please see Fr John or Janet if you are willing to help.

PARISH DRAW £100 2 P.Bennett, £20 110 M.Hillary, 38 M.Valovin, £10 52 J.Sutcliffe, 164 N.Dixon, 160 S.Webb, 68 A.Howarth

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Monday 10 July 7pm in the presbytery.

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

LADIES GROUP Congratulations and thanks to the Ladies Group who have raised £6,000 towards the recent refurbishment of the Ladies Toilets in the Parish Centre

DUNSOP

TEAS SUNDAY 23 JULY We are hosting and have the proceeds from the teas from 10am-4pm. Support is required to help serving and baking cakes for the event. If you can help please put your name on the list at the back of church. Also it would be great support also if our parishioners and family made plans to call in for lunch or refreshments. Julie Bennett 011200 448630

DUCK RACE—AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY Our annual Duck Race is approaching very soon on the river Dunsop. Please help by taking a book of tickets and selling them. Available from the back of church. Further details Julie Bennett 01200 448630

WADDOW LODGE GARDEN Open for charity Sunday 16 July 1-5pm. Adults £4 Children FREE Plant Heritage stall

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 6 Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

SUMMER FAIR still some unclaimed raffle prizes—please check lists on notice boards. Prizes can be claimed from the Sacristy after Mass