

### Catholic response to 'tracking'.

The Roman Catholic National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) has recently published a briefing report, only 13 pages long and in 'plain English', on 'fracking' (the horizontal drilling and high pressure fracturing of shale rock to extract gas).

This is very relevant to OLOV parishioners, as the Government has now signed extraction licences with fracking companies for this area, specifically the area which includes Sabden, Pendle Hill, Pendleton, and half way along Whalley Road towards Clitheroe. The habitat impact assessment shows a wider area potentially affected covering the whole of Clitheroe and extending as far as Newton and Whitewell to the North West and Gisburn to the North East. More licences will follow, further extending the area affected in future.

The report provides an excellent summary of what is involved in fracking, the technical and scientific arguments for and against, and the potential local and global impact. It also draws on Catholic Social Teaching principles (CST) in seeking to evaluate what the Catholic Church's response might be, in particular in the context of Pope John Paul II's encyclical, "*The Gospel of Life*", Pope Benedict's "*Ten Commandments for the Environment*", and Pope Francis' "*Laudate Si*".

The NJPN recommends that fracking should not be supported in the UK, because "Britain should be leading the world in shifting away from fossil fuels and towards clean and sustainable energy, rather than trying to extract ever more inaccessible fossil fuels", stating that "In making this recommendation we are taking a moral decision that we believe is most likely to favour the common good and meet our Christian obligations founded on love of God and respect for His creation". The report concludes by saying: "The challenge for each of us is how to bring Christian love to the debate about fracking, applying the prism of love to the known facts, dilemmas and areas of uncertainty. We may come to different conclusions from each other but we should all ensure those conclusions are based on complete transparency and honesty".

Reading this report will help discussion and response when the companies involved locally apply for Planning Permission for their permanent drilling rigs.

The report can be found on the internet at:  
<http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/environment/fracking-briefing-paper-njpn-environment-working-group/>

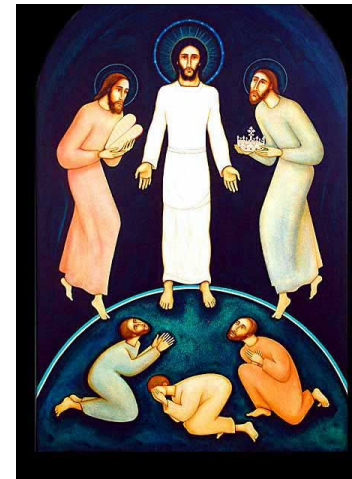
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# The Transfiguration - 6th August 2017

## St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am

### Monday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service 9am

### Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Reception 6.30pm  
Gordon Gorrighan

### Wednesday

Requiem Mass 10.45am  
Gordon Gorrighan

### Friday

Mass at 9am

### Saturday (12th August)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11-11.45am  
Exposition 11-11.55am First Mass of Sunday—5pm

## St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Mass at 9.15am

Saturday Mass at 6.30pm

## St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday—No Mass

### **MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Les Collinson, Josephine Kelly x 3, Chris Hacket x 3, Gordon Gorrighan x 2,  
Paul and Paula's intentions, Marie Stott,

### **SICK**

John Dixon, Joseph Wright, Margaret Fagan,  
Cliff Astin, Pat Horrocks, Louise Craven

### **LATELY DEAD**

Josephine Kelly, Chris Hackett, Gordon Gorrighan

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Les Collinson, Marie Stott,

### **PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN**

***Please remember to tell your friends about the new mass times particularly the Saturday night Mass in Clitheroe***

<p><b>Saturday</b> 5pm Mass in Clitheroe 6.30pm Mass in Dunsop <b>Sunday</b> 9.30am Mass in Clitheroe 11am Mass in Sabden Please note also there will be no Thursday evening Mass</p>
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**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £658.17 Sabden £122.72 Dunsop £179.50  
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**PRO-LIFE WALK** We have now a total for the Right to Life walk on 29th May. The total raised this year was £3,275. Many thanks to all those who walked, sponsored or helped in any way to make this event a success once again.

**CRAIG LODGE RETREAT—25-29 SEPTEMBER** There are still some places available on the retreat entitled "Recreate me in Heart and Spirit." Mini-bus 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.

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT** are holding a Coffee Morning to raise funds at West Bradford Village Hall on Saturday 12th August from 10am – 12noon. Home-made produce, bags, books, raffle, stalls. £3 pay on the door

**WALSINGHAM** Members of the Blackburn Branch of the Walsingham Association will be visiting our parish on Thursday 10th August to join us for a Eucharistic Service at 7.30pm, followed by the Rosary and then light refreshments in the presbytery. Come and find out more about Walsingham including details of their annual pilgrimage.

**CARITAS JOB VACANCY**—Refugee Response Coordinator—see poster in porch

***A reminder that we shall celebrate the annual Requiem Mass for deceased parishioners, priests (this year remembering especially Fr Wareing) and your friends and relations on Bank Holiday Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> August at 11am***

**VACANCY—DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION** at Cathedral Centre, Salford—for details please see poster in porch.

### **CLITHEROE**

***Please note: we have reverted back to the old Saturday evening rota prior to the changes.***

**ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming**—M.Valovin  
**Reader** A.Harkin **Eucharistic Ministers**—B.Worden & B.Hilton **Sun morning Welcoming**—B.Parkinson & E.Thomson **Reader**—C.James **Eucharistic Ministers**—A.Marsden, P.Donnely, E.Lambert **Tea & Coffee**—M.Geddes & E.Curphy **Little Church**—G.Hennigan & J.Golding  
**ROTA—CHANGE OF MASS TIMES** Would those Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers who wish to go back on the Saturday Evening Mass rota please let Janet know as soon as possible.

**LADIES GROUP TREASURE HUNT** Wednesday 30 August followed by supper at a local hostelry. Cost this year (inc tips) £13 for a two course meal. Menu's are available from the porch or from Daphne or Janet. Starts at 6pm from Lowergate Car Park. If you just want to come for supper you are quite welcome just fill in a menu and let us have it back with payment and meet in the Swan and Royal at 7.15pm

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** By popular request—Rossendale Male Voice Choir Friday 13 October 2017

**K.S.C.COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday 8th August 7.30pm in the presbytery.

***Please note: no Coffee in our Parish Centre after Mass today***

### **DUNSOP**

**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

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** Congratulations to winning number 23 This years Bonus Ball payments will end on 30th July. Please could you make sure you are up to date with your £1's!!! It will recommence on 10 September and run again for 45 weeks. Luckily some extra numbers have now become available, please consider having a Bonus Ball if you haven't already got one! You have got to be in it to win it and the very lucky ones several times!!! Please let me know if you are happy to keep the same number or would you like to change it whilst other numbers are available? I will leave a little reply slip at the back of church to put in the Bonus Ball Box or I can be contacted on 01254 8264225 or 07970 398288 or dmaa1@hotmail.com. Thanks for you continued support Donna Wharton  
**FOODBANK DONATIONS** can be left at the back of church.