

Dear Parishioners

A new school year opens this week and we welcome back the pupils and staff of our four schools

During his general audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis appealed for those with influence to “listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, who suffer most because of the unbalanced ecology.”

A day of prayer for creation was instituted by the Orthodox Church in 1989 and the current leader, Patriarch Bartholomew and Pope Francis have worked hand in hand to promote growing awareness of climate change and the challenges facing the future of our planet.

In 2015, Patriarch Bartholomew’s personal envoy, John Zizioulas, was one of the speakers at the presentation of *Laudato si’*, Francis’s landmark encyclical on environmental ecology. In the document, Francis praised Patriarch Bartholomew’s work for the environment. Zizioulas suggested that all the Christian churches start marking the day together. Pope Francis immediately embraced the idea, and decided to institute the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in the Catholic Church.

In his letter announcing the decision, Francis said the annual commemoration would offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.

“The celebration of this Day, on the same date as the Orthodox Church, will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our Orthodox brothers and sisters,” the pope wrote at the time. “We live at a time when all Christians are faced with the same decisive challenges, to which we must respond together, in order to be more credible and effective. It is my hope that this Day will in some way also involve other Churches and be celebrated in union with similar initiatives of the World Council of Churches.”

I mentioned recently that we must start a group of interested parishioners and other who are prepared to put and keep *Laudato Si* on the parish agenda.

The parish Forum meets on 20th and this will be a major item on the agenda.

Fr John

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd September 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (9th September)

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 – Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Bernard Lawton, 66th Wedding Anniversary, In thanksgiving for safe recovery,
Emily Nuttal, Rita Bromwell

SICK

Mgr John Chaloner, Fr David Foster, John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Pat Horrocks,
Louise Craven, Bernadette Taylor,

LATELY DEAD Margaret Fagan

ANNIVERSARIES Bernard Lawton, Emily Nuttal, Rita Bromwell, Vincent Long

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

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

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £690.47 Sabden £178.46 Dunsop £329.00
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

Saturday 5pm Mass in Clitheroe 6.30pm Mass in Dunsop
Sunday 9.30am Mass in Clitheroe 11am Mass in Sabden
Please note also there is no Thursday evening Mass

S.V.P. Quarterly collection Clitheroe & Dunsop £553.37 Sabden £103.90

FOOD BANK We are currently short of the following—Toilet rolls, Kitchen rolls, Sponge puddings, Tinned fruit, Hot chocolate, Long Life fruit juice, Tinned Custard, Chocolate, Washing powder/liquid. Many thanks for your continued help and support.

CRAIG LODGE RETREAT—25-29 SEPTEMBER Still some places available on the retreat entitled “Recreate me in Heart and Spirit.” Minibus transport to and from this event is available so please phone Fr Kevin at The Sacred Heart, Rochdale if you would like to book a place 01706 645603

WALSINGHAM Two Association pilgrimages to Englands National Shrine of Our Lady. Blackburn Branch Tuesday 22nd—Thursday 24 May 2018. Cost approx £170. Non-returnable deposit of £50. Includes ½ day trip to coast. To book tel: Vincent Fleming 01254 209101. Mini-bus from Clitheroe to join the main coach in Blackburn—to book tel: Maureen 443499. Chorley Branch Monday 18th to Friday 22nd June 2018. Cost approx £305. Deposit £25 includes ½ day to coast and a full day trip out. Main coach starts in Clitheroe. To book tel: Jose Noblett 01257 265498 (note new tel no)

MASS OF HEALING The next Mass of Healing will be at 2pm on Sunday 17 Sept in the Parish Centre. If you would like to attend or know someone who would like to be there please complete a form from the back of church and post it into the box by Sun 10 Sept. We need the information for refreshment numbers and transport arrangements

FR KEVIN—SPIRITUAL BOUQUET a Spiritual Bouquet is a gift of prayer for the future ministry and happiness of Fr Kevin in his service of the church. It can be a visit to a church, a promise to offer Mass, Holy Communion or Rosary. There is a list at the back of church to make your offering.

FR KEVIN/MGR CHALONER PRESENTATION EVENING Tuesday 3rd October—Mass at 7pm followed by refreshments—Cheese and Wine in our Parish Hall until 9pm. Tickets £1 available from next weekend.

MARIAN PROCESSION on Saturday 7th October 2017 at 10.30am starting at St Edward’s Parish (13 Thurlow Street M145SG). Everyone is invited to this celebration of our faith! For more information please ring: 0161 2242589(Fraternas) or email marianprocession@gmail.com

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

PRO-LIFE At a recent Pro-Life meeting it was voiced that as a parish we should do more to support young expectant mothers who may need help. We should also keep our young adults informed that this help is available and where to get it. With this in mind we have invited the Manager of Maryvale, Blackburn (The house for young mothers and their babies) to speak to us at 7.30pm 13 September in the presbytery. All welcome

CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY an Illustrated talk by Charles Stanton & Neil Andrews - Holmes Mill: The challenges of bringing Historic Buildings into sustainable use. Ribble Valley Council Chambers tomorrow evening Monday 4 September 7.30pm.

CAFOD Our Cafod group are holding a meeting in St Michael & St John’s Presbytery on Tuesday 12 September at 10am. Please come and join us—find out how we can all help CAFOD

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—A.Harkin **Reader** C.McGuire **Eucharistic Ministers** M.Preedy & M.Smith—**Sun morning Welcoming**—A & J.Marsden **Reader**—P.Donnely **Eucharistic Ministers**—A.Marsden, P.Donnely, E.Lambert **Tea & Coffee**—Fellows family **Little Church**— D & C Carr, D V Harvey Higgins

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—Rossendale Male Voice Choir Friday 13 October

ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY In light of the on-going success of the afternoon Variety Shows at Darwen Library Theatre and the Ace Centre in Nelson promoted by Glen South, we are planning a similar event in our Parish Hall on Thursday 26th October this year. The shows which happen monthly at the venues in Darwen and Nelson are really popular and attract large audiences which we hope to repeat in Clitheroe. Escape the world for a few hours and be superbly entertained. More details to follow....

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.

JOYFUL NOISE Believe it or not its 3 years since we hosted Joyful Noise here in St Michael & St John’s. For those who don’t know about it—Joyful Noise is made up of a group of people from Chatburn, Clitheroe and surrounding villages who meet fortnightly simply for the pleasure of singing hymns old and new. Why not come along on Monday 11th September from 7.30—9.30pm and sing some of your favourite hymns. Light refreshments provided afterwards.

FR KEVIN GIFT members of St Michael & St John’s community who wish to contribute to a presentation gift may place their donation in an envelope clearly marked FR KEVIN and either post it through the presbytery door or place it in an envelope in the offertory collection basket at Mass, making sure it is clearly marked Fr Kevin

DUNSOP

DUCK RACE—AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY Thankyou to everyone who supported the Duck Race in any way last Monday. The nett profit was £685. Once again many thanks to all. A list of prize winners can be found in the porch.

PHOTOGRAPHS would St Hubert’s community please contact Rachel Alpe 01200 448293 regarding your photographs

SABDEN

BONUS BALL will begin again on 10 September and run for 45 weeks. Please let me know if you are happy to continue with the same number or if you would like a change whilst other numbers available, I have left a reply slip at the back of church to put in the Bonus Ball Box. If you don’t already have a number please consider having one, its only £1 a week. If you need more info I can be contacted on 01254 823422. Many thanks for your continued support. Donna Wharton,

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Flower Festival to celebrate 80th anniversary of St Mary’s being built on the weekend of 21/22 October