

Dear Parishioners

Today is World Mission Sunday, a day on which Catholics of every land join together in prayer for the Worldwide Mission of the Church and contribute towards its support. We shall take a retiring collection.

What does mission mean in practice?

Bishop Paride Taban is called South Sudan's Desmond Tutu. Now, aged 81, he is one of the few South Sudanese who can remember peace in their country. In 1999, Bishop Paride started a farm on the eastern edge of South Sudan. Today that farm has become the Holy Spirit Peace Village: an oasis of peace. In stark contrast to the rest of this scarred and divided country, the Peace Village is home to people from 24 different tribes who live and work happily together. It is a model of harmonious and sustainable living and the place where he lives in a very active retirement.

Recently, Bishop Paride's spirit of peace prevented a revenge attack after a little child, John, was kidnapped. Before the spirit of peace took hold, John's ordeal would have triggered 'an eye for an eye justice' from one tribe to another. Cattle would have been stolen, or another child abducted or killed. But John was returned to his family in good health. After a week of tears, John's mother is happy again, declaring that: 'Without the Peace Village, our child would just have disappeared. Although I am angry with the people who did this, I know that we must learn to live alongside the communities around us.'

Recently, Bishop Paride received the Hubert Walter Award from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, at a ceremony in London in recognition of his half a century promoting Reconciliation and Inter-faith Cooperation, often at great personal risk.

Without the help of money donated to Missio over the past 90 years, Bishop Paride could never have been educated and ordained a priest and he could never have built up his diocese or achieved so much in the service of the Gospel.

Now to another important issue. This Friday, 27th of October, a rally will be held in Parliament Square with a minute of prayerful silence at 11.05 am, commemorating the moment the Abortion Bill became law. In St Michael & St John's, the Rosary will be prayed at 11.30am. Please try and join us and certainly don't let 50 years and the deaths of 8 million children pass without marking this tragic anniversary in some way.

Fr John

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd October 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 (28th October)

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**—First Mass of Sunday at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

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

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Mary Miller, Bill Foulker

**There will be a retiring collection after all Masses
this weekend for Missio (APF Missions)**

SICK

Fr David Foster, John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Paul Mooney,
Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor,

LATELY DEAD Mary Miller, Doreen Miller, Joseph Wright

ANNIVERSARIES Bill Foulker

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £662.76 Sabden £244.68 Dunsop £198.50

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

REFUGEES I have applied for a £500 grant from the Skipton Building Society to help fund next year's Refugee Day. Please support this on your Computer or Smartphone—go on to Skipton Building Society Grassroots Giving then CLICK on the following—Grassroots Giving 2017, then 2017 Shortlisted Groups, then Northwest, then No 59 Welcome the stranger. Scroll down and VOTE

WANTED The Caritas Mother and Baby home in Blackburn would be very grateful for donations of Babies clothing (birth to 2 years), nappies, baby wipes, toiletries etc. Please take any donations to 44 Eshton Terrace, Clitheroe. If you would like any more information then ☎ Mary O'Reilly 01200 444473

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Grateful thanks to all who donated. Your generosity means that the farmers in El Salvador can plant seeds to grow and bear fruit so sustain their families. If you have not returned your envelope, you may put it in the collection basket at Mass or through the presbytery door at St Michael & St John's.

HURST GREEN FLEA MARKET Next Sunday 29 October 9am-4pm. OLOTV Cafod Group will have a stall there. Hot and cold refreshments available all day and an opportunity for early Christmas shopping. Proceeds from our stall will go to Connect2 supporting Sebeya in Ethiopia.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—J.Luciani **Reader** A.Southworth **Eucharistic Ministers** F.Ellis & M.Fox —**Sun morning Welcoming**—B.Barker & C.Riley **Reader**—K.Downes **Euch Ministers**—J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes **Tea & Coffee** – Embery family **Little Church**—S.Fellows & C.Mashiter

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—Christmas Tree Festival Dec 1-3 St Paul's, Low Moor

LADIES GROUP MEETING Wednesday 25 October 7.30pm £2 inc Tea & Biscuits. A short AGM followed by the the speaker Jane Brown—seasonal demonstration—'Autumn Delights'. All ladies are very welcome to come along to what promises to be an interesting night.

THANKYOU The Ladies Group thank everyone who attended the Rossendale Male Voice Choir concert last Friday night. We made £1,270 which will be forwarded to the East Lancs Hospice. Your support is very much appreciated.

SEEDLINGS Baby & Toddler group every Wednesday in our Parish Hall 9.30am—11.30am £1.50 per family.

Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Children's books, and Christmas gifts are now on sale in the side porch (to the left of the Sacristy door) which is open before and after Mass at the weekend and before and after Mass/Service during the week. Please put any money for purchases in the box on the wall or in the C.T.S. box on the wall at the back of church to the right of the War Memorial

AFTERNOON VARIETY SHOW

Thursday 26 October 2-4pm in our Parish Hall. Tickets £5 from Social Centre, Daphne 01200 427912 or Carol 01200 426769 including refreshments. Bar available. See poster in porch.

PARISH DRAW First draw at the end of the month. You can now start paying your agent. If you have not had a ticket before but would like one please contact Janet 01200 423307 in the Parish Office or see one of the other agents—see poster

ARE YOU OVER 80? If you are 80 or over, living alone, and have not previously received a Christmas gift from the Mayor's fund please phone Ann Southworth on 01200 422890 before 24 October.

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2018 Diaries are on sale in all three churches and are 50p

DUNSOP

LITTLE DUCKLINGS The Thorneyholme Playgroup meets in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall from 1.30-3.30 every Wednesday during term time. Special story telling and music activities led by the staff are included in the sessions. All children from birth to school age are welcome. Why not come along and enjoy a friendly welcome with great activities, all in a beautiful location.

HELP NEEDED Thorneyholme School is looking for green-fingered volunteers with an hour a week to spare! We have a successful after school gardening club (1st prize at Hodder Show for 2nd year running!) but we need new leaders if we are to continue. We meet after school for an hour a week March-October, growing a wide variety of vegetables and wild flowers. You don't need to be an expert, just enthusiastic! Please contact school 01200 448276 if you think you could help.

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning number Quarantedue!!! Well done Number 42

FLOWER FESTIVAL Today (Sunday) after Mass until 5pm then Songs of Praise. Craft fair and refreshments throughout. Come and have a look—it will be fabulous. Get your request in for your favourite hymn then we can round off the weekend with a rousing good sing. Enormous thanks to all those ladies who have beavered away all this week to make this festival possible. It already looks wonderful. Special thanks to Jane Brown for making an idea into reality.

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER every Monday 10-15am—noon, top room in the hall. All welcome to pop along for tea/coffee and biscuits and chat. Bring your own crafts if you wish and knit, **STITCH** or just natter.

FUN FITNESS & DANCE Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm. Suitable for all ages. Cost £3.50—proceeds go to hall and church funds.

St Michael & St John's, Parish Hall
MONSTER JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 4th November
2pm—Admission 50p

WANTED

Unwanted clothing, Books,
DVD's, Bric a Brac etc
Jumble can be accepted anytime after
7pm Thursday 3rd November at the Hall.
If you wish it to be collected or wish to
help in any way then please ring
Arnold 01200 427096 or
Betty 01200 427029.

*All proceeds will be donated to Mary's
Meals, a charity that provides children
in some of the poorest communities in
the world with one daily meal in their
place of education, feeding over
1,200,000
children every day.*