

Dear Parishioners,

You may remember that in a recent Pastoral Letter the Bishop announced the launch of a pastoral programme in the Diocese, called "Hope in the Future".

Bishop John comments: The first part of the programme will help us acknowledge and celebrate all that parishioners, groups and communities are doing in the parish and what they are achieving. It is important for everyone to realise that the work they are already doing has value and that their contribution counts."

The project should be lay-led but initially he has asked each parish priest to form a small team that can drive the initiative forward. Thereafter, I should step back and allow the team to carry the project forward.

As you are aware a team has been working with me on a similar project over the past three years, as we have, among other issues, studied Pope Francis two encyclicals, so I have asked them to continue with this project. The group have adopted the name 'Missionary Steering Team' (aka MST group) and the members consist of Alison Rowley, Peter Donnelly, Janet Hall, Michael Smith, Ann Cooke, Neil Wallace, Nichola Dixon, Damian Buggy and Teresa Mercer. "The team members have divided into three groups. Each group will be responsible for one of the following sessions within the communities of Dunsop, Sabden and Clitheroe (hence, each community will have an opportunity to attend all three sessions in their local area)

The first three sessions are:

- Rebuild My Church (reflections on St Francis' call to mission before the Crucifix of San Damiano; (pictured on the front of the newsletter)
- Recognising and celebrating our gifts;
- Using our gifts in the service of others.

These meetings will begin after the New Year.

The newest Parish group, formed in response to my call for volunteers to begin implementing Pope Francis' vision spelled out in **Laudato Si**, met on Thursday in the Presbytery. They decided to explore the possibility of us becoming a "Live Simply" parish. Mark Wiggins was elected Chair and Anthony Brown Secretary. To find out more or to join the group please come to the next meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th November in the Presbytery.

Fr John

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th November 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

**Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday**
Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday (11th November)

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

Sabden only, Mass will begin next Sunday 12th November at 11.30am to enable parishioners to attend the village Remembrance Day Service

There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for The retired Clergy Fund.

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Winifred Barlow, Joan Worden x 2, Josephine Tattersall, Eric Preedy, Antonio Lo Presti, Giuseppe Lo Presti, Paul Mooney x 3, Alice Parkinson, Holy Souls

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

LATELY DEAD Joseph Wright, Paul Mooney, Josephine Tattersall,

ANNIVERSARIES Joan Worden, Winifred Barlow, Eric Preedy, Giuseppe Lo Presti, Antonio Lo Presti, Alice Parkinson

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £704.52 Sabden £128.09 Dunsop £184.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

REFUGEES Kathryn Clay has 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

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. Further info visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or tel 0161 941 3498

THANKYOU The Caritas Mother and Baby home in Blackburn would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your donations and considering us. We rely very much on donations and are very grateful for the kindness and generosity that has been offered. We really appreciate your contributions. See copy of letter in porch.

CRAFT FAIR Slaidburn Village Hall Sunday 12 November 10am-4pm.

CAFOD If you have not yet returned your envelope, you may put it in the collection basket at Mass or through the presbytery door at St Michael & St John's.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—M.Valovin **Reader** A.McGuire **Eucharistic Ministers** A.Harkin & N.Dixon **Sun morning Welcoming**—A & J Marsden **Reader**—S.Smith **Euch Ministers**—G.Lambert, P.Lambert, P.Sutcliffe **Tea & Coffee** – S.V.P. **Little Church**—C.Naylor-Preston

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

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

PARISH DRAW 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. First draw will take place next weekend.

BAPTISM We welcome Beatrice Lucy Skipp who was baptised last weekend.

SAN DAMIANO CROSSES are on sale from the Piety stall at the back of church.

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

PARISH CENTRE As you walk past the Parish Centre you will notice new name boards. The Old Club is now called the Old Schoolrooms, and the Hall: The Assembly Hall. St Michael & St John's also appears on each. The website is www.clitheroebar.com This hopefully will dispel the belief that the Parish Centre is only really for Catholics, and the new names will attract more custom.

LADIES GROUP Christmas Friday Dinner 19 January at Ferraris, Longridge. Menu's available from porch. Everyone welcome including men! **ALSO** We are arranging a trip to Saltaire and Bradford on Thursday 7 Dec £18. Leaving Interchange 8.45am. Names will be taken at next meeting or See Janet or Daphne to book

Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Children's books, and Christmas gifts on sale in the side porch (to the left of the Sacristy door) open before and after Mass at the weekend and before and after Mass/Service during the week. Please put money in box on wall or the CTS box at the back of church on the wall to the right of the war memorial

SALVATION ARMY The Clitheroe group will be speaking about their vision and plans for their new premises in the old Job Centre Monday 13 November at 7.30pm St James' church, Clitheroe. All welcome.

SHARING HOPE IN CRISIS—learn how to help others when they need it most. Sat 11 Nov at Clitheroe Community Church—see poster.

FOUND At concert on Thursday afternoon a set of rosary beads—please collect from the presbytery. **ALSO** Two unclaimed raffle prizes 417 White ticket brown border and 273 white ticket grey border. Please collect from presbytery.

LET MY PEOPLE GO An Autumn talk with Anthony Brown of the Medaille Trust about human trafficking and modern day slavery, Monday 13 November St Wilfrid's parish Centre, Chapel St, Preston PR1 8BU. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Refreshments provided. See poster

K.S.C.DANCE NEXT Friday November 10th from 7.30pm. Dancing to John Lancaster Tickets £7 inc Hot Supper. Tickets from Arnold 01200 427096 or Betty 01200 427029

JOURNEYING WITH ADVENT FAMILIES at Wardley Hall—1st, 8th & 15th December with Sr Joan Kerley FMSJ and Maria Kidd. More info from 0161 9717842 or joankfmsj@gmail.com or Marie Sartina: Marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or 0161 794 2825

DUNSOP

PUBLIC MEETING The Parish Council would like to invite you and/or representatives of your organisation to a public meeting to be held Thursday 9 November 7.30pm at Dunsop Bridge Village hall to discuss the proposal by Vodaphone and Telefonica to install a radio base station at Dunsop Bridge. We look forward to seeing you there.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY There will be a short service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in Dunsop on Sunday 12 November from 1.55am. All welcome..

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.

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning number 53

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.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Christmas Fair Saturday 2nd December. Look out for more details of this exciting event.

CHRISTMAS BINGO St Mary's Hall Friday December 8th. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Festive themed family night—more details later.

CHRISTMAS CARDS Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars children's Christmas books will be on sale after Mass on Sunday in the Hall.