

Dear Parishioners,

In Lent we are asked to prepare for Easter by prayer and sacrifice. If you haven't decided yet what you will do for Lent then please consider one of the following (or more than one!).

- *Give God some silent attention each day.
 - *Buy (£1) the 'Walk With Me' booklet which will help you pray and reflect each day of Lent.
 - *Join the Stations of the cross in Clitheroe at 7.30pm on Fridays and in Sabden at 7.30pm on Tuesdays.
 - *Attend the three Hope in the Future Parish meetings
 - *Spend a little time each day reading the Bible in the quiet of your home.
 - *Attend daily Mass (details weekly in the newsletter)
 - *Come to Exposition on Saturday mornings between 11am and 12noon
 - *Pay a visit to the church which is open daily during daylight hours.
 - *Encourage someone who has been away from mass to return to practice and accompany them to church.
 - *Recite the Rosary at home or join the weekday recitation in church at 9.30am.
 - *Visit someone in need of help or friendship or perhaps an elderly relative you haven't visited for a while?
 - *Make up a longstanding quarrel.
 - *Help to clean the church on Monday mornings at 9.30
 - *Give up a favourite treat like sweets, drink, watching too much TV or cigarettes.
 - *Keep 'Family Fast day' on Friday
 - *Every Friday give up eating meat.
 - *Make a clean sweep. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), available Saturdays in Clitheroe from 11 to 11.45
 - *Attend the series of ecumenical Lenten talks on Saturday mornings in the Hall at 11am (Coffee from 10.30)
 - *Attend the Deanery Stations Mass on Wednesday 7th March at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Blackburn.
 - *Think before you take your car. Walk in town and fight Global Warming.
- Wishing you a fruitful Lent.

Fr John

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 February 2018 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Tuesday **Thursday**
Eucharistic Service at 9am Mass at 9am

Friday

Mass at 9am
Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Saturday (17 February)

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

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence

ASH WEDNESDAY—Mass and distribution of Ashes
Clitheroe: 9.15am Sabden: 11.00am Dunsop Bridge: 6.00pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Tues—Mass at 12noon **Wed**—Mass at 6pm **Thurs**—No Mass
Saturday—First Mass of Sunday at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

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

*There will be a retiring collection after all masses
this weekend for Survive-Miva*

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Private intention, Stella Mason, Mark Bennett, Kathleen Manhold, Arnold & Jean Marsden x 2, George & Eileen Fletcher x 2, John Haworth x 3, Rosa Ditri,

SICK Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor, Margaret Cunningham, Anne Fox, Ruth Edwardson, Bill and Barbara Dewhurst.,

LATELY DEAD John Haworth, Gilean Morton,

ANNIVERSARIES John Haworth, Rosa Ditri, Kathleen Manhold, Stella Mason, George & Eileen Fletcher, Wilfred Clegg,

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £696.02 Sabden £155.71 Dunsop £210.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING on Tuesday 13 February 8.15-9pm in St Michael & St John's presbytery.

THINKING OF TAKING A GAP YEAR We're *Just Youth*, a youth ministry project based in Salford run by the Spiritans, who work with children/young people in the North West. We need volunteers between ages of 18-26 to join our team this summer—enthusiastic creative and willing young people. If you are fresh out of college or Uni rise to the challenge and take a gap year with us. admin@justyouth.co.uk or visit our website <http://www.justyouth.co.uk>

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Friday 20 April. Fundraising party for Refugee Day; "Wonderful Tonight". Delicious curry and entertainment at the Old School Rooms, Lowergate. Tickets £10 from Tom or Kathryn Clay 07962 136749

HELP! Some weeks ago a white envelope was found in the Parish Office in Clitheroe, and had 'Janet' written on the front. In it was £32.40—can anyone throw any light on it?

ST AUGUSTINES QUIZ NIGHT Friday 9th March doors open 7pm quiz starts 7.30pm. £3 per ticket can be purchased on the night. See poster

OAK HILL SCHOOL & NURSERY WHALLEY Open Day Thursday 8th March 9.30am—2.30pm.

*Walk with Me booklets—A Lenten Journey of Prayer
are available from the back of church £1*

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—J.Bentley
Reader C.McGuire, **Eucharistic Ministers** B.Worden & A.Ward **Sunday morning—Welcoming** B.Barker & C.Riley **Reader—**Marina Barrett **Eucharistic Ministers** - A.Marsden, P.Donnolly, E.Lambert **Tea & Coffee—**B.Parkinson & B.Barker **Little Church—**G.Hennigan & J.Golding

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm Tuesday 13th in the Presbytery

UKULELE BAND Our Ladies Group have organised a fund raising event for The Sea Shell Trust NEXT Friday 16 February. Tickets are £6 inc light refreshments. Raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated—please give to any of the committee or leave in Parish Office. Tickets on sale from Daphne 01200 427912, Carol 01200 426769, Patsy 01200 441792, Janet (Parish Office) 01200 423307 ext 3

PRO-LIFE GROUP will meet on Monday 12 February at 7.30pm in the presbytery. Everyone welcome

LADIES GROUP We are trying to arrange a day out by coach to Liverpool late April, early May which will include (optional) the exhibition of the Terracotta Warriors. However we need to know roughly how many people are interested. If you would like to go please let one of our Ladies group know.

CAFOD Our group will be running a stall at Hurst Green Flea Market NEXT Sunday 18 February. Refreshments available all day. Why not come along and find a bargain or two?

CAFOD There will be a meeting in the presbytery following the distribution of ashes on Wednesday morning 14th February. All welcome.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER this year is at St Mary's Parish Church Friday 2 March. Doors open 7pm, Service at 7.30pm. All welcome inc Men and children.

LENT TALKS The first of this series of talks on Saturday mornings throughout Lent will be on Saturday 24th February at 11am (Coffee served 10.30am. Theme this year 'Health & Healing through Jesus Christ'. More details next week.

DUNSOP

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP Wednesday afternoons in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. Further details Laura Wells 01200 448304

BABY SENSORY specifically designed from birth to assist baby's development. Thurs morning in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall again contact Laura Wells for more details.

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning Bonus Ball number is 38

COFFEE AFTER MASS please volunteers, see rota on the notice board.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to go on the cleaning rota for the Church and Hall.

Please help if you can it only involves a couple of hours every few weeks. Please see Jennifer, Suzanne or DamiEn after Mass.

OLD SABDEN EXHIBITION An exhibition of Old Sabden is taking place in the Hall on Sat and Sunday March 17/18. If you have any pictures of people and places, any old maps, newspaper cuttings or memorabilia please dig them out. Any items borrowed will be looked after and returned. Please leave with Kay Galea, Jean Haythornthwaite,

Pat Whitwell, Margaret Waling or Margaret Parsons,

SABDEN SINGS Churches Together in Sabden are organising a service of song and worship 'Sabden Sings' on Sunday February 25 at 4pm at the Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to go along and sing—and take an instrument along to play if you wish.

VILLAGE PRAYER SERVICE This year's Women's World Day of Prayer in Sabden will be held at St Nicholas CE Church on Friday March 2nd at 2pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS each Tuesday evening through Lent. If any group or individual would like to lead one week please let us know—01282 433455. We are also leading the Friday Station at St Michael & St John's on 23 February. Again if you would like to be involved contact the above number.