

Dear Parishioners

Pope Francis has chosen Dublin to host the largest international gathering of families in the world. The World Meeting of Families will take place this summer from 21st to 26th August.

Bishop John wishes to invite people from our Diocese to accompany him to take part in the gathering at which, it is anticipated, Pope Francis will be present. Travelling by luxury coach, with six nights dinner, bed and breakfast in the 4* Plaza Hotel, the trip included attendance at the three day congress and tickets for the Festival of Families and the Final Mass which, it is expected, Pope Francis will celebrate. This may be of interest to families, married couples or parishioners involved in marriage preparation and support. The cost is £690 per person, £500 for children 4-12. A single room supplement is payable.

Each parish of the Deanery is invited to select one family who are willing to attend and on their return report to Parishes or Deanery. Each of the selected families will be entered into a draw and the winning family or couple will be part-funded by the Deanery.

Individuals are quite welcome to investigate travelling to Dublin independently for further details please see me or go to www.wmof2018dublin.com

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A National Eucharistic Convention will be held in Liverpool from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September. Friday is a Symposium Day with lectures or presentations on the Eucharist in Scripture, and in the teaching and the life of the Church. The day concludes with Mass in the Cathedral.

Saturday's events begin with Mass in the Cathedral followed by a day of events in the ACC Liverpool Echo Arena, ending with Exposition, Benediction and Vespers of Corpus Christi.

Sunday begins with 2 Solemn Masses in the Cathedral followed by an Outdoor Eucharistic Procession and finishing with Benediction.

The cost for the Friday and Saturday events is £40 per person per day. On Friday numbers are not restricted but on Saturday there may be only four participants from each Parish. Sunday is free and numbers are not restricted.

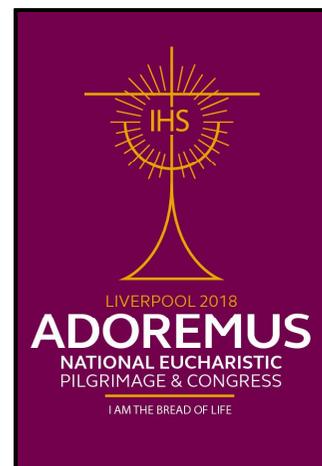
I have copies of the programmes, so if you are in any way interested, please ask for one. The deanery has 97 places available.

Fr John

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Second Sunday of Lent - 25th February 2018 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service in Presbytery

Tuesday

Mass at 9am in the Presbytery

Friday

Mass at 9am in the Presbytery
Stations of the Cross 7.30pm (in church)
led by Loyola Cubs and Beavers

Saturday (3rd March)

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

Tuesday—Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

HOPE IN THE FUTURE MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Meeting 2 —St Mary's, Sabden Wednesday 28th Feb at 7.30pm
Meeting 1—St Michael & St John's Thurs 1st March at 7.30pm

From Monday the main door of the Church will be closed for two weeks as the floor of the porch is repaired.

Entrance to the Church will be by the side porch opposite the Presbytery front door.

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Jonathan Taylor, Jayne Crumbleholme, Margaret Mafia, Marie Thornber, Carol Turner x 4, Josephine Reid

LATELY DEAD Janet Ward

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

ANNIVERSARIES Jayne Crumbleholme, Margaret Maffia, Marie Thornber, Carol Turner, Josephine Reid,

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £832.11 Sabden £135.63 Dunsop £199.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

THANK YOU everyone, for your great generosity to Survive-Miva in the recent appeal. It was a pleasure to make the appeal in my home parish and to talk to so many of you. Bless you. Carol Hartley

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT The food on our tables, the tea and coffee in our mugs: all from farmers in developing countries who aren't paid what they deserve. Many are paid prices too low to provide for their families, especially their children. The Fairtrade logo guarantees a fair price. If you wish to support Fairtrade Fortnight, please pick up a list from the porch, showing supermarkets which sell Fairtrade products.

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

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

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Saturday 5 May led by Bishop John. Pilgrimage includes, Procession, Reconciliation, Mass £20 return. More information from John Griffin 0161 817 2222 or john.griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

THIS YEARS DEANERY STATION MASS Wednesday March 7th at 7pm in St Joseph's Church, Audley Range, Blackburn. This year it has a Youth theme "Called to Greatness". Many schools attended last year and St Michael & St John's Liturgical Stick Dancers were to the fore. Open to all parishioners. Refreshments served afterwards.

LOURDES The Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage this year led by Rt Rev John Arnold, takes place on 27 July-2 August. Cost for flight, 6 nights hotel accommodation and meals is £729 (single supplement £186). If you would like to join a group from the Parish please put your name and details on the list at the back of church by March 18th.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day envelopes can be returned any time during Lent—they can be placed in the offertory basket at Mass. Ideally we would like you to add to the envelope each week and return it on Easter Sunday.

CARITAS Mark Wiggin and the team send their sincere thanks for the £912.88 raised at this years Caritas Sunday by Our Lady of the Valley Parish. Please be assured that the funds raised will be put to great use across the Diocese. More information from www.caritassalford.org.uk

CLITHEROE

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 2nd March at St Mary's Parish Church 7.30pm. The Ladies Group will be involved with the readings. Come and join us

JUMBLE SALE a suitable date for spring could not be found, so the next Jumble will be in the Autumn.

LADIES GROUP Wednesday this week, 28 February 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall when one of our parishioners, Mrs Judith Byrne will speak on the History of D. Byrne & Co. You are all welcome to join us (men included) to this not to be missed talk. Cost £2 including Tea and Biscuits. We would like to thank everyone who supported the Ukulele concert last Friday. With your help we made £642 for the Sea Shell Trust. Our next event—Coffee Morning at the Mayor's Parlour Saturday 14th April 10am—12noon

LENT TALKS in our Assembly Hall throughout Lent. Saturday—3rd March at 11am (Coffee 10.30am) - speaker 'A Christian view of mental health' - Rev'd Robert Fielding.

EASTER LILLIES The remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is now open. A donation of £2 contributes towards the Easter lily display. Please see Jane Brown (Sat) or Teresa Mercer (Sun) by the Baptistry at the back of church. Please note that names and money to be in by Palm Sunday 25th March.

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—A.Harkin Reader J.Byrne Eucharistic Ministers M.Preedy & M.Smith Sunday morning—Welcoming A & J Marsden Reader—P.Lambert Eucharistic Ministers - J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes Tea & Coffee—E.Davies/M.Valovin Little Church—A.McNulty & F.Garner

LADIES GROUP We have decided on Thursday April 26th for the trip to Liverpool and the Terracotta Warriors although the date has to be confirmed. We have already got 26 people on the list so if you want to go please let us know SAP to avoid disappointment.

DUNSOP

DUNSOP BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL Sat 17 March at 7.30pm. Clive Carroll World-Class guitarist will perform an inspirational evening of medieval lute music, Spanish guitar classics, Reinhardt through to the Beatles and much more. Tickets £8 ☎01200 452856. Non alcoholic drinks available—bring your own alcoholic drinks and glasses

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning Bonus Ball 17th Feb is 56. Due to unforeseen circumstances some numbers have not become available. It's only £1 a week to play—please let me know if you are interested. Thankyou Donna

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' TODAY Sunday Feb 25 at 4pm at the Baptist Church. Everyone 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 at 7.30pm evening through Lent. If any group or individual would like to lead one week please let us know—01282 433455. This week we will be following Fr Morris's stations