

We continue to explore the symbols of the Icon of the Christ of San Damiano, now hanging in our three churches

By studying the **eyes** of Jesus in the icon we see they are wide open, showing Jesus to be the Living One. He said "Do not be afraid.... I am the first and the last, the Living One. I was dead but now I live forever and ever." We can also notice that the eyes of Jesus are very large, disproportionately so. This is a way of saying that he is the "Seeing One." Jesus wants to share with us his vision of the Father, As He says in St. John's gospel, "Who sees me, sees the Father." St. John make it even clearer, "All we know is, that when all is revealed we shall see him as he really is." We might ask the question, "Why are the eyes of Jesus focused between heaven and earth?" Because, as our mediator his glance needs to be directed half way between us on earth and heaven. Also we need to know that the eyes of Jesus also see us. He is the Shepherd who "knows his sheep and calls them each by name."

The **wounds** in the hands, feet and side of Jesus have become fountains that flow abundantly with the Blood of the Lamb of God. If we look at the wounds on the nailed hands, we can see opposite each hand an angel, their hands pointing towards Jesus's constant bleeding hands. Other angels under the arms of Jesus express their astonishment before the spectacle of the blood shed by the One Son of God. St. Peter writes, "Even the angels long to catch a glimpse of these things," the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would come after them. If you look at the wound in the right side of Jesus. According to specialists who have studied the Shroud of Turin, it would have been necessary for the lance to have pierced the right side in order for the blood and water to have flowed from the heart. The prophet Ezekiel in speaking of the temple, said twice, that the stream flowed from the right side of the temple. This temple was a symbol of the Body of Christ which is the site of the new spiritual worship. As to the blood of Jesus, St. Paul explains, "Christ has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won eternal redemption for us. How much more effectively the blood of Christ who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

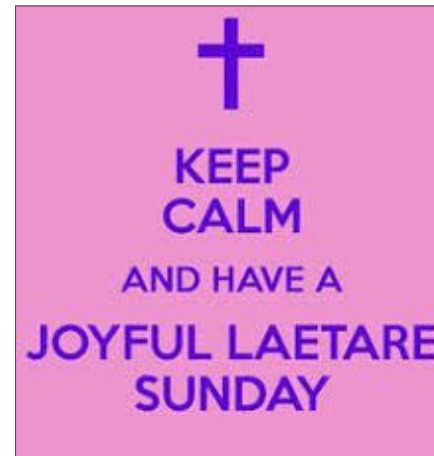
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Fourth Sunday of Lent - 11th March 2018

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9.15am

Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am
4.30pm Reception Therese Wilkinson

Friday

Requiem Mass at 10.30am Therese Wilkinson
Stations of the Cross 7.30pm (Ladies Group)

Saturday (17th 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 1—St Hubert's, Dunsop Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm

Meeting 2—St Michael & St John's Wednesday 14th

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Violet Robbie, Joe South, Daniel Murray x 2, Parkinson & Makinson families, Margaret Peters, Therese Wilkinson, Alice Fullalove
SICK Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor, Margaret Cunningham, Ruth Edwardson, Bill and Barbara Dewhurst, Violet Robbie
LATELY DEAD Therese Wilkinson, Joe South,
ANNIVERSARIES Alice Fullalove,

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £796.03 Sabden £121.46 Dunsop
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

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

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

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. Volunteers of Doctors, Registered Nurses, Healthcare assistants to help and support sick and disabled pilgrims. tel 0161 817 2209 or email: pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Refugee Day—23rd June

JOB VACANCIES AT CARITAS/CATHEDRAL CENTRE See posters in porch
REFUGEE FUNDRAISING Silverwoods Clitheroe are to Auction a selection of quality items at eh Wonderful Tonight Refugee Fundraising event. If you have any items to help this auction we would be delighted. Our target is £1200 to pay for transport for the day. Thankyou for your unerring support.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2018/2019 will be distributed over the next couple of weeks. Some of the people from Clitheroe will have a different number this time and all those from both Sabden and Dunsop Bridge will have a new number. Please remember to let us know if you no longer pay tax.

*The SVP collection will be taken after all Masses this weekend
Please be generous.*

CLITHEROE

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

PARISH DRAW Winners £100—34 A.Thornber, £20—86 D.Bleazard, 13-P.Lambert £10—41 M.Valovin, 48 C.Astin, 69 E.Clegg, 127 C.Riley

LADIES GROUP Our next event—Coffee Morning at the Mayor’s Parlour Saturday 14th April 10am—12noon

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

UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZE from Ukulele BandPink 108—collect from presbytery

LENT TALKS in our Assembly Hall throughout Lent. Saturday—17th March at 11am (Coffee 10.30am) - speaker ‘Personal Healing’ with Rita Heyes

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—J.Luciani Reader A.Harkin Eucharistic Ministers AF.Ellis & M.Fox Sunday morning—Welcoming T.O’Donnell & J.Byrne Reader—C.Carr Eucharistic Ministers —A.Marsden, P.Donnely, E.Lambert Tea & Coffee—Embery family Little Church—D & V Harvey Higgins

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 448201 Non alcoholic drinks available—bring your own alcoholic drinks and glasses

GIFT OF BOOKS Thorneyholme Primary School is a collection point for ‘Gift of Books’, a unique campaign in Greater Manchester. The aim is to reduce book poverty for the region’s most disadvantaged children. The ‘Gift of Books’ campaign is calling on your spirit of generosity and asking you to donate a favourite childhood book—complete with a printed note explaining why you want to share it (available from school or online) [https://www.cartridgesave.co.uk/printwhatmatters/gift-of-books/.](https://www.cartridgesave.co.uk/printwhatmatters/gift-of-books/)) This in turn will be gifted to one of the 40,000 children in Greater Manchester who have no books of their own. To help with this, drop a book off at the collection point at school, from now until 31st May.

SAVE THIS DATE Sunday 13th May we will be hosting the Trough Teas in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall with refreshments served from 10am-4pm. More details nearer the time.

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning Bonus Ball Number 36. A few numbers have now become available please let me know if you would like one. 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.

DOWN MEMORY LANE an exhibition about Sabden through the decades takes place in the St Mary’s Community Hall Saturday March 17th 10am—4pm. As well as pictures showing the village in its cotton heyday, well known characters, family and school pictures, there is a special section on St Mary’s church and school. See the church with its original ornate altar, opening day, past incumbents and church events. £2 admission. Refreshments available. All proceeds for Hall funds.

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER every Monday morning 10.15am in the Hall. Very informal, all welcome. Come along for a chat and a cuppa.

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 the Stations will be led by The CAFOD group.

K.S.C. DANCE

Friday 6th April

From 7.30pm.

Dancing to
John Lancaster

£7 inc Hot Supper
Tickets from

Arnold 01200 427096

or

Betty 01200 427029