

*Dear Parishioners,*

On Monday Pope Francis published his third exhortation entitled: **Gaudete et Exultate** (Rejoice and be Glad) In the introduction to the exhortation, the Pope re-emphasizes that the goal of his exhortation is to “re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities.”

An apostolic exhortation is considered the second-highest form of papal teaching after an encyclical letter. Since his election, he has issued two other exhortations: [Evangelii Gaudium](#) and [Amoris Laetitia](#)

The following is a response from Cardinal DiNardo, the President of the American Bishop's Conference

“Do not be afraid of holiness,’ These words of the Holy Father jumped out at me when I first read them. In a way, each one of us has a fear of striving for holiness – a fear that we would be mocked, ignored, or even hated by others because we would stand out. Yet that is what the Lord has called each and every person to! Pope Francis calls us out: ‘A Christian cannot think of his or her mission on earth without seeing it as a path of holiness, for this is the will of God, your sanctification.’

The Holy Father describes how holiness comes through the daily struggles each of us face. In the ordinary course of each day, the Pope reminds us, ‘We need to recognize and combat our aggressive and selfish inclinations, and not let them take root.’ Yet, he says, this ‘battle is sweet, for it allows us to rejoice each time the Lord triumphs in our lives.’

One paragraph, in particular, points out the continuing need we have for civility in all our interactions, especially in the media. ‘Christians too,’ the Holy Father writes, ‘can be caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet and the various forums of digital communication.’ Even in our heated disagreements with one another, we always need to remember that it is God who judges, not man.

In the light of Easter joy, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, I encourage every Christian to rekindle their baptismal call to be holy by reading this wonderful exhortation by Pope Francis, especially the beautiful section on the Beatitudes. Through an exploration of the Beatitudes, and by offering examples of how to live out our call to holiness in everyday life, the Holy Father has given us a wonderful tool for renewing our love for God and for each other.”

. I'll order copies when English translations are available. Meanwhile the document and a summary is available on the Diocesan Website.

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

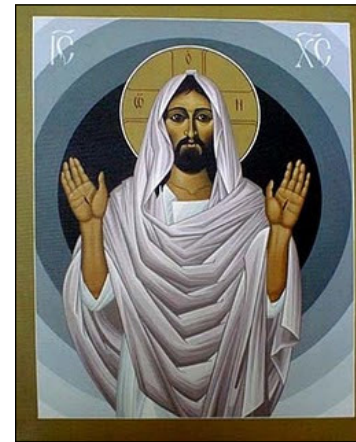
*Fr John*

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## Third Sunday of Easter - 15th April 2018

### 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 (14th April)**  
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** Mass at 6.30pm

### St Mary's Church, Sabden

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

**Next weekend there will be a retiring collection after all masses for The Ecclesiastical Education Fund**

## **MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Joseph Dewhurst, Esther Clark, John Dixon, Maria Middleton, John Willman, Roy Fox,  
Private intentions, In thanksgiving, 60th Wedding Anniversary,

### **SICK**

Jonathan Taylor, Maria Middleton, Agnes Marsden, Louise Craven, David Connearn,

### **LATELY DEAD**

Esther Clark, Bill Wilson,

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Joseph Dewhurst, Rox Fox,

## **PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £841.41 Sabden £122.37 Dunsop £174.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

**LIVERPOOL & DUBLIN** anyone considering attending either the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool or the World Wide gathering of families in Dublin needs to contact Fr John. Pope Francis will attend the world meeting of families in Dublin.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Next 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

**REFUGEE FUNDRAISING** Silverwoods Clitheroe are to Auction a selection of quality items at the 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.

**CLITHEROE TALK ENGLISH** Want to learn English and get involved in the wider community, then join us every Monday at The United Reformed Church, Castle Gate, Clitheroe 1pm—3pm. See poster in porch

**CAFOD** A big thankyou for the magnificent total given for Lenten Fast Day through Lent £1771.82 + £56 cheques sent direct to CAFOD Any donations to Cafod up to the 19th May will still qualify for matched funding pound for pound.

**BECOME A CONFIDENT CATECHIST** Join people from around the Diocese on Mondays 7.30-9.15pm 14 May to 25 June with Fr Chris Lough and team at The Becket Suite, St Thomas of Canterbury Bolton. More details on poster in porch. See Fr John if you are interested.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** This Wednesday at St Mary’s Langho, beginning at 7.30pm a Deanery training session in leading a Eucharistic service and in an emergency the committal in a cemetery or crematorium..

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** Healing Mass—Sunday 27 May. Right to Life Walk—Monday 28th May. More details for both these events later

### **CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION (MEDICAL ACTIVITIES) BILL**

Baroness Nuala O’Loan’s Bill is proceeding through Parliament. This Bill will protect medical staff from having to be involved in abortion-related activities and activities involving the withdrawal of medication, nutrition and fluids from patients at the end of life. This is an important Bill and further information about it, including how to contact your MP, can be found at <http://www.freeconscience.org.uk?>

**ORDINATION** Callum Brown who was with our parish a couple of years ago will be ordained in Salford Cathedral on Saturday 21 July. We are arranging a coach there and back. If you are interested please put your name on the list that you can find at the back of church. Cost approximately £10 per person (could be a little more or less). Will leave Clitheroe Interchange at 9am (9.20am Sabden) and return late afternoon  
**A PHILIPINO MASS** will be celebrated at St Mary’s, Bamber Bridge on Saturday 19th May at 4pm. Details: Alaine Polentino 07305 799979

## **CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS** Saturday Welcoming—A.Harkin Reader—A.McGuire, EuchMinisters A.Southworth & A.Rowley Sunday Welcoming M.Rogers & C.Willman Reader F.Chadwick Euch Min A.Marsden, P.Donnely, E.Lambert Tea & Coffee—P.Byrne & family Little church A.McNulty & F.Garner

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Love Clitheroe BBQ and Family Fun Day Saturday 16 June.

**SPRING HAPPENING** Sunday May 20th 11am—3pm in our Parish Centre and garden—Craft stalls, Cream Teas, Slaidburn Silver Band, Army Cadets, Hudsons Ice Cream, Childrens activities. A fun filled day for all the family in aid of church decoration. The next meeting for this event will be on Wednesday 9th May 11am & 7.30pm in the presbytery. If unable to attend but would like to contribute jane\_Ann\_brown@hotmail.com tel: 01200 441949

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Jumble Sale—Sat 13 October in aid of Mary’s Meals

**LADIES GROUP TRIP** to Terracotta Warriors exhibition in Liverpool is now fully booked. Thursday 26th April leaving Interchange 8.30am. Names and money please S.A.P. to either Janet or Daphne

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** cards and gifts are now on sale in the side porch which is open before and after weekend masses and before and after weekday masses/services. They will also be on sale after Mass next Sunday 22 April over in The Assembly Hall.

## **DUNSOP**

**GIFT OF BOOKS** Thorneyholme Primary School is a collection point for ‘Gift of Books’, The aim is to reduce book poverty for the region’s most disadvantaged children. In Manchester. More details <https://www.cartridgesave.co.uk/printwhatmatters/gift-of-books/> 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 Village Hall—refreshments served from 10am-4pm. More details nearer the time.

**SPRING HAPPENING** The ladies of St Hubert’s have been asked to run the cake stall at the Spring Happening on May 20th. Please let Ann Cooke know if you can provide cakes and help out on the day.

## **SABDEN**

**FOODBANK DONATIONS** can be left at the back of church.

**BONUS BALL** Winning Bonus Ball Number 13

**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.

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

**WIGGLE & GIGGLE** Fun, Fitness and Dance sessions in St Mary’s Hall continue every Tuesday for an hour from 7.30pm—fun and informal and suitable for all ages as you exercise to music at your own pace. Admission £3.50. Thanks to proceeds from these sessions we have been able to refurbish the stage.