

Dear Parishioners

This parish has an excellent record in defending human rights and life: anti-trafficking, refugees, CAFOD and other Aid Agencies, locally caring for the elderly and others in need, fighting attempts to introduce Euthanasia and defending the rights and lives of the unborn.

The following is taken from "Truth Must Speak To Power," Lord Alton's Speech at a rally commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act which came into effect on the 27th of April 1968.

"Since then, 8,894,355 abortions have been carried out, and at least that number of unborn children have lost their lives. I say 'at least', because of course some single abortions will have been carried out on twins, or triplets, or other multiple pregnancies.

8,894,355. That is a monstrous figure.

To put that in context, the Second World War, the worst and most bloody conflict ever visited upon this country, claimed 450,290 British lives. Abortion has caused more human destruction in the UK than Nazi Germany, and in all the conflicts and tragedies of our history, only the Black Death has extinguished a greater proportion of our nation. The number is three times the population of Wales – it represents a life lost every 3 minutes; 20 every single hour.

And upon whom is this everyday violence visited? No-one less than the most innocent, and most vulnerable members of our society: children in the womb. Whilst the abortion lobby who support and wish to extend this practice and the related abortion industry who benefit from it deny this, it is a stark moral reality.

As a matter of biological fact, it is simply undeniable that from conception, from the time that a human sperm fertilises a human ovum, a new human being begins to exist. As with every member of every mammalian species.

What abortion involves then is not a mere removal of 'potential life', or a 'blob of cells'. It is the wilful killing of the smallest and most helpless member of the human family in the very place she should be safest: her mother's womb."

Please continue the work and support the Right to Life

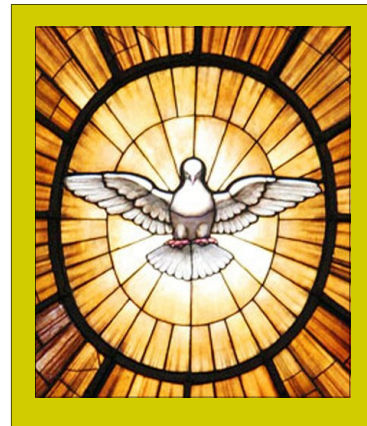
Sponsored Walk on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th May. Fr John

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Pentecost Sunday - 20th May 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 (26th May)

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

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Silver Wedding Anniversary, Bernadette Taylor x 2, Helena Keane, Private Intention, Mary Cushion, Antonia Antonucci, Rev Terence Murnane

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD Bernadette Taylor, Rev Terence Murnane

ANNIVERSARY Helena Keane, Antonia Antonucci

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £786.15 Sabden £164.05 Dunsop £243.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY Clitheroe £256.47 Sabden £37.10 Dunsop £65.50

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS in Liverpool 7—9 September. Anyone interested in attending should contact Fr John for information as soon as possible.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES Pope Francis will be coming 21-27 August in Dublin. There are still some places available to accompany Bishop John to Dublin. See details on poster in porch.

ORDINATION Callum Brown 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 at the back of church. Cost approx £10. **ALSO a Spiritual Bouquet** will be presented to Callum at the parish reception and presentation. There is a list at the back of church for contributions of Masses, Holy Communion and Rosaries that have been offered for Callum.

REFUGEE DAY Helpers/Volunteers needed for Saturday 23 June. If you can help please fill in the form at the back of church.

MASS OF HEALING Sunday 27 May at 2pm. Please return all forms by this Sunday. Help is needed on that day to set out the hall at 1pm and to serve refreshments after the Mass. Also cakes needed please!

WADDOW LODGE GARDEN will be open for National Gardens Scheme Sun 27 May 1-5pm in Peter & Liz Foley's garden in Waddington. Admission £4 children free. It is also open on 15th July when St Hubert's will provide cakes and help on that day. More details to follow

WANTED donations of babies clothing (birth to 2 yrs) nappies, wipes, toiletries etc for Caritas Mother & Baby home in Blackburn. Contact Mary O'Reilly ☎ 01200 444473

DAY OF RENEWAL led by Fr Pat Deegan Sturday 9th June at St Clare's, Fulwood, Preston. See poster in porch for details.

PARISH FORUM Wednesday 23 May at 7.30pm in the Parish centre. Agenda items will include review of recent events and Hope in the Future. Refreshments 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome, your views are important. Please try to attend.

LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR Wednesday June 13. Cost £28 same as last year and includes coach, two course meal tea or coffee and afterwards an evening of mystery and suspense with a 'spider included'. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange mid/late afternoon. Open to all—men included. Menus are now available from the porch. Please return to Janet or Daphne as soon as possible together with money or at our meeting on 30th May. **Please note—we need the final numbers by this date!**

WANTED -TOP SOIL Have you any going spare to cover the drains at Dunsop?

☎Arnold 01200 427096

LADYEWELL Feast of the Visitation Thursday 31st May. Mass 11am, devotions, crowning of the statue. Leaflets available in the church porch.

BIRDS AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH OUR ENVIRONMENT in the third of our Laudato Si talks, Stephen Burrowes of CAFOD will speak about how we can engage families and young people in looking after our plants and wildlife. Wednesday 13 June 7.30pm. Old School Rooms, Lowergate, Clitheroe. Refreshments provided.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat—Welcoming—J.Luciani Reader—A.Southworth Euch Min A.Rowley Sunday—Welcoming—B.Psarkinson R & F Holgate Reader P.Sutcliffe Euch Min H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, S.Smith Tea & Coffee—Embery family Little Church S.Fellows & C.Mashiter

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION cards and gifts now on sale in the side porch which is open each day before & after masses/services, and after Mass until 11am over in the Hall TODAY

SPRING HAPPENING TODAY 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 in aid of church decoration.

EAST AFRICAN PLAYGROUNDS a Quiz Night to raise money organised by GERALYN & Peter Lambert on Wednesday 6 June in SMSJ Assembly Hall. Tickets £2.50

RIGHT TO LIFE WALK Monday 28 May. Arnold will be outside church over the next two weekends collecting sponsorship for Fr John. Please do not wait to be asked.

LADIES GROUP MEETING Wednesday 30 May 7.30pm in the Old School Room Speaker Jo Moss. An illustrated talk on the work of Derian House Children's Hospice—only £2 including Tea and Biscuits. All Welcome

FUNDRAISING FOR CANW (Child Action North West) one of our parishioners, Caroline James, is running the Manchester Half Marathon, to raise money for local charity, CANW, and the work they do to support Emotional Health and Well-being of children, young people and adults. Anyone able to donate, please to go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carolinejames24

DUNSOP

TROUGH TEAS Thank you to everyone who made cakes and worked hard to make the Trough Teas such a success. After deduction of expenses the amount raised was £344

APF MISSION BOXES please bring Mission boxes to church or give to Anne Cooke

THORNEYHOLME SCHOOL OPEN DAY Thursday 5 July 9.30 –11.30am & 1.15-3.15pm come along for a guided tour of the school and meet the teachers.

OPEN FOREST AFTERNOON Wednesday 23 May 1.30-3pm Thorneyholme School. As part of our Fosest Schools initiative find out about the wide range of learning activities that take place. It focuses on the UN Child Right's Articles and this month will focus on the importance of shelter, water sustainability and a safe environment. Phone school for more details 01200 448276

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning Bonus Ball Number 5. Due to increased family commitments I will no longer be able to run the Bonus Ball as it comes to an end in July. For it to continue a volunteer would be required to take it on and more people to support it by purchasing a number. If you can help please contact Donna dmaa1@hotmail.com

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

CHRISTIAN AID Coffee Morning at St Mary's Saturday June 2 from 10am—noon. We urgently need tombola and raffle prizes and cakes on the day. Items can be left at the back of church or with Damian Buggie, Betty Clarkson, Ann Barker or Margaret Parsons who are also selling tickets. Admission £2

There are a number of copies of Pope Francis' Gaudete et Exsultate. It is a call to holiness in the modern world and is a spiritual gem. It Costs £4.95. Please see Fr John