

Dear Parishioners,

On the day we welcome many of our infirm parishioners to mass and a tea party, I offer a few thoughts from Pope Francis

Fr John

“It does me so much good to read when Joseph and Mary took the Baby Jesus – the Baby was 40 days old – to the Temple; and they found two grandparents there [Simeon and Anna], and these grandparents were the wisdom of the people; they praised God that this wisdom could go forward with this Baby. It was grandparents who received Jesus in the Temple, not the priest: he came later. It was the grandparents; read this in Luke’s Gospel, it’s very beautiful!

Dear grandfathers and grandmothers, thank you for the example you give of love, of dedication and of wisdom. Continue to witness these values with courage!

The Church looks at elderly people with affection, gratitude and great esteem. They are an essential part of the Christian community and of society. In particular, they represent the roots and memory of a people. You are an important presence, because your experience constitutes a precious treasure, indispensable to look to the future with hope and responsibility. Your maturity and wisdom, accumulated over the years, can help the young, supporting them on their path of growth and of openness to the future, in the search for their way.

Many elderly generously use their time and the talents God has given them, to open themselves to help and support others. I am thinking of all those who make themselves available in the parishes for truly valuable service: some dedicate themselves to the adornment of the Lord’s house; others are catechists, animators of the liturgy and witnesses of charity. And what to say of their role in the family realm? How many grandparents take care of their grandchildren, transmitting with simplicity to the littlest the experience of life, the spiritual and cultural values of a community and of a people!

In a world such as the present, in which often only strength and appearance are valued, you have the mission to witness the values that truly count and that remain for ever. Precisely as persons of the so-called third age, you or better — “we” because I am also part of it — are called to work for the development of the culture of life, witnessing that every stage of its existence life is a gift of God and has its beauty and importance, even if marked by frailty.”

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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Trinity Sunday - 27th May 2018

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Tuesday

Requiem Mass 10.30am
Peggy Simpson

Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Saturday (3rd June)

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

Robert Graham, Golden Wedding Anniversary, Special Intentions x 2,
Millicent Driver, Fintan O'Reilly

SICK

Jonathan Taylor, Maria Middleton, Agnes Marsden, Louise Craven,
David Connearn, Peter Youlton, Fintan O'Reilly, Nan Morrison

LATELY DEAD Margaret (Peggy) Simpson

ANNIVERSARIES Millicent Driver, Thomas Tresnan

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £891.65 Sabden £215.94 Dunsop £137.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

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.

WADDOW LODGE GARDEN will be open for National Gardens Scheme Today Sun 27 May 1-5pm in Peter & Liz Foley's garden in Waddington. Admission £4 children free.

WANTED donations of babies clothing (birth to 2 yrs) nappies, wipes, toiletries etc for Caritas Mother & Baby home in Blackburn. Drop off at 44 Eshton Terrace, Clitheroe or contact Mary O'Reilly ☎ 01200 444473

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!**

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.

VACANCY Diocese of Salford for a Director of Education to commence September 18 or January 19 or sooner. To request application pack email ☎ 0161 817 2222 or email personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



RIGHT TO LIFE WALK—MONDAY 28 MAY

Our annual walk takes place tomorrow Bank Holiday Monday 1pm from our Primary School Car Park. Unfortunately Bishop John cannot join us this year, but Bishop Kelly together with Lord David Alton and Pro-Life groups from throughout the North West. For the first time this year Jimmy Cricket (father of Fr Frankie) will join us. The walk will be led by Fr John. We would like as many people as possible to do this walk along the

River Ribble. Please be generous in your sponsorship, as fighting Pro-Life issues has proven to be extremely expensive. Sponsorship forms are available from

Arnold Marsden or from the back of church. **It's still not too late.**

Many thanks to the K.S.C. for their generous donation of £200.

Please note: will local walkers please park behind the Social Centre.

Donations of home-made cakes for this event would be greatly appreciated please telephone Jean Marsden 01200 427096 or Daphne Marsden 01200 427912

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

SPRING HAPPENING FUNDRAISE A massive thank you to everyone who have given their time and skills so generously and for all the help and support from so many in the parish of Our Lady of the Valley. Total raised £2,929.07. A blue and white hat was left near the Ladies Tombola stall. Please collect from presbytery. There are a couple of unclaimed raffle prizes 136 Blue and 571 Blue. Please collect from presbytery.

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

The quarterly collection for the SVP Society will be taken at masses during the weekend of 2nd and 3rd of June. Please give generously

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat—Welcoming—A.Harkin Reader—C.McGuire Euch Min F.Ellis & M.Fox Sunday—Welcoming—B.Barker & C.Riley Reader J.Hennigan Euch Min J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes Tea & Coffee—P.Geldard & T.O'Donnell Little Church A.McNulty & F.Garner

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION cards and gifts now on sale in the side porch which is open each day before & after masses/services. First Holy Communion this year will be on Saturday 9th June at 11am.

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

LADIES GROUP Wednesday 30 May 7.30pm in the Old School rooms, Lowergate. An illustrated talk on the work of the Children's Hospice, Derian House. Speaker Jo Moss. All welcome admission £2 including light refreshments. We will also be taking money for the Mystery Tour.

DUNSOP

APF MISSION BOXES please bring Mission boxes to church or give to Anne Cooke
THORNEYHOLME SCHOOL OPEN DAY is celebrating the summer and the wonderful work of our school by hosting an Open Day! But don't just take our word for it—come along and see for yourself! On Thursday 5th July from 9.30am—11.30am & 1.15pm—3.15pm, come along and take part in a guided tour of the school, meet the teachers and see for yourself how our children enjoy their learning. Through a stimulating, nurturing and fun environment, we are a truly inclusive village school.

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning Bonus Ball Number 22. 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 let me know. Many Thanks 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