

REFUGEE DAY SATURDAY 23rd JUNE 2018

In his traditional New Year's Day address, before around 40,000 people who had converged on St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis highlighted the plight of refugees and asylum seekers, describing them as the world's "weakest and most needy."

The Pope had chosen the plight of migrants and refugees as the theme for the Church's World Day of Peace, celebrated annually on January 1, and in his address said:

"For this peace, to which everyone has a right, many of them (the refugees) are willing to risk their lives in a journey, which is often long and dangerous; they are willing to face strain and suffering."

Refugees' journeys to safety are sometimes pictured on the news, but so often seem distanced from us - not something that affects us and our community - but not so. This is the testimony of an asylum seeker from the middle east who is living with his wife and young children in Clitheroe, written as homework ("Write 80 words about something you did recently") for the English class he is attending, and reproduced here with his permission:

"At 11 o'clock, in the middle of the night, we were in Turkey. We were going to Greece. We are 150 persons going in a small boat in the middle of the sea. The engine was broken. Everyone was scared and cried. I decided to call the police and called them to rescue the boat. After 3 hours they answered they were coming. We nearly died".

Around 150 refugees and asylum seekers will be visiting the Ribbles Valley on Saturday 23rd June. We can't solve the problems of the world, but we can at least make them welcome for a day.

The day begins on the St. Michael and St. John's School Field at around 10.30 a.m. when our guests arrive, with a BBQ provided by the Mosque at midday. Then, at around 1pm, the visitors will be heading over to Stonyhurst College, where there will be activities laid on by the College, a refugee v College football match, a walk, ending the afternoon with the now traditional cream tea. Please come along on Saturday morning to say "Hello". If you would like to join the "Share the Journey" walk organised by parish CAFOD reps (<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey>), or come to Stonyhurst College, please let us know. You will need to arrange your own transport.

We are still looking for volunteers on the day. In particular we need First Aiders and people to help at Stonyhurst College. If you can help, leave your details on the form at the back of Church, or contact Tom Clay on 07962136749.

Please pray for the success of the day.

Tom & Kathryn Clay

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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th June 2018

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Requiem Mass 10.30am
Marie Hughes

Friday

Mass 9am

Saturday (16th 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

Marie Hughes, Fr Norman Arkwright, Olive Batty, Fintan O'Reilly, Grace Warren, Mr & Mrs Bill Barker, Mr McIntyre, Private Intention, Alban & Agnes Marsden

SICK Agnes Marsden, Fintan O'Reilly, Nan Morrison, Fr Norman Arkwright

LATELY DEAD Marie Hughes (nee Kerr), Olive Batty

ANNIVERSARIES Elsie Simpson (nee Cullen), Grace Warren, Terence Cullen

There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for Day for Life

SUPARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £801.09 Sabden £163.85 Dunsop £192.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

S.V.P. Clitheroe £534.87 Sabden £85.46 Dunsop £62.00

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 with Pope Francis 21-27 Aug in Dublin. Still some places available to accompany Bishop John to Dublin. See poster in porch.

CALLUM'S ORDINATION We will celebrate this with him as a Parish on September 14th in the Old School Rooms. As well as giving him a spiritual bouquet we would like to present him with a generous gift to help him as he starts off on his journey in the priesthood. Envelopes will be available at the back of churches from next weekend 16/17th. Please return these in the weekend collections or at the presbytery.

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

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE 22/23/24 June at Liverpool Hope University. See poster in porch for more info.

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 Wed June 13. Cost £28 which includes coach, two course meal tea or coffee and afterwards an evening of mystery and suspense with a 'spider included'. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange 4.15pm. Open to all—men included. Menus available from the porch—this event is still open if you have not already booked.

Please note— there is no walking on this Mystery Tour

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

LAUDATO SI Our Parish application for the CAFOD Live Simply Award is now registered. See the registration certificate on the notice board in the porch. Keep up with activities and offerings via our webpage on the Parish website

<http://www.olotv.org.uk/parish-groups/laudato-si> or go to "Groups" then "laudato Si"

SPRING HAPPENING meeting Wed 20th June 7.30pm in the Presbytery, to review the event—your input is invaluable. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute contact Jane Brown 01200 441949 jane_ann_brown_@hotmail.com

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY We will be celebrating Weld Day in the usual way with mass and parish picnic on Sunday 1st July.

RIGHT TO LIFE WALK Anyone with outstanding sponsor money for the walk two weeks ago, please place on the offertory plate in an envelope clearly marked. Thankyou

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Mass at 11.15am followed by talk by Reinhard Backes at St John Southworth, Nelson—see poster in porch for more details

RIGHT TO LIFE Thankyou letter from Moira Billinge in the porch.

*Day of Prayer for Human Life SUNDAY 17th JUNE
Exposition from 11am closing with Benediction at 3pm.
In St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe*

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat—Welcoming—J.Luciani Reader—J.Byrne Euch Min A.Harkin, N.Dixon Sunday—Welcoming—A & J.Marsden Reader R.Bowes Euch Min A.Marsden, P.Donnely, E.Lambert Tea & Coffee—Fellows family Little Church D & V.Harvey Higgins

LOVE CLITHEROE meeting at Clitheroe Community Church Monday 11 June 7.30pm
LOVE CLITHEROE BBQ Saturday 16 June Clitheroe Castle Field 12noon. Help needed to set up from 8.30am, handing out leaflets, serving food and clearing up.

K.S.C.COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 12th June at 7.30pm in the presbytery
THANKYOU Many thanks to those parishioners who keep the gardens around the church and presbytery in such good order.

BAPTISM We welcome Max Arlo Kenyon, Sonny George Kenyon and Rose Eliza Wilkinson who were baptised recently

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Monday 11th 7pm in the Assembly Hall.

TEA DANCE Wednesday 20 June in Assembly Hall 2-5pm with afternoon tea only £4. All very welcome—for info Daphne 01200 427912

ST PAUL'S LOW MOOR Songs of Praise Sunday 24 June 6.30pm—All welcome

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 10. 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

CRAFT FAIR & FAMILY FUN DAY Saturday 30 June 11am—3pm. Admission £2 children free. Lots of varied stalls, raffle, tombola. Amazing refreshments. Children's rides and entertainment. If you would like a stall a six foot table is £10 plus a raffle prize.

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.

NEARLY NEW we are holding a Nearly New Sale of Womens & Mens clothing on Friday July 6th in the Hall at 7.30pm. We are looking for clothes in very good condition and also people who would like to be a model for the night as we hope to hold a catwalk show. Any items please bring to church or leave with Margaret Waling, Margaret Parsons,, Pat Whitwell of Kay Galea. See poster.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Churches Together in Sabden is holding its second Men's Breakfast on Saturday 30 June at 9am in St Nicholas's Church with full breakfast and possibly a speaker for just £5. It would be nice if St Mary's was represented. If you wish to go please let Bernard Parfitt know on 01282 773759