Day for Life

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The theme for this year is human trafficking and Pope Francis appeals to Catholics in England and Wales to open their eyes and hear the cry of human trafficking victims.

Pope Francis has written: "Our defence of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred... Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.

In the last 12 months there have been two major East Lancashire Police operations where coordinated action across six towns led to the arrest of fourteen men and one woman operating a sex trafficking ring based in Blackburn. Its tentacles reached Clitheroe. Human trafficking is a major issue in the UK and in Lancashire we have instances not only of sexual exploitation but also enforced Labour, domestic slavery, forced marriage and enforced criminality. Today's collection is taken in support of Church supported life activities. There are materials and on-line resources from Day for Life http://www.dayforlife.org/

Caritas Salford Anti-Trafficking, the Santa Marta Group and the Medaille Trust is launching an exercise which is part of an ongoing diocesan strategy to raise awareness on human trafficking in Greater Manchester and Lancashire. Through prayer and greater awareness Catholics can play an important part in helping the Police end this horrific crime. For more information go to:

Catholic Church http://santamartagroup.com/

Anglican Church https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/

Salvation Army https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/modern-slavery

Please make sure you do not leave church today without taking one of our cards and that you know what to do when you see something that doesn't look right and probably isn't.

Together we can end modern slavery.

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge Tel 01200 423307 website: olotv.org.uk Email: janet.clegg@dioceseofsalford.org.uk Parish Priest: Mgr John Corcoran RD. Presbytery, Lowergate, Clitheroe BB7 1AG Parish Priest email: john.corcoran@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th June 2018 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday DAY FOR LIFE

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee Exposition from 11am 3pm Benediction

Monday, Thursday & Friday Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Wednesday Mass at 9am

Saturday (23rd 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**—Eucharistic Service at 9.15am Friday—Requiem Mass 1pm—Maria Middleton

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Dick Keane, Angela Snape, Angelo Lully, Derek Birtwell, Arthur Peters, Maria Valovin, Tony Valovin, Peggy Simpson, Dennis McKenna x 2, Marie Hughes x 4, Maria Middleton x 4, Stephen Humphreys

LATELY DEAD Marie Hughes, Maria Middleton, Angelo Lully,

ANNIVERSARIES Dennis McKenna, Tony Valovin, Maria Valovin, Derek Birtwell, Stephen Humphreys

There is a retiring collection at all masses this weekend for Day for Life

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £727.38 Sabden £259.67 Dunsop £263.00 Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

<u>NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS</u> 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.

<u>CALLUM'S ORDINATION</u> 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 this 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

WELD DAY-JULY 1st

A week on Sunday we celebrate Weld Day and we pray for Thomas and Mary Weld and celebrate their generosity in donating the land on which our church is built and the field our children play; Mass will be celebrated on the field at 10.30am during which children from our three churches will receive their First Holy Communion Certificates and workbooks. Afterwards we shall have the usual Picnic so bring along your picnic and rug and pray that the good weather continues until then. There will be no Sunday Mass in Sabden on that day

<u>VACANCY</u> Diocese of Salford for a Director of Education to commence September 18 or January 19 or sooner. To request application pack email **2** 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

RIGHT TO LIFE WALK Anyone with outstanding sponsor money for the walk two weeks ago, please place on the offertory plate in a envelope clearly marked. Thankyou AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Mass at 11.15am today 17 June 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.

To comply with the new Data Protection Law (GDPR) it is no longer permissible to publish the names of people who are sick without the express permission of the sick person or the parent of a child below the age of 8 years.

Congratulations to the parents and children who made their First Holy Communions in our three churches last Sunday. And heartfelt gratitude to our schools, staff, catechists, flower arrangers and others who have helped over the past 9 months

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat—Welcoming—A.Harkin Reader—C.Riley Euch Min— M.Preedy Sunday—Welcoming—J.Clegg & E.Davies Reader Marina Barrett Euch Min H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, S.Smith Tea & Coffee—C.James & A.Pritchard Little Church D & C Carr

<u>TEA DANCE</u> 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 PRO-LIFE Many thanks for the donation of £100 from our Ladies Group

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 57. 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. There will also be the usual stalls with profits for church. If you can help with these please put your name on list in porch. Or if you have an idea for a stall you could do. There is also a list for prize donations.

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.

<u>NEARLY NEW</u> 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