

Dear Parishioners,

With peace in the Middle East as the goal, Pope Francis on Saturday hosted an ecumenical pilgrimage in the southern Italian city of Bari, attended by the representatives of Christian churches with a presence in the Middle East. Bari hosts the shrine of St Nicholas (Father Christmas) a saint revered both by Eastern and Western Catholics

The Christian leaders came together to pray for peace in a region that, due to ongoing conflicts and persecution, has seen the Christian population diminish year after year.

“The Middle East, is one of the regions of the world where the situation of Christians is most precarious,” said Cardinal Kurt Koch of Switzerland, head of the Vatican’s office dedicated to promoting Christian Unity. He noted that while Christians represented 20 percent of the population in the region before World War I, today they are only four percent in this “martyred region.” As an example, in Iraq alone, the number of Christians has gone from 1.5 million in 2003 to an estimated 300,000 today.

According to Cardinal Koch, Christians will only remain in the region if peace is restored, and this is why the Catholic Church has been diplomatically working for a peace achieved through political agreements.

“It’s not possible to imagine a Middle East without Christians, not only for political reasons, but because they are essential for the equilibrium of the region,” he said.

Among the Christian leaders who answered Pope Francis’s call are the heads of Orthodox churches, Oriental Orthodox churches, the Assyrian Orthodox Church, members of Catholic Oriental churches, a representative for the Lutheran Church along with a representative for the Middle East Council of Churches. A majority of the 19 leaders attending are patriarchs or heads of churches with only five sending a representative.

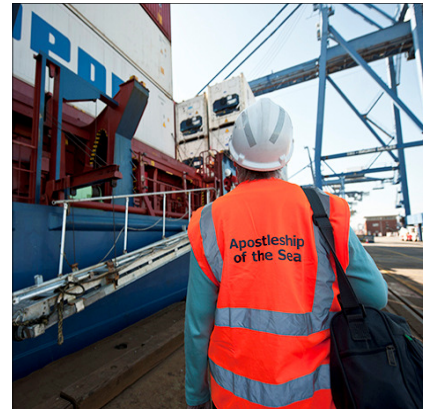
Please remember this initiative in your prayers.

Fr John

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14th Sunday in Ordinary time - 8th July 2018 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am
Funeral Service 11.15am
John Chatburn

Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am
Funeral Service 1.15pm
Doreen O’Hagan

Saturday (15th July)

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

*The Requiem of Fr Norman Arkwright SM will be on
Friday 13th July at St Mary's Langho at 11am*

*There will be a retiring collection after all masses this weekend for
The Apostleship of the Sea*

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Private Intention, Paul Trotter, John Chatburn
Fr Norman Arkwright x 2, Special Intention

LATELY DEAD John Chatburn, Fr Norman Arkwright SM, Doreen O'Hagan

ANNIVERSARIES Paul Trotter, Bette Coleman,

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe & Sabden £818.48 Dunsop £203.50

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 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 Sat July 21 Coach leaves Interchange at 10am, Sabden 10.20am Cost £10 - please pay either Teresa or Janet or pop through the presbytery door in an envelope marked with your name. Cheques make payable to Our Lady of the Valley. In addition to 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 available at the back of churches. Please return these in the weekend collections or at the presbytery.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME in February 2019 will be led by Bishop John and will run from 16—23rd February. It is for over 18's and cost per person £690 which includes flights, full board and insurance. More info Tracey Ward 0161 817 2222 or email tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

LAUDATO SI We had a great day at Sabden Summer Fair when ten people bought or sponsored a BOB Box for £10 each. These boxes can accommodate a bird or a bat to nest or roost, and will be sited strategically as part of our Live Simply Award environmental activities. To learn more about BOB boxes and everything else we are doing, look at our Laudato Si' group webpage <http://www.olutv.org.uk/parish-groups/laudato-si> to learn more about BOB boxes. If you want to buy or sponsor a box please contact Anthony Brown 01200 422811

MUSIC MINISTRY TRAINING DAY Cathedral Centre Saturday 14th July 10.30am-4.30pm. A day for Singers, Organists, Musicians and Musical Directors. More details <http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/music-ministry-training-day>. To register phone 0161 817 2222 or email hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

CAFOD Our CAFOD group are holding a meeting in the presbytery on Tuesday 10th July at 9.30am. Please come and join us—find out how we can all help CAFOD

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 27 JULY Anyone who wishes a petition to be taken and placed at the grotto, please use the marked boxes at the back of our churches in Clitheroe, Sabden and Dunsop which will be available until Sunday 22 July. Also, we are collecting for a candle to be placed at the grotto for all the people of the parish. If you would like to contribute to this, please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Our Lady's Candle' and put it in the offertory basket at Mass or post it through the Clitheroe letterbox.

ADVANCE NOTICE Members of the Blackburn branch of the Walsingham Association will be visiting our parish on Tuesday 14th August to join us for Rosary at 7pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm. If you are interested in Walsingham you are welcome to join us afterwards in the presbytery for a chat and light refreshments.

GARDENERS. Will be welcome at the Waddow Lodge Open Garden on Sunday next see over page

DAY BY DAY each month we purchase a number of copies of this booklet which include the readings and gospel for each day during the month. These booklets have proved very popular. If you would like one then please see Arnold Marsden

MEDAILLE TRUST Summer edition of the newsletter is in the porch. The Medaille trust is the catholic charity providing safe houses for victims of human trafficking.

FOODBANK We are in need of tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, mashed potatoes, sponge puddings, ketchup, brown sauce, laundry liquid/powder. We have good supplies of beans, pasta, soup, meat and cereal. As always, thank you for your generosity and support

PARISH FORUM The next meeting is on Wednesday 11 July at 7.30pm. Agenda items will include: Callum's Ordination, Spring Happening, Salvate Group, Hope in the Future and Planned Giving together with a review of recent events. Do come along and have your say. Everyone is welcome.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat—Welcoming—A.Harkin **Reader**—A.Southworth **Euch Min**—B.Worden & A.Ward **Sunday—Welcoming**—R & F Holgate **Reader** S.Smith **Euch Min** A.Marsden, P.Donnely, E.Lambert **Tea & Coffee**—B.Parkinson & B.Barker **Little Church** A.McNulty & F.Garner

JESUITS & FRIENDS Summer 2018 edition now available FREE from porch

RIGHT TO LIFE WALK Anyone with outstanding sponsor money for the walk please place on the offertory plate in a envelope clearly marked. Thankyou

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Monday 9 July at 7pm in the Old School rooms

K.S.C. Council meeting at 7.30pm in the presbytery

TEA DANCE in The Old School Rooms 2-5pm. Dancing/Afternoon Tea only £4. For info ☎ Daphne 01200 427912

BAPTISM We welcome Ada Anna Cooper who was baptised last Saturday

PARISH DRAW June winners £100— 46 J.McDonald, £20— 145 F.Warburton, 103-B.Bithell, £10-151 D.Hibberdene, 87 M.Bradley, 14 B.Lawton, 35 P.Bennett

DUNSOP

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Duck Race Monday 27th August 2pm

WADDOW LODGE GARDEN OPEN DAY is on Sunday 15 July 1-5pm. This is normally supported by St Hubert's, but everyone is welcome to donate cakes and help serve the teas. If they could arrive at 11am to set up there will be sandwiches for the helpers at 12noon. Proceeds of the teas go towards St Hubert's For details Contact Peter or Liz Foley 01200 429145

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning Bonus Ball Number 50. Olive Doyle has kindly volunteered to take on the Bonus Ball when its current run ends in July. In order for it to be a success there are now many numbers available for purchase. It is only £1 a week to be in it. (What can you buy these days with £1). If you haven't already got a number please consider having one as it is a valuable source of income for St Marys. Any questions please ask Donna Wharton 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.

SUMMER FAIR A big thank you to everyone who helped make our fair such a success. Even though attendance was less than we would have liked we still made £700. Everyone who came had a great time. The list for the unclaimed raffle prizes is in the porch.