

Dear Parishioners,

An interesting comment from Pope Francis speaking to young people last week.

The dreams of young people scare adults a bit. But do not let yourselves be robbed of your dreams. There was a boy, here in Italy, twenty, twenty-two years of age, who started to dream and to dream big. And his father, an important businessman, tried to convince him otherwise but he said, "No, I want to dream. I dream what I feel inside". And in the end, he went away, to dream. And his father followed him. And that boy sought refuge in the bishop's house, he took off his robes and gave them to his father: "Let me go on my path". This young man, an Italian of the thirteenth century, was called Francis and he changed the history of Italy. Francis risked so he could dream big; he knew no boundaries and ended his life dreaming. Let us think: he was a young like you. But how he dreamed! They said that he was mad because he dreamed in this way. And he did so much good, and continues to do so. The young scare adults a bit because adults have stopped dreaming, they have stopped risking, and they have organised themselves well. But as I said before, do not let yourselves be robbed of your dreams. "And how can I make sure, Father, that no-one robs me of my dreams?" Look for good teachers capable of helping you to understand them and to make them real, gradually and with serenity. Be good teachers in turn, teachers of hope and trust towards the new generations who will follow you. "But how, I can become a teacher too?". Yes, a young person who is capable of dreaming becomes a teacher, through his or her witness. Because it is witness that shakes and moves hearts, and shows the ideals that everyday life covers up. The dream is a great strength. "Father, where can I buy the pills that make me dream?" No, those no! Those will not make you dream, they will send your heart to sleep. They will burn out your neurons. Dreams cannot be bought. Dreams are a gift, a gift from God, a gift that God sows in your hearts. Dreams are given to us freely, but so that we give them away freely to others too. Offer your dreams: no-one, taking them, will impoverish you. Offer them to others freely.

Fr John

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20th Sunday in Ordinary time - 19th August 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 (25th August)

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

Harvey Hughes, Clifford Chatburn, Eileen Stirzaker, Helen Addy, Bernard Lawton,
Micahel Day x 2, Elsie Simpon, Ann Wharton, Margaret Batts, Tom Davies

LATELY DEAD

Gary Clegg, Harvey Hughes, Michael Day

ANNIVERSARIES

Clifford Chatburn, Bernard Lawton, Elsie Simpson, Margaret Batts, Tom Davies

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £709.81 Sabden £128.57 Dunsop £244.10

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

CALLUM'S GIFT/SPIRITUAL BOUQUET 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. Return these in the weekend collections or at the presbytery.

ANNUAL ROSARY & HYMNS with Gospel Singer Tom McCourt at Platt Fields, Manchester Saturday 8 September at 3pm. Details from Sarah Mitchell telephone 0161 431 0410

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 email: tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or 0161 817 2222

FOODBANK MANAGER to co-ordinate 80 volunteers from Clitheroe & Longridge. 18 hours per week over Monday, Wednesday & Friday—salary around £12,000. Applicants should demonstrate a heart for disadvantaged people motivated by an active Christian faith. Applications from nigeltrix@btinternet.com or ☎ 07981 914758. Closing date Friday 14 September

CARITAS VACANCIES Trainer—Catholic Social Teaching 18.5 hrs week £25,463 per annum (pro rata part time) 1 Fixed Term Contract.

SALFORD DIOCESE are recruiting teachers for our 2018-2020 Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies. For details see poster in porch.

FOODBANK Please see porches for thankyou letter

LADIES GROUP a date for your diary—Wednesday 12 September coach trip to Dunham Massey and then on to Salford Quays. Cost £23 all inclusive or £10 if you are a National Trust member. To book see Daphne 01200 427912 or Janet 01200 423307 ext 3 or give your names and money in at the Treasure Hunt on 29 August

JOY: THE SUNRISE OF THE GOSPEL Salford Cathedral Saturday 6th October. This is a Scripture Festival organised collaboratively by northern dioceses, religious orders and supported by the Scripture Working Group of the Bishops' Conference. The theme 'Joy', has been chosen to reflect the message of Pope Francis. The day offers a taste of scripture to a wide range of people. There will be keynote speakers, workshops and an opportunity for bible study and to respond to text in works, art and prayer. £5 registration fee. Book online <http://www.scripturefestival.org/> or send SAE to Scripturefest, 1537 Ashton Old Rd, Manchester M11 1GR

Autumn Bank Holiday 27 August 2018

Each year on the August Bank Holiday a Requiem Mass is celebrated in the old Catholic Cemetery on Waddington Road in Clitheroe.

In this we remember all deceased parishioners and priests who have lived and served in our three communities of Dunsop Bridge, Sabden and Clitheroe along with family and friends whom you bring in remembrance in your hearts.

***S.V.P. Quarterly Collection will be taken on 25/26th August.
Please be generous as you can to offer help to those in need.***

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat—Welcoming—A.Harkin Reader V.Murray Euch Min— A.Harkin & N.Dixon Sunday—Welcoming B.Parkinson & P.Dixon Reader A.Chadwick Euch Min J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes Tea & Coffee—S.V.P. Little Church—A.McNulty & F.Garner

DUCK RACE Arnold will be selling Tickets (£5 a book) over next 2 weekends

ROTAS Welcoming, Readers, etc rota will be compiled during the next couple of weeks. If you wish to come off the rota please let Janet know by next Fri 24 August

THANKYOU A big thankyou to those parishioners who help keep the gardens around the church and presbytery—many favourable remarks have been received.

ST JOSEPH'S CEMETERY Prior to the Cemetery mass on August Bank Holiday next Monday evening 20th August we will be doing the annual tidy up of St Joseph's Cemetery. If you could help then come along at 6.30pm.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Thursday 27th September Afternoon Variety Concert, Friday 5th Oct—Rossendale Scout Band. Both events in The Assembly Hall. Saturday 13th October—Jumble Sale in aid of Mary's Meals

LADIES GROUP Annual Treasure Hunt—Wednesday 29th August—Cost £12. This year supper will be at The Rose and Crown—Menu's are available from the porch. If you do not want to take part in the Treasure Hunt you can just come along for supper. Names and money to either Janet or Daphne.

Please note the Parish Office will be open next Wednesday 22nd August but closed on Thursday 23rd.

DUNSOP

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

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Hello everyone, we are about to launch our new season of the Bonus Ball, which we will run for 52 weeks of the year. We have 7 free numbers available so please consider taking a number it is only £1 per week. First payment is due on 26th August, you can pay £1 weekly by placing your envelope in "Bonus Ball" box at the back of church, or pay a lump sum by cash or cheque, payable to "Our Lady of the Valley". All payments must be made a week in advance of the draw. The prize is £25 per week and £34 to the church if all numbers are sold. Envelopes will be available before the draw commences. Contact me, Olive Doyle ☎ 01282 931382. or Email: olive_doyle@yahoo.com Good Luck!

WIGGLE & GIGGLE are having a summer break.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Monday 8 October from 11am. Admission £2.50. Raffle—Bottle Tombola—Cake stall—donations very welcome and can be left with Carol Hartley, Margaret Parsons, Pat Whitwell, Olive Doyle, Joan Thompson or Margaret Waling any time before the event.

