

LAUDATO SI AND THE ST MARY'S (SABDEN) PROJECT

St Francis of Assisi shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace. This one sentence from Laudato Si' sums up the interconnectedness of everything Catholic, and everything our Parish is trying to do under the banners of Hope in the Future and the CAFOD Live Simply Award.

As a key part of our CAFOD Live Simply Award we are planning a major environmental project building on the enormous amount of work already undertaken, over many years, by a few stalwart souls at St Mary's church, Sabden. Our plan is to make the place not only somewhere to glorify God but an exemplar also of how we can live simply, sustainably with creation, and in solidarity with the poor. This is the essence of everything Pope Francis is saying to us.

Few parishioners away from Sabden will be aware of just how much effort has gone into Sabden already. Removing the AstroTurf and covering the hardcore below it necessitated shovelling 40 tons of topsoil and 10 tons of bark but in addition paths were laid, beds of wild flowers planted, weeds killed, hedges trimmed hedges and a rockery built. Most recently we have seen a stone circle at the front of the church with pots and plants. The first priority now is to re-make the bed in front of the church before two weddings in September. However, there is much more to be done and then regular maintenance.

An element in our Live Simply Award Plan is: Encourage parishioners to become involved with the work behind St Mary's and at the cemetery, with a particular emphasis on the practical and educational aspects of preserving the environment. On August 13 we met to discuss how we might take this forward and full details of that meeting can be found on the Parish website under Groups/Laudato Si at <http://www.olotv.org.uk/parish-groups/laudato-si>

Please consider playing a part in what we hope will become a community and social venture for young and old. We aim to encourage participation not only via the Parish but also the schools. We hope that a lot of people doing a little, rather than a few doing a lot, will not only make the task less onerous but also a pleasant way to spend a Saturday. The first date is Saturday, 8th September.

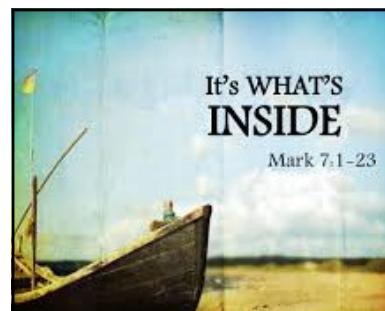
Laudato Si Group

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary time - 2nd September 2018

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday
Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday
Mass at 9am

**Tuesday, Wednesday
Thursday & Friday**
Eucharistic Service at 9am

Saturday (8th September)
Please note change of times this Saturday only

No Eucharistic Service Reconciliation 11-11.30am
Exposition 11-11.30 First Mass of Sunday—5pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Eucharistic Service at 9.15am **Saturday** Mass at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am **Wednesday**—Eucharistic Service at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Margaret Fagan, Grace Holt x 2, Private intention, Hughes family,

LATELY DEAD
Grace Holt

ANNIVERSARIES
Margaret Fagan

There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for the Catholic Education Service

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £706.44 Sabden £109.10 Dunsop £175.50

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. Envelopes available at the back of churches. All contributions to be in by Sunday September 9th **FR CALLUM'S**

PRESENTATION EVENING Friday 14 September 7.30pm in the Assembly Rooms. Tickets will be available after all Masses over the next 2 weekends. As numbers are limited there will be a token charge of £1 per ticket. Please purchase after Masses—NO admission without ticket.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME in February 2019 led by Bishop John 16—23rd February. Over 18's only cost per person £690 which includes flights, full board and insurance. More info email: tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or 0161 817 2222

RETREAT at Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre, Preston (formerly TABOR) Cost £50. Please see poster in porch for details or pick up a flyer. More details from Toni O'Donnell 01200 423019. The Centre will be hosting an OPEN DAY on Tuesday 25 September 12noon—4pm. Story telling, Food from around the World, Family games.

FOODBANK MANAGER to co-ordinate Clitheroe & Longridge. 18 hours per week salary around £12,000. See poster in porch for more details.

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

SALFORD DIOCESE we are recruiting parish members for our 2018-2020 CCRS—Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies course which ensures that governors, teachers and the church community has a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic Faith for those involved in Education, RE Curriculum and Parish Catechesis.

RETREAT 'Sowers of God's Word' on Saturday 22 September at St Bede's College Manchester. See poster in porch

PARISH FORUM The next Forum meeting will take place on Wed 19th September 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall. Please send any items for the agenda to Amanda Taylor email: Amanda.taylor15@hotmail.co.uk. or ☎ 07714 020358 by Wed 12 September

LIVE SIMPLY AT SABDEN Please come along at 10am September 8th to work in good company and hopefully good weather. Bring a packed lunch if you intend to stay more than a few hours but light refreshments will be provided. See the back page and the Parish website for more details.

MASS OF HEALING Sunday 30 Sept at 2pm in the Assembly Hall. All who would like to go please fill in a form from the back of church and place in the box by Mon 24 Sept. We need numbers for organising refreshments, transport and seating.

LADYEWELL Our Lady's birthday Sat 8th Sept 11am—Rosary, Benediction, Mass 12noon. Sat 22nd Sept members of the Walsingham Association will visit the shrine for the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham (Mon 24 Aug) Mass 12noon, Benediction later

LOURDES The parish group took with them the petitions which were placed in the Grotto. Thanks to the generous offerings a large candle was left burning for peoples intentions and a Mass for the whole parish will be said in the Sanctuary. Some photos at the back of church. Our Lady of Lourdes—Pray for us. St Bernadette—Pray for us

THE BLURRED LINE: The Ribble Valley's first mental health awareness day at The Grand. Saturday 8th September 11am—3pm—see poster in porch

LADIES GROUP Unfortunately we have had to cancel the visit to Dunham Massey due to lack of support.

POETRY COMPETITION To accompany the Northern Scripture Festival (Salford Cathedral 6th October) parishioners over 16 are invited to submit a poem (no more than 20 lines) on the theme "Joy: the surprise of the Gospel". The poem can be any style, must be in English, not have been published previously and can't be a translation of another author's work. Entry forms available in porch or go to www.scripturefestival.org

DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP In association with the Liverpool Archdiocese and this year Wrexham Diocese. The course begins January 2019 and ends December 2021 Cost £2,600 payable over three instalments. Information Evening at Salford Cathedral Centre Tuesday 9th October 7.30—9pm. This will be discussed at our next Parish Forum on 19th September.

AFTERNOON VARIETY CONCERT—Thursday 27th September. Tickets are now on sale and selling fast. Tickets available Daphne Marsden 01200 427912 or Carol Riley 01200 426769 or Janet Clegg 01200 423307 ext 3

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat—Welcoming—J.Luciani Reader C.McGuire Euch Min—A.Southworth & A.Rowley Sunday—Welcoming B.Barker & C.Riley Reader P.Donnely Euch Min A.Marsden, S.Smith, M.Smith Tea & Coffee—C.James & A.Pritchard Little Church—D & V Harvey Higgins

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Friday 5th Oct—Rossendale Scout Band in The Assembly Hall. Saturday 13th October—Jumble Sale in aid of Mary's Meals

HERITAGE OPEN DAY as part of this annual event our church will be open next Sat 8th September 12noon—3pm with a mini exhibition of our church's history. Also there will also be a short Service of Remembrance at 12noon in the Market Place to remember those soldiers who died in WWI

ROTAS Sept—Dec now available for those who do not have an email address

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after mass/services this week

Universe and Catholic Times price increase to £1.50 from 7th September

DUNSOP

DUCK RACE A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the Duck Race such a success, from selling tickets to helping out on the day both in and out of the river! After expenses the total raised was £803

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

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.

BONUS BALL Thank you to everyone who has signed up for this coming year, starting 1 September. For those paying weekly, envelopes are now available at the back of church, if your envelope is not in the box please contact me Olive Doyle on 01282 931382. We now only have THREE SPARE NUMBERS so please consider taking a number or an extra one, its only £1 per week. Let's have a successful Bonus Ball year with all numbers sold. Good Luck!

MENS BREAKFAST There is to be a get-together and hot breakfast for men of the parish and village, on Saturday September 22nd at 9am in the hall. All men are welcome if you would like to go please give your name to Tony Galea so he can arrange catering. Previous breakfasts have been held at the Baptist and C of E Churches, so let's make sure St Mary's is well supported by our own parishioners.