

Dear Parishioners

This weekend ends the month of October which is the month specially dedicated to Mary and the Rosary. It seems an appropriate time to think about Lourdes. The events in Lourdes took place 160 years ago but they are as relevant today as ever. At the first apparition on 11th February 1858 Bernadette prayed the Rosary with the “beautiful lady”. Mary appeared to Bernadette 18 times, she asked for prayer and penance, she asked Bernadette to tell the priests that people are to come in procession and to build a church and on the 16th apparition she revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception.

Since then Lourdes has been a place of pilgrimage and is visited by people of all religions and from all over the world. It is a place of love and prayer, hope and renewal, equality, compassion and friendship. Each year the Bishop of Lourdes has a theme for pilgrims on which to focus. The theme this year was “Do whatever He tells you”, Mary’s instructions at the Marriage Feast of Cana and in 2019, from the Magnificat, “The Almighty has done great things for me”.

The Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage is led by Bishop John Arnold and for the last four years a small group from our parish has joined the Diocese. The week is a very special experience, as well as spiritually renewing; it is a week of fun, laughter and tears and a great sense of belonging to the Diocesan family. The sick are at the centre of the pilgrimage and are cared for by many volunteers of all ages. The liturgies are beautifully planned and there is time for quiet, private prayer, for socialising in the many bars and cafe, for shopping and to visit other places.

If you would like to know more about the pilgrimage or are considering coming in 2019 there will be a meeting in the presbytery on Monday November 21st at 7pm when we will talk about the week’s activities and organisation, travel and cost. Please come if you are interested, there will no commitment.”

Margaret Donnelly (2018 group co-ordinator)

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30th Sunday in Ordinary time - 28th October 2018

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday—All Saints Holyday of Obligation

Mass at 11am

Friday

Requiem Mass 11am—Pauleen Gregson

Saturday (3rd November)

Eucharistic Service at 10.45am Reconciliation 11—11.45am
Exposition 11—11.55am First Mass of Sunday—5pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday All Saints—Mass at 6pm Saturday Mass at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am Wednesday—Eucharistic Service 9.15am
Thursday All Saints—Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Mary Carty, Martina Cunny

LATELY DEAD

Pauleen Gregson, Martine Cunny

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph Morton

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £761.73 Sabden £167.30 Dunsop £278.90

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

MISSIO Clitheroe £387.65 Sabden £70.85 Dunsop £115.00

CAFOD Some members of our Parish CAFOD Group are going to the Cafod Retreat on 24th November at St Patrick's Church Hall, Livesey St, Manchester M4 5HF, Please bring a shared vegetarian lunch. If you would like to join us please register via the CAFOD website (<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Salford-retreat>). We are thinking of hiring a minibus for the day, so if you need transport, please contact Grace Fellows (01200 425928). Registering needs to be done asap as this event is usually fully booked by the end of September. The topic is very apt in the run-up to Christmas—**COUNTERING CONSUMERISM: Lessons from Gaude et Exsultate**

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2019 with Salford Diocese. We are seeking volunteers of all ages and abilities, medical and non-medical to assist sick pilgrims. To find out more come along to one of our volunteer meetings. Wed 28 November 7.30-8.30pm at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford M3 6DP

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

CAFOD Not returned your Harvest Family Fast Day Envelope? These can be placed in the offertory baskets during Mass at each of our churches. Your donation will help provide clean water and so reduce sickness and transform lives in remote villages in East Africa

S.V.P. Help needed. From time to time the SVP need use of a van to transport items of furniture to people's houses and wondered if any parishioner may be able to help us when needed. We are also looking for a microwave, a kettle and a toaster for a young single parent. If anyone could help with any of this, please ring Peter on 01200 441081 or speak to any SVP member. Thank you

HURST GREEN FLEA MARKET today Sunday 29 October 9am—4pm. OLOTV Cafod Group will have a stall there. Hot and cold refreshments available all day and an opportunity for early Christmas shopping. Proceeds from our stall will go to CAFOD'S Hands On project in the Magdalena Medio region of Columbia. This has been set up to help young people living there to build a peaceful future, free from violence and conflict.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME In 2019 there will be a Youth Pilgrimage (over 18's) to Rome led by Bishop John from 16—23 February. Cost £690 inc flights, full board, accommodation and insurance. More info from ☎Tracey Ward on 0161 817 2222 or email tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

ARMISTICE CENTENARY CONCERT Blackburn Music Society on Saturday November 10th at Blackburn Cathedral at 7pm. Advance tickets £12—Details etc on poster in porch. Early booking recommended

PARISH FORUM The next meeting of the Parish Forum is on Wednesday November 7th at 7.30pm with refreshments at 7.15pm. Items for the agenda should be sent to Peter Donnelly by Wednesday October 31st. Tel 01200 441081

HOPE IN THE FUTURE Please do consider how you may contribute to our Parish and return completed leaflet by Sunday 4th November

PAUSE FOR HOPE to all those who attended I am sure you benefitted from such an informative, uplifting service. To those who helped in any way my grateful thanks for once again pulling together to make this such a great event. Carol Riley

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Messiah by Candlelight Blackburn Music Society on Saturday December 1st 7pm Blackburn Cathedral. See poster in porch

ALL SAINTS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1st
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses—Sabden 9.15am, Clitheroe 11am, Dunsop Bridge—6pm

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat Welcoming J.Bentley **Reader** A.McGuire **Euch Min** A.Harkin & N.Dixon **Sunday—Welcoming** T.O'Donnell & J.Byrne **Reader** P.Lambert **Euch Min** A.Marsden, M.Smith, S.Smith **Tea & Coffee** Fellows family **Little Church—** G.Hennigan & J.Golding

CCP-CLITHEROE CHRISTIANS IN PARTNERSHIP are to organise a Carol service on the 1st December, on the day of the Town's Christmas Market. It will take place on the castle Bandstand at 4.30pm. I need a parishioner or two to represent the parish on the planning committee. Volunteer/s, please contact me.

A Nectar card was found last week in church enquire at Parish Office

LADIES GROUP MEETING Wednesday 31st October 7.30pm in The Old Assembly Hall (Parish Hall). A short A.G.M. followed by a very interesting talk by Sue Altonby—Traditional tales for Halloween. Only £2 including light refreshments. Come along—you are most welcome. Menus for our Annual Christmas Dinner will be available at this meeting.

Christmas Cards/Gifts for sale from next weekend

DUNSOP

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Everyone is invited to attend a special '100th Anniversary of the end World War One' event at the Cenotaph in Dunsop Bridge on Sunday 11th November. More details nearer the time.

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL This week's winning number is number 49 Jane Brown
Congratulations

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER every Monday 10.15am to noon in the Top room in the Hall. All welcome to pop along for tea/coffee and biscuits and a chat. Bring your own crafts if you wish to knit, stitch or just natter.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR will be on Saturday 1st December 11am—3pm. It will comprise of craft stalls plus some of our own. The Grand Draw will take place at 3pm. This years first prize will be Afternoon Tea in Blackpool Tower Ballroom, plus lots of other splendid prizes. Look out for tickets which will be available soon. If you can help on the day or would like to have a stall, put your name on the list in the porch. There is also a list of suggestions for raffle prizes if you would like to donate.