

THE FEAST OF ST BAKHITA, FEBRUARY 8

We cannot become distracted: we are all called to leave behind any form of hypocrisy, facing the reality that we are part of the problem. The problem is not in the opposite lane: it involves us. We are not permitted to look elsewhere and declare our ignorance or our innocence. Pope Francis to the participants in the International Forum on Modern Slavery, 7 May 2018.

A common theme runs through everything Pope Francis writes and says. It is the interconnectedness of everything *A mystical sensibility that sees God in every grain of dust* (Laudato Si') It is that interconnectedness that compels us to see others as ourselves and to hurt for the poor, the marginalized and the exploited, just as we sometimes hurt for our families and those closest to us.

On the feast of St Bakhita which is celebrated this Friday, let us pray to her for the strength to recognize our complicity, in being part of an economy that perpetuates exploitation and modern day slavery.

St Josephine Bakhita, bore 144 scars throughout her life which were received after she was kidnapped at the age of nine and sold into slavery. Such was the trauma experienced that she forgot her birth name and her kidnappers gave her the name Bakhita meaning 'fortunate'. She experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. In 1882 she was bought for the Italian Consul and in this family and subsequently in a second Italian home, she received kindness, respect, peace and joy. A change in her owner's circumstances meant that she was entrusted to the Canossian Sisters of the Institute of the Catechumens in Venice. There, Bakhita came to know about God whom, 'she had experienced in her heart without knowing who He was' since she was a child. She was received into the Catholic Church in 1890, joining the sisters and making final profession in 1896. The next fifty years of her life were spent witnessing to God's love through cooking, sewing, embroidery and attending to the door. When she was on door duty, she would gently lay her hands on the heads of the children who attended the nearby school and caress them. Her voice was pleasing to the little ones, comforting to the poor and suffering. She was a source of encouragement to many and her constant smile won people's hearts. She died on 8 February 1947.

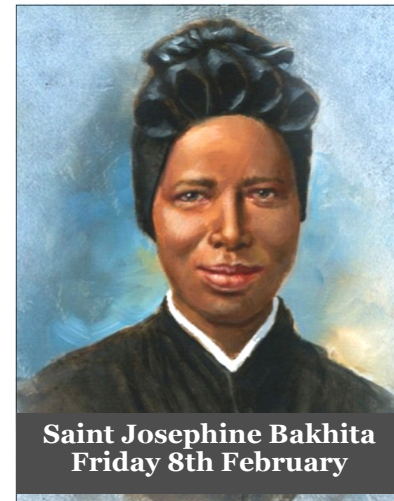
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3rd February 2019 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 (10th February)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am
Reconciliation 11am—11.45am
Exposition 11am—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

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Margaret Illingworth, Special Intention, Private Intentions,
Joy Coates, Mary Cushion

LATELY DEAD Peter Shoemuth, Joy Coates

ANNIVERSARIES Margaret Illingworth, Mary Cushion, Fr Joseph Wareing SJ

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £792.92 Sabden £223.22 Dunsop £202.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

SALFORD DIOCESE NQT Diocesan Primary Teaching Pool 2019 required for 1 Sept 2019. The Primary Pool will identify and recommend high quality candidates who will gain QTS in summer 2019. for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for 1 September 2019. More details/contacts see porch

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Calling all Health Care Workers. Please join us at St Mary's, Levenshulme every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm - (October—June) for Mass, mutual support and speaker-led discussion about medical and ethical issues. See poster in porch

WHALLEY & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB NAFAS Valentines flower demonstration by Mena Coulston & Jane Brown Thur 14 February 7.30pm St Michael & St Johns Assembly Hall. Visitors £6 inc Tea & Biscuits.

GOLDEN JUBILEE Lists at the back of all three churches for pledges towards a Spiritual Bouquet for Fr John's Jubilee on 1st March

ST AUGUSTINE'S PFTA QUIZ NIGHT March 8th starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £3 per person and teams are limited to a maximum of 8. Cash prizes on offer as well as a bar. Your support is greatly appreciated.

GLOBAL HEALING Wednesday February 13 at 7.30pm in St Mary's Community Centre, Sabden. An evening of film and cultural food to learn about the environment and how we can protect it. Admission free by ticket available from Anthony Brown 01200 422811. Bishop John was very pleased to hear that our plans in the Parish include Global healing and has asked for any feedback on how our 'Live Simply Plan' is developing in relation to Hope in the Future.

SAFEGUARDING & DBS CLEARANCES It is important that we ensure that anyone who has contact with children or vulnerable adults in our Parish, holds an up to date clearance, which means that we need to renew them every three years. I have a list of those who require an update and the envelopes are currently being distributed. I plan to visit Clitheroe and Sabden Church for all the Masses this weekend 2/3rd of February to distribute any remaining forms and to collect in the completed ones. I'll visit Dunsop Bridge as required. If you are not sure if you need to be "renewed" or if you have "escaped" the DBS process so far, please contact me on anhark456@aol.com and I'll check the system.

FR JOHN'S JUBILEE Volunteers required to make HOME MADE desserts as part of Father's celebration. If you would like to contribute then please put your name against the side of the dessert including your telephone number on the list at the back of church. Please bring your contribution to the Parish Assembly Rooms from 6pm on 1st March.

FINANCE MEETING Wednesday 6th February at 7pm in the Presbytery.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE CHOIR We are looking for new members to enhance the liturgy. Any sopranos, altos, tenors or bass who would like to join us please contact Fr Philip Brady 061 740 2071 or email philip.brady@dioceseofsalford.org.uk Further info from Cathedral Parish Office deborah.holmes@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or tel 0161 817 2210. The ability to read music is preferable but not essential.

CLITHEROE

LADIES GROUP The 2019 Programme is now available from the porch.

TEA DANCE Because of the repairs in the Hall there will be no Tea Dance February. The dances will resume on March 22nd

ROTAS Sat Welcoming—A.Harkin **Reader** A.McGuire **Euch Min** A.Southworth & A.Rowley **Sunday—Welcoming** B.Parkinson & P.Dixon **Reader** P.Anwyl **Euch Min** J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes **Tea & Coffee** M.Geddes & E.Curphy **Little Church** G.Hennigan & J.Golding

PARISH DRAW £100 47 H.Lofthouse, £20 48 H.Bradley, 5 K.Downes, £10 66 V.Bradley, 135 A.Dewhurst, 13 A.Southworth, 20 N.Dixon

K.S.C.DANCE Friday 22nd February from 7.30pm. Dancing to John Lancaster £7 inc Supper. Tickets from Arnold 01200 427096 or Betty 01200 427029

CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY Monday 4th February 7.30pm Ribble Valley Council Chambers The Art & Craft of the Bookbinder and Restorer, Peter Doyle who is currently restoring The Clitheroe Advertiser and Times bound volumes that are housed in the archive.

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after all Masses/Services this week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT Each Friday evening during Lent various Church organisations lead the Stations of the Cross. There is a list in the porch if you would like to take part, please enter your name and telephone number.

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Thursday 7th February 7pm in the Presbytery.

CARITAS MOTHER AND BABY HOME ion Blackburn would like to thank you for your donations especially at Christmas.

BAPTISM We welcome Jacob Vincent Gaughan who was baptised recently.

DUNSOP

FOODBANK DONATIONS Can be left at the back of church.

DUNSOP BRIDGE PLAY GROUP would love to welcome you to join them on Wednesday mornings from 9.30—11.30am in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. Search on facebook for further details or call Laura on 01200 448304

TROUGH TEAS Easter Sunday sees the return of the popular summer season Trough Teas every Sunday until the end of August 12-4pm in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. St Hubert's are to take Sunday 28 April along with proceeds from the day. Please support the event by baking and/or popping in for refreshments. Details later

SABDEN

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BONUS BALL This week's winning no 45 Peter Dewhurst. 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, biscuits and a chat. Bring your own crafts if you wish to knit, stitch or just natter.

LIVE SIMPLY AT SABDEN Please come along at 10am Saturday February 16th to work on the grounds at St Mary's, Sabden, 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 Live Simply Group webpage if you want to know all about what we are doing to live simply in our parish <http://www.olotv.org.uk/parish-groups/laudato-si>

WARM 'N' WELCOME GROUP Anthony Brown will speak about human trafficking at Sabden Baptist Church on Thursday 7th September at 2pm