

I thank all who joined in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of my ordination on Friday of last week, 1st March: the altar servers, the two choirs, the instrumentalists, the flower team and their beautiful arrangements both in church and the assembly room, the many bakers who provided a wonderful selection of cakes and sweets, the Bishop and fellow priests, and so many others who not only organised the evening but who also prevailed upon me to celebrate my jubilee and the many people who sent anniversary cards. Also, I must mention the children of our three primary schools who crafted those magnificent jubilee cards, Janet who designed, typed, printed and folded the 250 orders of service (and even then, some had to share"!). I was greatly affirmed and am indebted to you all and shall offer Mass for you this Sunday. Fr John

ALL CHURCH READERS

I've been asked to invite all readers to a READER'S CONSULTATIVE. I have called it a Consultative not a training session, because it is an opportunity to share our expertise and knowledge with hints, tips and suggestions, so we can all grow in our ability to give of our best while reading in Church, especially helping those that are new to the Reader's rota. I have put together some dates and times for each consultative to take place in the three churches, though you may attend the one most convenient to you.

SABDEN Monday 18th March at 7.30pm in the Old Coach House,
☎ 01282 786301 (please contact if attending).

CLITHEROE—Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm in the Presbytery

DUNSOP BRIDGE—Monday 1st April at 7.30pm in the Church

Michael Hargreaves—Hope in the Future team.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving—let's turn these three pillars of Lent into support for our refugees. Dedicate your prayers and spiritual offerings to them. Abstain from things you love, and when you hurt a little from their lack, reflect on those who never have the things you take for granted. Turn the money, saved from your privations, into alms for a refugee offering at the end of Lent. Last year, we were able to give £1,825 to CAFOD. This year we need to raise £1,500 for the Refugee Day Out, previously funded by social events. Any surplus will go to our next project—sponsoring a refugee family. Last week we heard Bishop John's pastoral letter on the environment. Every sin against the environment is an affront to the poor, the marginalised, the exploited. Our Parish Live Simply Plan has the three elements of: Live Simply, Live Sustainably with Creation, and Live in Solidarity with the Poor. For Lent at least let us live a little less than others might live a little more. When you fast this Lent, put aside the pennies saved as your Easter gift for a 2019 Refugee Day Out.

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10th March 2019 - 1st Sunday of Lent

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Monday
Mass at 9am

Tuesday
Mass at 9am
11am—Funeral Service
Terry Bithell
6.30pm Children's First Reconciliation

Wednesday
Eucharistic Service 9am

Thursday—Requiem Mass at 11.30am—Joe Lofthouse

Friday—Eucharistic Service at 9am
7.30pm—Stations of the Cross (CAFOD Group)

Saturday (16th March)
Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11am—11.45am
Exposition 11am—11.55am First Mass of Sunday 5pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—No Mass **Saturday** - Mass at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am **Tuesday**—Stations of the Cross 7.30pm
Wednesday—Mass at 9.15 am 6.30pm—Children's First Reconciliation
Friday—Requiem Mass Jack Whitwell 1.30pm

Lenten thought: *Eat less meat but make it a real celebration when you do
East a few more vegetarian meals every week*

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Roy Kimberley, Maureen Howarth, Inn Ibbotson, Terry Bithell, Joe Lofthouse x 2,
Jack Whitwell.

LATELY DEAD

Maureen Howarth, Terry Bithell, Joe Lofthouse, Jack Whitwell

ANNIVERSARIES Ann Ibbotson

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £763.20 Sabden £184.04 Dunsop £160.00
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Wednesday 3rd April 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall
(Parish Hall, SMSJ) a talk by Mr Michael and Mrs Margaret Cronin on their experienc-
es at the World meeting of Families in Dublin last year.

SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES There will be a meeting on
Thursday 21st March at 6.30pm in the presbytery for anyone who wishes to join a Par-
ish Group on the pilgrimage.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE In the recent skills survey, several parishioners expressed
interest in a Bible Group, a Prayer Group and House Groups. We are meeting to dis-
cuss the way forward for these new groups on 13th March (Wednesday) at 7.30pm in
The Presbytery. If you are interested please come along.

OAKHILL SCHOOL & NURSERY Open day for pupils and parents interested on
Thursday 14th March—see poster in porch.

AFTERNOON VARIETY SHOW the return of this event with Glen South in The
Assembly Hall (Parish Hall) on Thursday 14th March 2-4.30pm. £6 inc light refresh-
ments. Tickets available from Patsy 01200 441792 or Carol 01200 426769.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE There will be a workshop on prayer and spirituality enti-
tled “Growing in the Gifts of the Spirit” on Saturday 16th March 10am-3pm at the Ca-
thedral Centre Salford. Peter Donnelly will be happy to give a lift to anyone interested
in going. Please contact him on 01200 441081 or 07967 103618

KURDISH FAMILY ASYLUM ALAIM APPEAL: £4,126 has been raised against
the £2,000 target. The balance will go towards Clitheroe Refugee Day. Thankyou Tom

LIVE SIMPLY GROUP Following Bishop John’s pastoral letter we are showing the
half hour Global Healing film again on Wednesday March 20th in the Parish Assembly
Room. This will be followed by a discussion on our practical response. Further info
<http://www.olotv.org.uk/parish-groups/laudato-si>.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 25 Feb—10 March. Fairtrade is about better prices,
decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for farmers and
workers in the developing world. With simple shopping choices you can get farmers a
better deal. There are leaflets and petition cards available in the porch at each of our
churches.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat Welc—J.Bentley **Reader** A.Southworth **Euch Min** A.Southworth &
S.Rowley **Sunday—Welc**—T.O’Donnell/J.Byrne **Reader** C.Carr **Euch Min**

G.Lambert, P.Lambert, P.Sutcliffe **Tea & Coffee** A.James & A.Pritchard

Little Church G.Hennigan & J.Golding

CHRISTIAN AID open meeting for all potential supporters 7.30pm Monday 11
March at St James’ Church

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN SCOUT GROUP This is a great opportunity for someone
wanting to develop their leadership skills and who enjoys working with other adults.
This position will allow you to help develop an existing Scout Group and help it to pro-
vide wider Scouting opportunities to more young people. A scouting background is not
essential as training will be given.

TEA DANCE Our very popular Tea Dances are back after the repairs to the stage in our
Parish Hall. Our next one is on Wednesday 20th March 2—5pm—Come along and join
us only £4 which includes Afternoon Tea.

SIDE PORCH Please note this porch is open before and after mass/Service Monday to
Friday and weekends. There is a large selection of items for sale including Easter Cards
and Holy Communion gifts and cards will be available. Mothers Day cards are now for
sale on the card racks at the back of church

CHILDREN’S FIRST RECONCILIATION is this coming Tuesday 12th March at
6.30pm. All welcome

CHURCH CLEANERS There is an urgent need for more volunteers, men and women
to come on to the rota for church cleaning. This takes place on Monday mornings, fol-
lowed by coffee and a chat. A good way to meet other members of the parish in an infor-
mal setting. Please contact either Fr John 423307, Toni O’Donnell 423019 or Margaret
Spencer 425204

LENT TALKS 2019 taking place on the five Saturdays during Lent. At the first of these
talks Saturday 16th March Nigel Rix will speak on The Ribble Valley Gateway Trust. The
venue St Michael & St John’s Parish Hall, Lowergate starting at 11am. Coffee/Tea served
from 10.30am. Come along everyone welcome. Please note two of these talks are at St
James’ this year—please see poster in porch for more details.

EASTER LILLIES The remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends will be
open from next weekend (16/17 March). A donation of £2 contributes towards the East-
er lily display. Please see Jane Brown (Sat) or Teresa Mercer (Sun) by the Baptistry at
the back of church. Please note names and money to be in by Palm Sunday 14th April.

***Fairtrade goods will be on sale during our coffee morning after
mass on Sunday. Please come along and see what we have.***

DUNSOP

DUNSOP BRIDGE PLAY GROUP Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.30am in Dunsop
Bridge Village Hall. Further details on Facebook or call Laura on 01200 448304

SABDEN

BONUS BALL This week’s winning no 54 Congratulations

KNIT STITCH & NATTER Monday’s 10.15am—noon top room of the hall. All wel-
come for a chat, tea and biscuits and knit or stitch if you want.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS each Tuesday through Lent starting Tuesday 12th March
at 7.30pm. All welcome. If there are any groups who would like to lead any of the weeks
please contact Peter or Susan.

EASTER BONNET PARADE Saturday 6th April 10am—12noon. Judging of Bonnets
11.30am. Tickets £2 (children free) including refreshments are now on sale. Raffle—
Cake Stall—Card Stall, Goldilocks (hats, gloves, accessories)

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