

Dear Parishioners, A copy of the letter below is being sent through our schools by the Bishop inviting our Year 6 parishioners to an important meeting to launch the new Confirmation programme. If you know the parents of a Year 6 pupil not attending a Catholic school, please encourage them to contact me for a copy, Fr John

Dear Parishioner,

Your journey in Faith is a precious and wonderful gift which began at your Baptism. On that day you were welcomed into the Church, becoming a follower of Jesus Christ.

This journey continued with your sacramental programme which led to you receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to continue this journey. *The first disciples knew they needed the accompaniment of Jesus Christ to proclaim the gospel and to be truly missionary disciples. In his goodness, God gave them the Gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in order to do this. Today we can still receive this Gift through the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

I am personally inviting you to prepare to receive this gift along with your friends which will begin with a gathering on **Saturday 15th June 2019 10 – 2pm at the Victoria Hall, 37 Knowsley St, Bolton, BL1 2AS.**

At this gathering, like the first disciples, we will learn that our Faith in Jesus Christ is something to be shared not just in our words but through our actions.

I hope you will take this opportunity to grow in your Faith and I look forward to journeying with you as you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In order to book your place for the initial gathering in June, can I please ask your parent/carer to return the enclosed form to your teacher?

Following this, more information will be sent to your parent/carer. If they or you have any questions, please ask them to email the Department for Formation at:

Confirmation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

With my best wishes,

+John Arnold, Bishop of Salford

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24th March 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Monday & Tuesday
Mass at 9am

Wednesday & Thursday
Eucharistic Service at 9am

Friday
Mass at 9am
Stations of the Cross 7.30pm
led by St Hubert's

Saturday (30th March)
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 **Tuesday**—Stations of the Cross 7.30pm
Wednesday—Mass at 9.15 am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Joan Preedy, Connor Currie, Stephen Summers, Betty Brown, Michael McGinley,
Joe Lofthouse, Bryan Roberts.

LATELY DEAD

Connor Currie, Terry Bithell, Joe Lofthouse, Jack Whitwell, Mary O'Hagan,
Stephen Summers, Michael McGinley,

ANNIVERSARIES

Joan Preedy, Betty Brown, Bryan Roberts, Pauline Altham,

Lenten thought: Do not leave electrical goods on standby when not in use. Turn lights off when not in use.

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £867.93 Sabden £114.62 Dunsop £176.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

SVP COLLECTION A big thankyou for the recent collection which raised One Thousand and eighty five pounds. This will be distributed now to those in need. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you

THANKYOU Mark Wiggin and the team at Caritas Diocese of Salford send their sincere thanks for the £692.89 raised at this year's Caritas Sunday at Our Lady of the Valley. We are humbled by the support behind our mission to help those in need in our communities. Please be assured that the funds raised will be put to great use across the Diocese as we respond to local people in need. If you require any more information please check our website www.caritassalford.org.uk

The Trustees of the Diocese of Salford have appointed Pauline Morgan to the newly created role of Diocesan Chief Operating Officer. Pauline joins a growing number of Chief Operating Officers already in place in other dioceses across the country. She will take up the role in June. The experience and skills Pauline brings, together with her back ground and commitment to the Church, will allow her to play a vital role in our diocesan journey. Pauline is a parishioner at Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Urmston and has been involved with the life of the Church for many years, including being actively involved in the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes each year.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT Fashion Show at Mytton Fold Thurs 4 April

The recent cyclone in Africa has left a trail of destruction in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. Hundreds have died, there is no safe water and food and crops have been washed away. We shall respond through CAFOD. Donations may be put in one of the two emergency appeal boxes at the back of church, or placed in an envelope clearly marked 'AFRICA CYCLONE APPEAL' and left at the presbytery or placed on the collection plate

7.30pm Tickets £6 from Barbara 07814 285774 or Simone 01254 822900—see poster

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES On Wednesday 3rd April at 7.30pm there will be a Power Point presentation by Michael and Margaret Cronin on the Pope's visit to Ireland in 2018. There will also be a talk on the World Meeting of Families and how this celebrated and supported family life. All are welcome to this free event and refreshments will be served.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE The next meeting of the Steering Group will be on Tuesday 26th March at 8pm in the presbytery

CAFOD Total received from our Parish to date £794.65. If you haven't returned your Lent Family Fast Day envelope yet, you can put it in the collection basket or through the presbytery letterbox.

RIBBLE VALLEY FOODBANK is currently very short of long-life fruit juice, sponge puddings, kitchen rolls and sugar and would be very grateful for supplies. Thank you all for your support and generosity. info@ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk or telephone Jane Chitnis 07849 543341

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat Welc—J.Bentley **Reader** A.McGuire **Euch Min** B.Worden & A.Ward **Sun—Welc** —R & F Holgate **Reader** N.Wallace **Euch Min** H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, P.Donnolly **Tea & Coffee** B.Parkinson & B.Barker **Little Church** A.McNulty/F.Garner **LADIES GROUP MONTHLY MEETING** Wednesday 27th March in the Assembly Rooms at 7.30pm. Ever wondered what Customs Officers are looking for?, then come along and hear Brian Topping give an entertaining talk on 'Tales of a Customs Officer' Only £2 inc tea/biscuits.

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

LENT TALKS 2019 taking place on the five Saturdays during Lent. At the third of these talks Saturday 30th March, Chris Meyer and the Pais team will speak on 'Listening to the concerns of teenagers'. The venue for this talk will be at The Assembly Hall, (St Michael & St John's) starting at 11am. Coffee/Tea served from 10.30am. Come along everyone welcome. More details on poster in porch.

EASTER LILLIES The remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is now open. A donation of £3 contributes towards the Easter 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.

LADIES GROUP are hosting Clitheroe Ukulele Orchestra on Friday 5th April at 7.30pm in the Assembly Rooms. £7 inc light refreshments. Proceeds are for the Ribble Valley Heart Fund. Tickets from Carol 01200 426769, Patsy 01200 441792 or the Parish Office. Tickets are also on sale this weekend and next weekend.

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

DUNSOP BRIDGE RUNNING GROUP 'To the Hill and Back' Sunday at 10am, Tues & Wed 7pm. Details from Charlotte Hamblet 07772 270719. Everyone welcome.

EASTER READ AROUND All parishioners are warmly invited to Thorneyholme's School Hall for an Easter Read Around. The Easter story will include eye witness accounts of the events of Huly Week and will be interspersed with Easter hymns. It will be held on Maundy Thursday 18th April at 9.15am.

BABY SENSORY GROUP is held every Thursday morning 10.30-11.30am until 11th April birth to 3 months. For further info contact burnley@babysensory.co.uk or Charlotte 07934 850413 o

SABDEN

BONUS BALL This week's winning no 38 Jennifer Mead Congratulations **KNIT STITCH & NATTER** Monday's 10.15am—noon top room of the Hall. All welcome for a chat, tea and biscuits and knit or stitch if you want.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS each Tuesday through Lent starting at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. Please see Peter or Susan if you would like to lead.

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). Tickets on sale after Mass.

EASTER LILLIES We are collecting for lilies for the altar at Easter. Donate £3 for one in remembrance for a loved one at Easter. Please see Pat Whitwell