

As part of the parish's Hope in the Future Programme, the Salvete and Communications Groups are looking at how they might be more welcoming and in touch with our young people.

Christus Vivit (Christ is Alive) is the name of a recent letter written by Pope Francis to Young People, in which he calls us all to reflect on the young and for the young. The figures in brackets relate to paragraphs in his letter.

He emphasises that the young are the present of the Church not merely its future, and call us to prayerful and attentive listening to them. 'Each young person's heart should thus be considered 'holy ground', a bearer of seeds of divine life, before which we must 'take off our shoes' in order to draw near and enter more deeply in the Mystery.' (68). Pope Francis further suggests we should work together inter-generationally. 'We adults can often be tempted to list all the problems and failings of today's young people.' 'But what would be the result of such an attitude? Greater distance, less closeness, less mutual assistance.' (66) Instead 'Our institutions should provide young people with places they can make their own. Where they can come and go freely, feel welcome, and readily meet other young people. Whether at times of difficulty and frustration, or of joy and celebration.' (218)

His plea is that: 'the Church sets aside narrow preconceptions and listens carefully to the young, this empathy enriches her, for it allows young people to make their own contribution to the community, helping it to appreciate new sensitivities and to consider new questions' (65)

In response, the Salvete & Communications groups have called their first focus group meeting, with young people aged 11-16, pupils from St Augustine's High School, to take place on 8th May. The aim is to develop new types of links between the focus group and the church's offering and community.

The meeting will start by hearing what the current Church means to the young people, hearing what motivates and attracts them, listening to which aspects of the Church are of interest and finally exploring some ideas for new activities and actions that hopefully will be led by young people, accompanied by others.

Please pray for positive fruits from the meeting that might guide us towards a more youthful and inclusive Church. We look forward to feeding back the progress in a future newsletter.

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5th May 2019 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Saturday 11th May

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—Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Norman Berry, Peter Donnelly, Glenn Peters, Special intentions

LATELY DEAD

Peter Donnelly, Glenn Peters

ANNIVERSARIES

Norman Berry

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £772.37 Sabden £188.96 Dunsop £202.50

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

CAFOD CLIMATE CHANGE LOBBY To be part of the Lobby for Climate Change at Westminster—Coach going from Preston—see details on notice board in porch. Our climate is in **OUR** hands.

CAFOD Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Lent Fast Day which totalled £1,306.15 and the Cyclone Emergency Appeal which raised £1,727.16

The Clitheroe Mosque Community has sent a card of Peace and Support to the parish following the dreadful bombings in Sri Lanka, assuring us of their prayers for all who have been affected. The chair of the Parish Forum, Peter Donnelly, has sent a card thanking the Mosque for their prayers and I rang and spoke with Imam Ashraf. Fr John

ST JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL Stretford is the Diocesan Special School. If you would like further details, speak with staff and see the School in action. Contact reception 0161 881 7843 and Mr Molony the Headteacher and team will happily arrange a convenient time for you to undertake a visit.

HOUSE GROUPS (Hope in the Future) starts Thursday 9th May 7.30pm—an opportunity to pray together and explore different aspects of our faith. Ring Mary 01200 428653 if you would like to find out more and for the address.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2019 London 11th May. A group rail booking has been made from Manchester Piccadilly to London Euston at a cost of £46.20 return per person (concessionary fares available). For information contact John: 07909 920739 or email john@mcr4life.co.uk

PRO-LIFE WALK BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY MAY 6th

Fr John will lead the walk that begins at 1pm from the church car park. If you wish to sponsor Fr John or any of the other parishioners who are walking, we are collecting sponsorship at all masses this weekend 4/5th May Please be generous. We would be grateful for donations of home made cakes, which can be brought Sunday morning by 11am or on Monday from 1pm and left at the Assembly Hall or ring Arnold Marsden 01200 427096

PARISH FORUM Wednesday 15 May at 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall. Items for Agenda to Peter Donnelly 01200 441081 donnelmarg@aol.com by Wednesday 8 May.

ACN RETREAT (Aid to the Church in Need) at Salford Cathedral. Sat May 25th 10am & 4pm—charge of £15 p.p. Bring a packed lunch. More info 01524 388739

MASS OF HEALING next Mass Sunday 2 June 2pm. If you would like to come or know someone who would please complete one of the forms from the back of church and post it into the box provided. This information is needed to arrange transport and refreshments. Closing date Sunday 26 May.

MANCHESTER INSPIRATIONAL VOICES CHOIR are performing at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Clitheroe this Sunday May 5th. Doors open 4.30pm, performance 5pm. Tickets £10 on the door or in advance from the Grand ticket hotline.

CLITHEROE

SIDE PORCH Please note this porch is open before and after mass/Service Monday to Friday and weekends. There is a large selection Holy Communion Cards & gifts.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY By popular demand we are hosting a Fashion Show by 'Colours' on Wed 22 May 7.30pm in The Assembly Hall. Proceeds in aid of Ribble Valley Heart Fund. Tickets £5. please contact Carol Riley on 01200 426769 or Patsy Holgate on 01200 441792

ROTAS SATURDAY Welcoming - A.Harkin **Reader**—A.Southworth **Eucharistic Ministers**—B.Worden & A Ward **SUNDAY Welcomers**—B.Parkinson & P.Dixon **Reader** M.Donnolly **Eucharistic Ministers**—J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes **Tea & Coffee** Fellows family **Little Church** A.McNulty & F.Garner

T.H.O.M.A.S. have a vacancy for a Volunteer Coordinator for Greater Manchester and Lancashire—Linking into Parishes and the wider community. 15 month post. Closing date for applications 20 May. More details [www.http://thomasonline.org.uk/work-with-us/](http://thomasonline.org.uk/work-with-us/) or email Julia.tasmer@thomasonline.org.uk 01254 660861

CHRISTIAN AID UPCOMING EVENTS Thurs 9 May Soup Lunch at St Paul's Low Moor, Sat 11 May 9.30—11.30 'Big Breakfast' at St Mary's Centre, 'Teas in the Garden', Sun 12th May 2-5pm at Moor Hey Cottage, Knowle Green PR3 2 XE, followed by Evensong at St John's, Sat 18 May, St Mary's Whalley—Whalley Churches Coffee morning.

LOVE CLITHEROE FREE BBQ Saturday 18th May 12noon—3pm on the Castle Field including lots of fun for all the family. To prepare for this event Prayer & Praise at Clitheroe Community Church 8-10pm Friday 17 May. See posters in porch.

TEA DANCE Wednesday 15 May 2pm in Assembly Hall. Only £4 with lovely afternoon tea included.

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said each day after Mass/Service. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us.

LADIES GROUP The Fashion Show on Wed 22 May 7.30pm in The Assembly Hall will include goods from well known brands—see poster. Tickets £5 from Carol 01200 426769 or Patsy 01200 441792. One lucky ticket holder will win a £50 voucher (tickets to be purchased in advance). Proceeds are for Ribble Valley Heart Fund.

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.

TROUGH TEAS a huge Thank You to all who helped in any way towards the Trough Teas last Sunday, from providing food, making cakes to helping to serve and wash up. It was a great success and made the excellent sum of £410 for St Hubert's.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL This week's winning no 10 Dave Bromley 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.

RAISED BED thankyou to everyone who has donated plants and money, as you can see it is really coming on. Further donations would be great.

CHRISTIAN AID St Mary's will host the annual Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Saturday May 18th 10am—noon. Admission £2. If anyone has any items they could donate for the tombola and raffle, or home-made cakes and biscuits, they would be very much appreciated. Please leave them with Ann Barker, Betty Clarkson or Margaret Parsons who are also selling tickets.