

## COMBATING PLASTIC WASTE

Globally we are producing approximately 300 million tonnes of plastic each year, and around half of that is classed as single-use plastic. Much of it finishes up in the oceans with devastating effect on marine life. As Catholics we sometimes forget that we are stewards not only of what we possess but of our whole planet, yet we deflect responsibility onto government, business or other people. The Laudato Si' (Live Simply) Group, linked with the Parish CAFOD group, aims to provide educational and practical opportunities for the Parish, and it's linked schools, to care for the environment.

There are now three Clitheroe based initiatives that can help us to recycle plastic or avoid its use. **Ocean Clear**, at Unit 2 Wellgate Court, Wellgate, (between Brioche and Your Style) sell eco-friendly products and also recycle a range of things including: crisp packets, Pringles tubes and other wrappers as well packaging for health and Beauty products. **Seal Metal** at 6 Albion Court Waterloo Road, (near Tesco) take a very wide range of materials including plastics and electrical and electronic goods, metals, glass, paper, cardboard and polystyrene. They also offer a pocket money scheme for children to encourage environmental awareness. **Little Green Footprints** on Clitheroe Market provide a Refill Station for many environmentally friendly plant-based Household and Bathroom products.

One of the biggest uses of plastic is bottles filled with water that has been clearly demonstrated to be no better than tap water. There are now over 20,000 Refill Stations in the UK and the [Refill](#) website app enables you to find one on your journey.

These are all good, and you can find out more about them on the Laudato Si' (Live Simply) webpage <http://www.olotv.org.uk/parish-groups/laudato-si> but in the longer term we must aim to avoid non-recyclable plastic altogether and be prepared to pay a little more to buy produce without packaging.

God is in everything and God IS everything. God gave us oil and he gave us the ability to transform it into plastic with its countless noble uses. But thrown away it kills our living planet. We turn God's gift into waste and throw it back in his face.

Let us remember a recent bidding prayer: *Let us pray that each of us will use wisely the things of this world, turning away from greed, over consumption and waste.*

## LAUDATO SI' (LIVE SIMPLY) GROUP

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## 25th August 2019 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary time

### St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee

#### Monday

Cemetery Mass 10.30am

#### Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Wednesday

Eucharistic Service 9am

#### Saturday (31st August)

Reconciliation—11am—11.45am

Exposition 11—11.45am

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

**We welcome Fr John Taylor back on leave from his mission in Arizona to celebrate his 80th birthday with his family.**

*Live simply thought of the week:  
Can you switch to renewable energy*

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK** Bernadine Holmes, Holy Souls, Brian Ashton, Edna Waterhouse, Thomas Davies, P & Mo Getham, In thanksgiving, Special Intention, Maurice Camm x 2, Clifford Chatburn, Arthur Peters, Alice & Patrick Emerson

**SICK** Lucy Wright, John Noonan, Jim Cushion, Kathleen Hopkinson, Joan Leeming, Robert Cushion, Stephen Tebb

**LATELY DEAD** Edna Waterhouse, Maurice Camm,

**ANNIVERSARIES** Alice & Patrick Emerson, Bernadine Holmes, Brian Ashton, Clifford Chatburn, Arthur Peters, Thomas Davies,

### **PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP & SABDEN**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £831.30 Sabden £187.35 Dunsop £133.50

**PRO-LIFE** The total raised from this years walk was £3673.00  
**CAFOD** In Laudato Si, Pope Francis reminds us of our responsibility to care for our common home. To show our commitment, we are inviting parishioners from each of our churches to come and draw round their hand after Mass this weekend at each of our churches. These will form part of a display for Sunday September 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

**PARISH FORUM** The next Forum will be on Wednesday 4th September. Please let Peter have any items for the agenda by Tuesday 27th August. Email donnelmarg@aol.com 01200 441081

**HOPE IN THE FUTURE** On Saturday 7th September parishioners from across our Deanery are invited to gather together in prayer, to share food, to get to know each other and to learn more about our Diocesan 'Hope in Future' Programme. The gathering will take place at Lee House Centre for Mission Awareness near Longridge from 1.30pm—4.30pm. If you would like to participate please add your name to the list at the back of Church and on the day bring some food to share. Address: Lee House, Chipping Road, Thornley, PR3 2TB. Children welcome.

**DBS CLEARANCE** You will be aware that anyone who has contact with children or vulnerable adults must be 'cleared'. There are a few people that I need to catch up with, either because I issued the paperwork but need to have sight of the various bits of ID or are 'new'. I'll be at all the Masses in Sabden and Clitheroe next week (31st August/1st September) so please come and find me.

### **CLITHEROE**

**DUCK RACE** Bank Holiday Monday 26th August. Arnold will be selling tickets after mass this weekend 24/25 August. New Rota's ready for collection from the table at the front of church

**ROTAS** Are ready for collection from the shelf on the left hand side as you enter the Sacristy.

**SATURDAY Welcoming**—A.Harkin **Reader**—A.Southworth  
**Eucharistic Ministers**—A.Harkin & N.Dixon

**SUNDAY Welcomers**—A & J Marsden **Reader** M.Donnolly  
**Eucharistic Ministers**—J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes **Tea & Coffee**—  
Fellows family **Little Church**—C.Naylor Preston & M.Davidson

**FUNDRAISING WALK** A group of parents with children at school are walking the 3 Peaks in September and have set up a Crowdfunding page on justgiving to raise money for the School PTA any support appreciated. [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cazvicmaryvina](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cazvicmaryvina)

**A.P.F. RED BOXES** Please bring any donations and boxes in before the end of August

### **DUNSOP**

**DUCK RACE** at Dunsop Bridge Monday 26th August—Tickets now available.

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

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** Winning no 45 Peter Dewhurst

**BONUS BALL** Please note that Parishioners who are already taking part in the Bonus Ball will continue with the same numbers. If you no longer wish to take part please contact Olive Doyle. We currently have 5 free numbers, if you wish to change numbers or take an extra number. Named envelopes are available at the back of Church for those paying weekly. The draw commences on Sunday 1st September. Any queries contact Olive Doyle on 01282 931382

**KNIT STITCH & NATTER** Monday's 10.15am—noon in the Hall. All welcome for a chat, tea and biscuits and knit or stitch if you want.