

Refugee Day Out, 2020



Refugees at Stonyhurst College on 23rd June 2018

When the body of 3 year old Alan Kurdi was washed up on a Mediterranean beach on 2 September 2015, it sent shock waves around the World. Alan might have been from a distant country but in most other respects his world was just like ours until it was torn apart by ISIL. It's easy to feel that Alan's death wasn't our fault or our responsibility and the extreme expression of minority British had been expressed by Kate Hopkins' in the Sun earlier that year: "Show me pictures of coffins, show me bodies floating in water, play violins and show me skinny people looking sad. I still don't care...Make no mistake, these migrants are like cockroaches." As Christians we don't need Catholic Social Teaching to recognise the abhorrence of this view. Jesus said to "love one another as I have loved you" and Pope Francis has reminded us that when no-one is to blame then everybody is to blame. We must acknowledge personal complicity. Through Christian eyes, these people have as much right to live here as those lucky enough to be born here.

Tom and Kathryn Clay's response to Alan Kurdi's death was immediate in bringing together the Christian and Faith communities in the first of three refugee days out from 2016 to 2018. One can't imagine how much pleasure these outings brought to refugees from Manchester and Burnley until one realises just how little these people have to survive on, let alone to spend on small luxuries. For 2019 Tom and Kathryn needed a break and it seemed reasonable that someone else would take the lead but that lead never materialised. We got as far as an inter-faith meeting, a resolve to work in a partnership of Faith communities and a June 13 date for a Refugee Day Out for 2020.

We now propose to progress our thoughts and plans and will meet in the presbytery at 7.30 pm on January 8th. We need all the volunteers we can get so please come and join us and help make a 2020 Refugee Day Out a reality.

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5th January 2020 - The Epiphany



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Saturday 11th January

Reconciliation 11—11.45am

Exposition 11—11.55am

First Mass of Sunday—5pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special Intention, Private Intention, Mary & Herbert Brown, John Mead, Bob Cleeve, Terence Nolan, Joan Spackman, Robert Graham, Special Intention,

SICK Lucy Wright, Beth Heseltine,

LATELY DEAD Joan Spackman, Bob Cleeve,

ANNIVERSARIES

Herbert & Mary Brown, Robert Graham, John Mead, Terence Nolan

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP & SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £800.60 Sabden £196.90 Dunsop £137.50

TRANSPORT A new disabled parishioner would like transport to the Saturday evening Mass from John Wall Court (near the Railway Level Crossing). If you could help and would be willing to go on a rota please contact Peter Donnelly on 01200 441081 mobile 07967 103618 or donnelmarg@aol.com

LAUDATO SI Ribble Valley's very own plastic free shop 'REFILLUTION' here in Clitheroe is open at 16 Castlegate,. REFILLUTION is a community shop. It sells delicious and nutritious foods (with some treats) and household goods all free from plastic packaging, helping to protect our beautiful planet. Take your own containers to fill up. Maybe you could find some Christmas presents here!

WEBSITE CONTACT In order to keep information on the website up to date it would be helpful if all Parish Group identifies a person who will liaise with Andy Brown on a regular basis—andrewbrown595@btinternet.com.

ENGLAND'S NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY The annual pilgrimage by Branches of Walsingham Association in 2020. Blackburn, Tuesday 19 -Thursday 21 May Cost from approx £190 per person for Standard room. Non-returnable Dep £50. To book a place tel: Vincent 01254 209101. Mini-bus from Clitheroe to join main coach in Blackburn. tel: Maureen 443499. Chorley, Monday 22—Friday 26 June Cost from approx £330 per person for Standard room. Deposit £25. To book a place tel Jose 01257 265498. Main coach starts in Clitheroe.

THE BEACON The latest edition of the Beacon, the newsletter of our Diocesan charity is now available in the porch. Please take one and learn about what Caritas does.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE At the last meeting of the Forum we agreed to say the Parish Prayer together at the end of the Bidding Prayers at all Masses starting the weekend of 4th/5th January. Copies of the Prayer are printed in all the hymn books and there will be copies available at the back of each Church for Masses when hymn books are not in use. Please return these copies to the back of church each time for re-us.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE—JANUARY EVENTS—Eucharistic Ministers Training Day Saturday 18th January 9.15am—4pm at St Vincent de Paul RC Church Rochdale OL12 6BU. The New Evangelisation given by Bishop Philip Egan on Wednesday 8th January at St Gabriel's R.C.High School Bury BL9 OTZ

FEBRUARY EVENTS The Challenges of Pope Francis' Vision of Mission given by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy on Wednesday 5th February at St Gabriels R.C.High School, Bury Music & Liturgy Workshop Day with Jo Boyce on Saturday 8th February 10am—3pm at St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church, Bolton BL1 4PN To register your place at any of these events visit dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2214 or email hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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MEDAILLE TRUST Latest edition of the newsletter is in the porch. The Medaille Trust is the catholic charity providing safe houses for victims of human trafficking.

PARISH FORUM The next meeting is on Wednesday 15th January. Please send items for the Agenda to Peter Donnelly 01200 441081 donnelmarg@aol.com by Wednesday 8th January.

CLITHEROE

LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS DINNER January 24th 2020 at the Newdrop Inn. Menu's now available from the porch. Names to Daphne or Janet.

SATURDAY 11th January

Welcoming—J.Bentley Reader—A.Harkin

Eucharistic Ministers—A.Southworth, A.Rowley, S.Fellows

SUNDAY—12th January

Welcoming—T.O'Donnell & J.Byrne Reader—S.Smith & P.Anwyl

Eucharistic Ministers—H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, P.Donnelly

Tea & Coffee—B.Parkinson & B.Barker

Little Church—S.Fellows & C.Mashiter

CLITHEROE CRIB OFFERINGS this year will be given to the charity 'Friends of the Holy Land', which helps the most vulnerable Christians living in and around Bethlehem. Cheques should be made to 'Friends of the Holy Land'

CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY Monday 6th January at Ribble Valley Borough Council Chambers, Church St, Clitheroe 'A Study of Low Moor 1851—1871', an illustrated talk by Ann-Marie Proud. Visitors Welcome £3 including refreshments. Students free

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Monday 13th January at 7pm in the presbytery

TEA DANCE Please note there will be no Tea Dance in January. The next one will be Wednesday February 19th.

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass or Service each morning this week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

HOUSE GROUP: HOPE IN THE FUTURE Friday 10th January 2.15pm (Please note change of day and time) Contact Mary Sellers 01200 428653

DUNSOP BRIDGE

DUNSOP BRIDGE RUNNING GROUP "To the Hill and Back" Sunday at 10am.

Tuesday & Wednesday 7pm. Details Charlotte Hambnlet 07772 270719. All welcome

DUNSOP BRIDGE PLAY GROUP all welcome every Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the Village Hall. A friendly welcome awaits you and your little ones.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Winning no 9 Cecilia & Anthony Brown

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

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER at St Mary's Community Hall Saturday 25th January 2020 at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 includes 3 Course Meal of Scotch Broth, Haggis Neaps and Tatties (alternative available), Trifle, Coffee and a Tot of Whisky, address to the Haggis, Bar and Scottish Music. Admission by ticket only available from Pat Whitwell, Margaret Waling, Olive Doyle and Margaret Parsons.