

## Dear Parishioners

First may I say how nice it is to be here in the parish of Our Lady of the Valley, and how welcoming and friendly everyone has been. Fr John has asked me to write a little bit about myself for the newsletter. For the last two and a half years I have been working in the parishes of Bromley Cross, Harwood and Tonge Moor in Bolton, where I was appointed in September 2012 after being ordained to the Priesthood in July 2012 and completing my training at the Venerable English College, Rome.

Born in Blackley, Manchester, I was educated in Fr John's old parish at Mount Carmel RC Primary School, St Matthew's RC Secondary school and then Xaverian RC Sixth Form College before going to Salford University where I studied for an honours degree in Applied Physics with Electronics, as well as a postgraduate Masters degree. Following this I trained for a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) at the Victoria University, Manchester, after which I entered the teaching profession at the secondary level.

After teaching for two years, I entered training for the priesthood for the Salford diocese and was sent to the English College, Rome. Here I studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas where gaining a Bachelors honours degree in Sacred Theology (STB).

After six years, I left formation and returned to the diocese to continue my teaching career and taught in the diocese at the secondary level for another eight years. In 2010 I returned to the English College Rome to complete my training for the priesthood including post graduate studies in Theology, gaining the degree of Licence in Spiritual Theology (STL).

I returned to the diocese in July 2012 to be ordained at St John's Cathedral, Salford and take up my appointment at St John's, Bromley Cross, and in April this year was given my new appointment here at Our Lady of the Valley. I am also currently involved in helping to organise the Catechesis for the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes as well as being part of the diocesan vocations team and have recently joined the diocesan pastoral team for World Youth Day in 2016.

I look forward over the coming months to getting to know you all as I walk with you in our journey of faith.

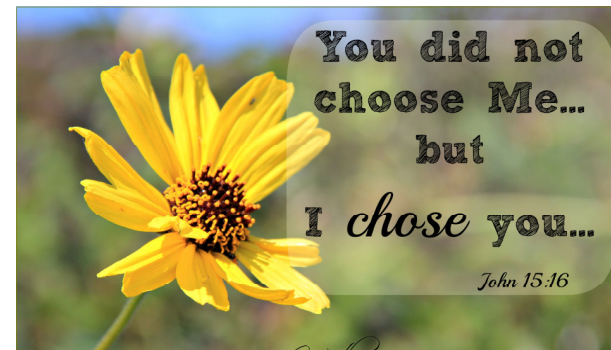
Fr Joe

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 6th Sunday of Easter - 10th May 2015

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



**Sunday**  
Mass at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**  
Eucharistic Service at 9am

**Thursday**  
Mass at 7.30pm

**Friday**  
Mass at 9am

#### Saturday 16th May

Eucharistic Service 10.45am    Exposition 11am—11.55am  
Reconciliation 11am—11.45am    First Mass of Sunday 6pm

## St Mary's Church, Sabden

**Sunday**—Mass at 11am followed by Coffee    **Wednesday**—Mass at 9.15am  
**Friday**—Funeral Service for Jack Middleton at 2pm

#### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

65th birthday, Imla Peachy, William Lambert, John Lofthouse, Jack Middleton

#### SICK

Arnold Marsden jnr, Fr Peter Birmingham,  
Maria Middleton, Mary Miller, Sheila Machouicz

#### LATELY DEAD

Jack Middleton, Fr John Dugdale

#### ANNIVERSARIES

William Lambert, Robert Hutchinson,

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £821.25 Sabden £195.18 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks  
**CATHOLIC SINGLES** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, or visit the website [www.catholicingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicingles.org.uk)  
**FR FRANKIE** Envelopes for Fr Frankie's gift will be distributed after the Masses this weekend for you to contribute to his gift if you wish. These will be collected after all masses next weekend, 16/17 May. You may also leave contributions at the presbytery. We will present him with a cheque at the Social Evening on 31st May so there is not a lot of time!! Also we still need photos for the memories photo album (see last weeks newsletter). Please hand it in the the office or to Sabden church or email it to [signdesign69@hotmail.com](mailto:signdesign69@hotmail.com) The deadline for these photos is 20th May.

**SAFEGUARDING** Any outstanding forms are should be handed in to as soon as possible.

**BIPOLAR DISORDER** see poster in porch

**MEDAILLE TRUST** The Easter edition of the magazine for the Medaille Trust (the Catholic Charity that provides safe houses for victims of human trafficking) is available free from the church porch.

**NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE.** It is hoped to hire a mini-bus to the Northern Catholic Conference on Saturday 13th June. There is a list at the back of church for people to indicate if they would like to go and then we can decide whether or not to hire a bus depending on numbers. The cost would be approx £7 return plus a voluntary donation of £10 to the NCC. We would have to leave Clitheroe about 8.30am.

**LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR** Wednesday June 24th. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange at 3.15pm and returns around 10pm. Price £28.50 which includes the Coach fare, Three Course meal, Entertainment and tips for drivers and waitresses. Menu's available from porch—Please return menu together with money to the Parish Office or to the next Ladies Group meeting on May 27th

**HEAD TEACHER WANTED** Our Diocese has recently reviewed the situation at the Sacred Heart Primary School in Blackburn and decided that it should remain within the Trusteeship of the Diocese. The Trustees are looking to appoint an outstanding Head Teacher who is able to embrace the diversity and special nature of this Catholic School. For details please go to the Diocesan Website and click education vacancies or contact [angela.williams@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:angela.williams@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**CLITHEROE**

***Congratulations to St Michael & St John's Primary School which has been judged a good school by the recent Ofsted inspection. There are a few places available for children wishing to join Reception this coming September.***

**LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING** Monday 11th May 7.30pm in presbytery  
**MISSION TODAY** Missio (APF Missions) Spring 2015 magazine available from porch

On the Bank Holiday in two weeks time, our parish will host the North West's sponsored walk for Right to Life. We shall be joined by our Bishop John, Lord David Alton and Fiona Bruce MP among others The walk begins at 1.30pm, so please do join us and if possible get yourself sponsored. Not least it will give you the opportunity to meet with the Bishop along the way and give him an idea of how active our parish is.



**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** St Michael & St John's, Primary School Summer Bash will be on Saturday 20th June. Live music from 'Kickstart' Cost £25. See poster  
**K.S.C.COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday 12th May 7.30pm in the presbytery  
**CHRISTIAN AID** those of you who have volunteered to help can find their packs of envelopes and instructions on the table in front of the sacristy door—once again thank you so much for your help.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Saturday 23rd May—Jumble Sale

| May 16/17              | Saturday                 | Sunday                       |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Welcomers              | A.Harkin                 | D.Marsden & J.Byrne          |
| Readers                | A.Southworth             | Martha Barrett               |
| Eiucharistic Ministers | Volunteer & A.Southworth | C.Morgan, S.Smith, A.Marsden |
| Tea and Coffee         |                          | S.V.P.                       |

**CLITHEROE CHRISTIANS IN PARTNERSHIP** Those of you involved in the Food-bank have noticed that some people do not have the basic skills to cook food from scratch and do not understand how to feed themselves or family on a budget. It is proposed a project is set up to serve this need. If you, or anyone you know is interested please come along to an initial meeting on May 14th 7.30pm United Reformed Church or contact Michele Jarman on 01200 442389 or [michelejarmen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:michelejarmen@hotmail.co.uk)

**CAFOD** has launched a £3 million emergency appeal following the devastating earthquake that hit Nepal. Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are now in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. Please be generous in support of this appeal. Donations may be placed into both the collection boxes at the back of church. Kindly consider Gift Aid which provides an additional 25p in the £1 at no extra cost to yourself. Envelopes are beside the collection boxes  
**PARISH DRAW** more information in next weeks newsletter

**BAPTISMS** We welcome Nathan Wojciech Bathgate, Francesca Rose Leach and Konrad Milosz Hanzel who were baptised recently.

*There will be a collection at all masses next weekend for World Communications Day*

**SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner no 47— B.Taylor

**CAR BOOT SALE** Saturday 16th May 10am—3pm. If anyone would like to book a Car Boot space or a large table inside for £10 or a small table for £6 please see Pat Whitwell or tel: 01282 774588. At this event St Mary's is having a general stall for church funds. If anyone has any items to donate please leave them at the back of church or see Pat Whitwell, Margaret Waling, Margaret Parsons of Pauline Hindle. Refreshments will also be welcome. We need volunteers to help on the day with the church stall, refreshments, setting up etc and also donations of items for the stall—bric a brac, fitts etc and also donations of cakes, biscuits and sandwiches for the refreshments stall. Please see Margaret Parsons, Margaret Waling, Pat Whitwell or Pauline Hindle after Mass today.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION** Janet will be coming over to Sabden after Mass TODAY Sunday 10th May selling cards, rosaries, missals etc after mass in the hall.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Sat 13th June 2-4pm. Garden Party—details to follow. There will be a meeting to organise this event on Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm in the Hall.