

## Dear Parishioners

Congratulations to our children in both Sabden and Clitheroe who today make their First Holy Communion and also to one young man who will receive his First Holy Communion from the Bishop in St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge.

Please pray for them and their families. As I have told the parents: as a dog is not just for Christmas so First Holy Communion is not just for this special day but rather it is a beginning, the beginning of a relationship with Jesus Christ that if lived faithfully will stand their children in good stead as they navigate their life's journey.

The Bishop is in Dunsop Bridge to celebrate Bridget Hilton's Civic Mass following her installation as the Mayor of Ribble Valley. Bridget is known to many of us and we wish her well during her coming year of office and assure her of our prayer and support.

Also Bishop John is visiting St Hubert's in recognition of the church's 150th anniversary, to announce Mgr John Chaloner's official retirement and to thank him for his commitment and dedication as parish priest over the past 18 years, and formally announce that St Hubert's is to join with our parish of Our Lady of the Valley.

Mgr Chaloner isn't leaving but will continue to live in retirement at St Hubert's Presbytery and celebrate the 10am Sunday Mass.

The Right to Life Walk was a huge success with a good attendance and a really pleasant atmosphere. Unexpectedly Archbishop Kelly was able to join us this year and now well recovered from his stroke he completed the walk. All the visitors were appreciative of the welcoming cups of tea and the wonderful homemade cakes provided at the end of their trek. My thanks to all who participated, sponsored and otherwise supported this important Right to Life event. In his blog to the clergy, Bishop John wrote "It was good to see a number of young families. I must say there is a great deal of beautiful countryside in this Diocese."

And then there was the farewell party! What a great night it was, a real good old fashioned parish "do" with entertainment provided by our children's choir and parishioners, the excellent Splinter Jazz Group, the Mulgrew comedy trio and the surprise compare. Fr Frankie was deeply touched by your generosity of the Spiritual Bouquet and the cheque for £1,386! A great night that showed the Parish and its Centre at their best.

*Fr John*

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## Corpus Christi - 7th June 2015

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



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee  
11am—First Holy Communion Mass

#### Monday & Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### Tuesday

Requiem Mass 1.30pm - Millicent Driver

#### Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

#### Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Saturday 13th June

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**—No Mass

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#### MASSSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Mary McMahan, Norman Bradley x 4, Nicholas Bennett, Winifred Covey,  
Grace Warren, Special Intentions

#### SICK

Arnold Marsden Jnr, Fr Peter Birmingham, Sally Hickling, Elaine Marsden, Nicholas Bennett

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Grace Warren, Norman Bradley, Winifred Covey

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £793.93 Sabden £131.34 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.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk)

**THANKYOU** to St Martin for prayers answered

**CAFOD NEPAL APPEAL** The recent appeal raised £1,115.67 .

**EXCITING OPPORTUNITY** to join in a mass rally. Only ONE ticket left for the One Climate, One World Climate Rally in London on Wed 17th June 2015. A group from our parish has already booked. If you want to come, please contact: Rosa Trelfa: 01772 733 310; 07920 565 454; [rtrelfa@cafod.org.uk](mailto:rtrelfa@cafod.org.uk) ASAP.

**SAFEGUARDING** DBS clearances have begun to come through. A few glitches and some may have been 'claimed' by a different parish. Don't worry it doesn't make any difference the diocese will amend it. Don't forget to register online at [www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service](http://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service) and please send me (Ann Harkin) a copy. [anark456@aol.com](mailto:anark456@aol.com)

**LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR** Wednesday June 24th. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange at 3.15pm and returning around 10pm. Price £28.50 includes the Coach fare, Three Course meal, Entertainment and tips for drivers and waitresses. Up to now 31 people have booked, but we need a minimum of 40 to make it viable. Please note, this outing is open to all including husbands and partners. There are still 5 places available

**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. Details on the Diocesan Website and click education vacancies or contact [angela.williams@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:angela.williams@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA** Mass Friday 12th June at St Anthony's Trafford Park, Manchester. See poster in porch

**EUCCHARISTIC RALLY** at St Albans, Blackburn today Sunday 7th June at 3pm

**RIGHT TO LIFE** will anyone with sponsorship money for the recent walk please put it in an envelope, clearly marked with names etc, on the collection plate. Thankyou

**EDGES** The faith and fun evenings for yr 6& 7 (10-12yrs) - Edge Nights have started up again in St Mary's Hall, York Lane, Langho 6.30pm—8pm every Wednesday evening in June. These evenings are designed to be a fun, interactive and faith-filled experience for our young people.

### CLITHEROE

**FOODBANK** The Foodbank is currently short of sponge pudding, tinned custard, sauces (tomato or brown) and chocolate treats (inc wrapped choc biscuits). The Foodbank Audit is on Saturday 20 June 9.30-12.30—fit people wanted to lift boxes onto scales—age 14 upwards welcome. Telephone Ruth Haldane on 07849 534431 if you would like to help or [info@ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk) by Wed 10 June. Also the next foodbank Tesco collection is 2-4 July—volunteers needed to help of 3rd & 4th. This involves giving out food lists, accepting and sorting food. Help for one and a half hour slots—ring Ruth Haldane by 10th June.

**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

**LAY CHAPLAIN** There is a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament and St Maria Goretti schools in Preston. See notice in porch

**COOKERY CLASSES** Those of you involved with the Foodbank have noticed that some people do not have basic skills to cook food from scratch. An initial meeting was held on 14th May. There will be another meeting on Thursday 11th June at the United Reformed Church at 7.30pm for anyone interested in getting involved in the cookery class. Contact has been made with a number of agencies and have had the promise of a small amount of funding to help set up, but we need more volunteers. As well as cooks we also need volunteers who can do jobs like washing up, food collection and looking after small children (if there are any).

**LOVE CLITHEROE** With the promise of warmer weather we are looking forward to the Barbeque and Family Fun Day on Saturday 27 June on the Clitheroe Castle Field. There are lots of ways to participate in this event through volunteering as well as inviting friends and neighbours to enjoy the fun. Meeting 7.30pm Thursday 25 June at St James for preparation and prayer.

June 13/14	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	A & J Marsden
Readers	C.Moxham	P.Sutcliffe
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Southworth & Volunteer	G.Lambert, Volunteer, B.Collinson
Tea and Coffee		P.Byrne & family

**PARISH DRAW** will commence in September. Cost of a ticket is £20. You will be given a number which will go into the draw which will take place at the end of each month (10 months in total). If you would like a ticket then please fill in one of the blue forms that are available at the back of church with your name, address and telephone number and pop it in the box provided. ***Even if you have been in the draw before you still need to complete one of the slips.***

**LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING** Monday at 7.30pm in The Social Centre

**K.S.C.COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday at 7.30pm in presbytery.

**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

**MISSIO (Red Boxes)** We are asking people to check if they have a red box at home which for some reason may not have been collected for a while. Maybe you have moved house. If you have one could be ask you to bring it to church over the weekends of 20/21 and 27/28 June. Envelopes for your donations are available in the porch along with contact details for Janet and Sion Hall. Please call us with any query you may have. As Pope Francis recently said 'By making a personal donation you are giving a part of yourself, first to the Lord and then to others, which becomes a tool for the evangelisation of humanity built on love.'

### SABDEN

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner no 24 - J Hindle

**GARDEN PARTY** 13th June—this will be a good old fashioned fair with stalls, games and a Treasure Island. To make it a success we need your help. We need people to run the stalls (there is a list in the porch for this—please put your names down). There will be a Summer Raffle for which there is a list for people willing to donate prizes. We also need things to sell and tombola prizes—please leave donations in the sacristy—bags will be available after Mass. We are really short of stall holders this year—please consider helping. It really is great fun!. Raffle tickets will be on sale after mass this week.