

## PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 31ST July to 6th August 2015

We have returned with the 'joy of mission'!

We all experienced so much on an individual, Parish and Diocesan level. It would appear that there aren't enough words to do justice and to share our reflections.

So here are just a few words we collectively recorded in an attempt to give insight into Lourdes.....

Single words.....

"joy" - "time" - "laughter" - "tears" - "God" - "love" - "wonderful" - "mass" - "special" - "moving" - "spirituality" - "friendship" - "experience" - "reconciliation" - "healing" - "deep" - "beautiful" - "emotional" - "music" - "service" - "opportunity" - "expressions" - "singing" - "young" - "welcoming" - "meaningful" - "involvement" - "journey" - "memorable" - "opportunity" - "joyful" - "holiness".

A few more words.....

"Truly inspirational" - "first visit" - "above expectations" "Our Lady" - "packed schedule" - "joining in" - "worthwhile experience" - St Bernadette" - "Christian Community" - "wonderful Bishop" - "reflective experience" - "torchlight procession" - "Ave Maria" - "uplifting and enhancing" - "strengthening of faith" - "making new friends" - "Bishop John's presence" - "God Bless all" - "encouraged to participate" - "grace and adoration" - "kindness and love".

And so much more.....

"looking after the sick" - "with our Parish groups" - "closer to God, Jesus and our Mother Mary" - "our amazing clergy as human beings" - "great grace and peace" - "would recommend it to anyone" - "getting to know people" - "blessed by my visit and long to return" - "continue much harder at home" - "excellent volunteers, especially the young people" - "sincerity, humility and humanity" - "a place to experience for yourself" - "Rosary Basilica, really beautiful" - "people's devotion to Our Lady" - "Our Blessed Lady has pulled her cape around me" - "treasure of late night silence at the Grotto" - "faith is very much alive" - "diocese activities and time for your own personal preferences"

The choir sang beautifully; the young 'army' of volunteers, dressed in their blue T-shirts, looked after the sick pilgrims in their wheelchairs with such care, love and devotion. It was humbling to witness; we all felt very proud of them.

Food for thought: One young girl's experience changed the world for many.

You just have to go to know.....!!

Many thanks to all who made the Pilgrimage to Lourdes such a special, uplifting and spiritual experience. See you all next year!!

*Stay with us Lord on our journey*

**From Our Lady of the Valley Parish Pilgrims**

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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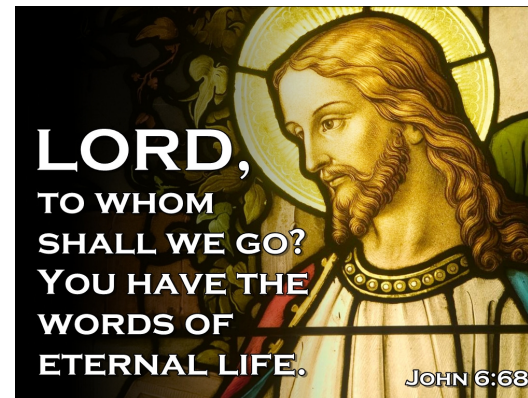
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## 21st Sunday in Ordinary time - 23rd August 2015

## St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

### Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

### Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

### Thursday

10.30am Requiem -Jean Taylor

Mass at 7.30pm

### Saturday 29th August

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

## St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

**Sunday**—Mass at 10am

Parish Mass Book p.123 Eucharistic Prayer III, page 27

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**Tuesday**—Mass at 9.30am

*Cards to post to your MP to vote against the Assisted Dying Bill on 11th September are available from the back of all three churches.*

### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Harold Bradley, Matthew Perrin, Chris Bibby, Stephen & Sarah (Wedding)  
Thomas Davies, Florence Kelly, Fiona Bennett, Barry Swarbrick

### SICK

Fr Peter Birmingham, Wilf Hewitt, Carol Waterworth,  
Arnold Marsden jnr,

### LATELY DEAD

Jean Taylor, Margaret Pustelnik, Barry Swarbrick, Chris Bibby, Fiona Bennett

### ANNIVERSARIES

Harold Bradley, Thomas Davies

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £1053.87 Sabden £183.38 Dunsop Bridge £388.30  
Standing Orders £170.48

**SAFEGUARDING** The majority of the clearances have now arrived and I'm just chasing up a few remaining people who have outstanding documentation. I'll have a little holiday in August and will restart in September. Ann Harkin

**CAFOD** Why are we campaigning on climate change? Simply, it's the single biggest threat to reducing poverty. The people we work with are experiencing the effects of changes in climate right now, leaving millions hungry! We are asking you to get charged up and join the wave of action:

- to make simple changes in your own lives to live more sustainably
- To shout out to UK and global politicians—"Now is the time. We must prevent climate change pushing people deeper into poverty"

**LADYEWELL** near Preston. Our Lady's Birthday Sept 8th and the Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham Sept 24th. Both days will be celebrated by mass at 12noon and afternoon Benediction. See in our church porch new poster and leaflets to take away.

**FOODBANK** Thankyou to all the churches you represent for all the support we receive for foodbank in food donations. We have currently totally run out of washing powder/liquid and are short of fruit juice, sponge puddings, milk, custard and toiletries including deodorant, shaving gel and razors.

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER PRAYER FESTIVAL** for Young Adults 16-35 yrs at Walsingham 27th—31st August. Coaches available—see poster in porch for contact no

**RIBBLE VALLEY MAYORAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2015** for details please see poster in porch. All proceeds of the events in aid of Macmillan and Dementia for the benefit Ribble Valley residents. Tel: Olwen Heap 01200 414408 for more information

**MEDAILLE TRUST** The Summer edition of the magazine for the Medaille trust (the Catholic Charity that provides safe houses for victims of human trafficking) is available in the church porch and are free of charge. Please take one to raise awareness on what the Catholic Church is doing to tackle human trafficking in this country.

**SALFORD DIOCESE LADYEWELL PILGRIMAGE** Saturday 10th October beginning at 12noon, led by Canon Anthony McBride, Episcopal Vicar for Formation. For more details please see poster in porch.

**DEPT OF EVANGELISATION** present two talks Tuesday 8th Sept and Thursday 17th Sept both at St Gabriel's High School, Bury. See posters in porch for details

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**H.C.P.T.WALK** please note this event is on Sunday 20th September—watch this space for more details.

**ANNUAL MASS** for deceased parishioners and friends will be on Bank Holiday Monday 31st August at 11am in the old Catholic Cemetery.

**CLITHEROE COOKERY CLASSES** in a bid to start classes in Clitheroe, we need more volunteers for the following—cooks—washers up—collecting food—to name but a few. Interested then why not come along to our next meeting on Monday 17th August at 7.30pm at The United Reformed Church.

**HELP NEEDED!!!** With the tidying up of St Joseph's Cemetery, Waddington Road tomorrow evening Monday 24th August from 7pm onwards.

Aug 29/30	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Luciani	J.Clegg & E.Davies
Reader	A.Harkin	K.Downes
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & R.Embery	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, H.Addy,
Tea and Coffee		Fellows family

**LADIES GROUP TREASURE HUNT** This coming Wednesday 26th August—Cost £11 including two course supper. Meet on the Lowergate Car Park at 6pm. If you don't want to join in the Treasure Hunt but just want supper, then be outside the Swan and Royal at 7.15pm. Menu's are available from the church porch—please complete and return to Daphne 427912 by today Sunday 23rd August. This event is open to all.

**PARISH DRAW** commencing September (the first draw will be at the end of that month) 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). We now have 171 names—but still need another 9 people. You can check if your name is on by looking at the list on the notice board at the back of church (next to the Ladies Group display). If you are not on the list and want a ticket then please complete one of the blue slips on the shelf at the back of church and place it in the box provided. A meeting for agents will be arranged shortly—see next weeks newsletter

**BAPTISM** We welcome Elliot Philip Greatorex who was baptised last Saturday

*Tickets for the Duck Race are available from Arnold Marsden*

### SABDEN

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 28—Parsons family. There is just one bonus ball left—just £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth.

**DROP IN FOR COFFEE** to St Mary's Community Hall on the last Wednesday of each month 10am—12noon. Free Admission—Tea, Coffee, biscuits, juice, magazines, colouring books for the children. All welcome to pop in for a cuppa.

**THANKYOU** Carol and Harry Waterworth would like to say a big thankyou to everyone for their prayers, cards and concern for Carol over the past ten weeks, everyone has been so kind—it was very much appreciated.

### DUNSOP BRIDGE

**ST HUBERT'S DUCK RACE** August Bank Holiday Monday 31st August beginning at 2pm. Please take a book (or take some books!) of tickets to sell for the race and write the number of the book(s) and your name on the form. (individual tickets £1; book of ten: £10.00. Tickets can also be had from Arnold Marsden 01200 427096 or Les Collinson on 01200 427029

