

Dear Parishioners

Being a keen angler I know of the Ribble Valley's beauty and its reputation for its fishing! My name Callum Brown and I'll be part of your Parish community for the next five months. I'm training to be a priest for Salford Diocese, studying at St Mary's Seminary, Oscott, the same seminary at which Fr Frankie trained. I hail from the Rossendale Valley, am 26 and in the 5th year of a 7 year course.

The seeds of a possible vocation first began to show themselves during my second year of university where I experienced in a very gentle and gradual way, a sense of dissatisfaction with the direction my life was heading. I had a vibrant social life and was very much involved in the life of the Catholic Chaplaincy. Yet I felt a strong desire to do more for Christ and deepen my faith and commitment to His Church. For the next eighteen months the conviction grew, which I describe as a persistent nagging, almost like toothache, that perhaps my vocation was not to the teaching profession but the priesthood. I took the plunge and contacted Salford's Vocations Director during my third year of University.

Following a period of discernment and a long application process, Bishop Brain sent me to Valladolid seminary in Spain. Valladolid is a challenging place where each year twenty men live under the same roof for 9 months searching to make sense of what God is asking of them; getting to know themselves and God better. It was a blessed time for me, the experience of living in a passionately Catholic part of Spain and having some breathing space to reflect deeply on the prospect of vocation was a gift.

Academic training then followed at Oscott College, a six year course to equip students with the skills and knowledge required for parish ministry. Towards the end we are appointed to live and work in a parish to get a real taste of the life for which we are training.

So it with great joy that I come to Our Lady of the Valley parish and the opportunity to spend what will hopefully be a grace filled time with you and I ask your prayers and patience as I continue on this journey of discernment and learning towards Priesthood.

Callum

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary time - 30th August 2015

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

11am Cemetery Mass

Tuesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

12 noon Funeral Service

Barry Swarbrick

Wednesday

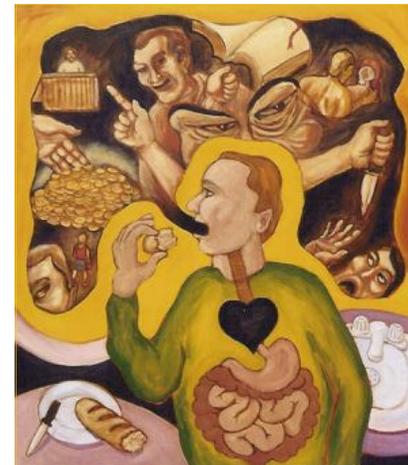
Eucharistic Service at 9am

Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm



Saturday 5th September

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

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Tuesday—Mass at 9.30am

Late Announcement: The weather forecast for Monday is poor. A decision whether to switch the mass from the cemetery to the church will be taken on Monday morning at 10.15am. Notices will be posted on the old Cemetery chapel and the church door after 10.15am. You may also ring Jean Marsden 01200 427096 or Betty Collinson 01200 427029.

As announced last week Fr Joe leaves us this weekend to take up duties in Salford Cathedral where an experienced assistant is needed.

We wish him well in this new appointment.

Callum Brown will arrive at the end of this week and

Fr Kevin Murphy the following week on 10th September. Fr John

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Andrea Clayton, Ila Thomson, Rosaleen Slowley, Winifride Worthington, Alice & Patrick Emerson x 2, Elma Bywater, Jean Taylor x 2,

SICK Fr Peter Birmingham, Carol Waterworth, Arnold Marsden jnr,

LATELY DEAD Jean Taylor, Barry Swarbrick, Wilf Hewitt, Andrea Clayton, Rosaleen Slowley

ANNIVERSARIES Ila Thomson, Alice & Patrick Emerson, Elma Bywater

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £758.84 Sabden £103.54 Dunsop Bridge £326.50
Standing Orders £170.48

THANKYOU to St Martin de Porres for always being there.

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.

CAFOD Did you know.....CAFOD is supporting the Jesuit Development Service (JDS), who work with some of the poorest communities in El Salvador, to the west of the country. The communities here grow food to survive, but the steep, rocky landscape makes farming difficult. The Jesuit Development Service helps train farmers, so people can share skills, develop new ways to earn money and create a better life for their families. Working in partnership is an essential part of our identity.

REIGNITE MASSES FOR YOUNG ADULTS 16+: These take place at Salford Cathedral at 5.30pm on the third Sunday of the month excluding July and August. They are followed by a social evening which includes a guest speaker and a chance to meet other young people who are engaged, enthused and committed about their faith. See poster in porch for more details.

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.

WANTED is there anyone who would be prepared to lend or use a Petrol Driven Strimmer with a metal blade—we are in urgent need of one to tidy the undergrowth in St Joseph's Cemetery. Contact Les 01200 427029 or Arnold 01200 427096

PARISH FORUM MEETING Wednesday 16th September in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Any items for the agenda must be given to Fr John or the secretary, Margaret Donnelly email: donnemarg@aol.com by Wednesday 9th September.

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.

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

S.V.P. QUARTERLY COLLECTION This will take place after masses on the week-end of 5th & 6th September. Gift Aid envelopes will be available in advance. Please give generously.

SEPTEMBER AWARENESS The St Vincent de Paul Society in England and Wales has around 10,000 members who, last year, made over 500,000 visits to those in need. September is the SVP Awareness month and the theme this year is Happy Families. Finding, loving and serving God in our communities is fundamental to the Society's work. A report on the local parish SVP will be available during the month. We are always in need of new members to carry out the work and if you would like to find out more please contact Peter Donnelly 01200 441081

MASS OF HEALING Sunday 27th September at 2pm. Forms for this are available at the back of church. Please complete and post in the box by Monday 21st September so that arrangements can be made for transportation and refreshment numbers. St Joseph's Cemetery. Contact Les 01200 427029 or Arnold 01200 427096

CLITHEROE

PARISH DRAW commencing September—we now have sufficient numbers. Agents will be contacted shortly regarding their lists. A full list of names is at the back of church on the notice board near Ladies Group pictures. PLEASE NOTE NO MONEY IS BEING TAKEN AT THE MOMENT.

| Sept 5/6 | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Welcomers | M.Manning | R & C Conti |
| Reader | M.Taylforth | P.Lambert |
| Eucharistic Ministers | B.Worden & M.Preedy | P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, G.Lambert |
| Tea and Coffee | | C.James & A.Pritchard |

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 31—Taylor 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.

MISSION BOXES the empty boxes are now on the shelf in the porch for collection. Would those people who left boxes for emptying please collect one. Thanks

DUNSOP BRIDGE

ST HUBERT'S DUCK RACE - TOMORROW August Bank Holiday Monday beginning at 2pm. Please hand in your ticket stubs today. Prizes for the Duck Race will be very welcome.

PARISH MEETING Please remember that the proposed parish meeting on 6th September has been deferred until after the 10am Mass on Sunday 4th October.