

## Dear Parishioners

On Tuesday the top years of St Mary's Sabden and St Michael and St John's will join the pupils of Thorneyholme (St Hubert's) school for a joint celebration of Mass to mark the opening of the new academic year. Then at the beginning of the coming spring and summer terms there will be a similar celebration in Sabden and Clitheroe. This first Mass will be in honour of Our Blessed Lady, invoking her prayers for the three schools in our parish of *Our Lady of the Valley*. Later in the week our schools will publish *Faith Friends* the first of a joint termly newsletter. *Faith Friends* will be available to parishioners next Sunday. To my mind the really exciting and encouraging feature of these ventures is that they are an initiative of the schools themselves, and bode well for the ongoing consolidation and cooperation of our three Catholic Communities in this northernmost reach of Salford Diocese.

The RCIA programme will resume on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of this month, the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. As in past years it will meet most weeks, beginning at 8pm, after the Thursday 7.30pm evening Mass and will last for one hour only. The programme is geared to help those who feel drawn to joining the Catholic Church or who simply wish to dip their toe in the water. Catholics wishing to learn more about our faith will also benefit from the course. Please contact me for further information.

Letters will go out this week to parents of children in our schools who are eligible to make their First Holy Communion in June next year. We shall follow more or less the same programmes as last year, which proved to extremely successful and which probably benefited the parents more than the children.

Parents of children who do not attend any of our schools and who wish their children to make their first Holy Communion should contact me as soon as is possible and certainly before the end of this month.

There was a good attendance at this year's cemetery Mass on Bank Holiday Monday and though the heavens didn't quite smile on us, the rain stayed away!

Finally important dates for your diaries this month:  
Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>, Parish Centre at 7.30pm, **Parish Forum**  
Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm Parish **sponsored walk** for HCPT  
Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> Parish Hall at 2pm **Mass of Healing**.

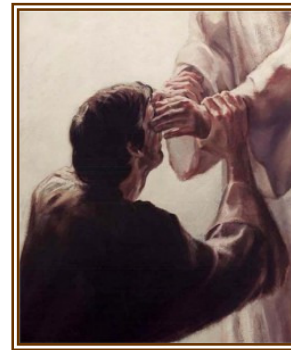
Fr John

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time - 6th September 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 12th 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  
Mass in Parish Mass Book p.129

Eucharistic Prayer IV for various needs page 52 with own Preface,

**Tuesday**—School Mass at 10am

#### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Bernard Higgins, Raymond Waling x 2, Mary Sellers, Bina Murtagh,  
Mary Filbin, Andrew Morton

**SICK** Fr Kevin Kenny, Fr Peter Birmingham, Carol Waterworth, Peter Wright,

**LATELY DEAD** Barry Swarbrick, Mary Sellers

**ANNIVERSARIES** Raymond Waling, Bernard Higgins, Mary Filbin, Mary Bishop

*S.V.P. Quarterly collection will take place after masses this weekend.  
Gift Aid envelopes available. Please give generously.*

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £769.91 Sabden £216.49 Dunsop Bridge £268.00  
Standing Orders £170.48

**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** needs 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.

**CAFOD** There will be a meeting of the Parish CAFOD Group in the presbytery on Thursday 10th September at 10am. We would love to welcome new members. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to help with fundraising please contact: Grace Fellows 01200 425928 email; grace\_fellows@hotmail.com

**REIGNITE MASSES FOR YOUNG ADULTS 16+:** at Salford Cathedral at 5.30pm on the third Sunday of the month 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 is available in the church porch and are free of charge.

**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.

**SALLY HICKLING TRUST** There will be a fund-raising gig to raise money for the Sally Hickling Trust on Friday 25 September in the Social Centre at 7.30pm. Hannah Spurgeon and Wrong Direction will also be performing. Tickets £5 are available from Josh Smith 07944 289891 or Sam Smith 07778 415366

**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 44108

**R.V.MAYORAL FUNDRAISING EVENT**—The Fashion Show scheduled for 8th September has been postponed until Tuesday 27th October—same time—same venue.

**ST MARY'S COLLEGE, BLACKBURN** are celebrating their 90th Anniversary on September 19th—please see poster in porch for more info for this event

**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

***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.***

***There will be a retiring collection after all masses next weekend for Racial Justice Sunday.***

**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.

**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** your last chance this weekend to request a draw ticket. Please complete one of the blue forms at the back of church and pop into the box provided.

**JUMBLE & BRIC A BRAC SALE**—Trinity Methodist Church Saturday 19th September 10am—2pm. Light Refreshments available

**AUTUMN FAYRE** Sun 18th October—open at 11am. Preliminary meeting Thurs 8pm 10th September in presbytery. Would all organisations please send a representative.

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

**APF MISSION BOXES** quarterly collection now due. Please could all promoters return donations to the presbytery by 13th September. For those parishioners without a red box, envelopes are available in the church porch—all donations gratefully received. If you would like a red box please contact Sion or Janet Hall.

**COFFEE PLUS** at Clitheroe Community Church—see poster in porch

**LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING** Monday 7th Sept 7.30pm in presbytery.

**K.S.C.COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday 8th September 7.30pm in the presbytery.

**H.C.P.T.WALK** Sunday 20th September. Sponsorship forms available this weekend.

<b>Sept 12/13</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Welcomers	M.Roberts	J.Byrne & P.Dixon
Reader	V.Murray	P.Sutcliffe
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & A.Southworth	J Hall, S.Hall, P.Donnelly
Tea and Coffee		L & B Collinson

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 10 P.Clarkson. 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.

**APF MISSION (RED BOXES)** Last collection raised a total of £116.84

**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

**THANKS** Many thanks for flowers donated in memory of Raymond Waling

### **DUNSOP BRIDGE**

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