

Dear Parishioners

I grew up in a Catholic family in Birmingham and was blessed by attending a wonderful Catholic primary school, run by a saintly headmistress. I received an excellent religious and academic start in life. I vividly remember making my first communion, confession and confirmation. An aunt who was a nun asked me when I was quite young what I would like to be when I grew up, so, to please her, I said, "A priest."

Priests were always positive figures in my childhood and the ones who came to school were gentle and encouraging. Once when walking to the shops with my father, we met the parish priest. My father greeted him but the priest whispered, "I'm carrying the Blessed Sacrament." I was fascinated by the mystery.

I had many of the usual questions and quibbles through secondary school, but again look back on many blessings. I sang in the choir at St Chad's Cathedral where the music and masses were beautifully inspiring. Having attended Newman's Oratory prior to this, I listened to the homilies of Canon McCarty, and, without knowing it, was being further grounded in a faith that made sense to me.

I studied English at university and decided to follow my parents' footsteps: both were teachers and I had a positive and practical insight into the profession, as well as a desire to serve others fostered by my faith. In fact, looking back, I enjoyed teaching so much that I suppressed a vague sense of calling to priesthood across the years.

Only when I took up my first Catholic teaching job did a vocation really flourish. In 2003 I was appointed as a Senior Tutor at Loreto College in Manchester and I moved from Brentwood to Salford Diocese. I gradually shed more of my English teaching and took up R.E. and also served in the chaplaincy, organising events, liturgies, masses and trips to Lourdes. The Salford priests who came to college impressed me greatly. In 2010, in my parish church in Rusholme, there was a banner advertising "The Year of the Priest." Each time I returned from Communion it felt like a denial not to apply. After a year at Ushaw College and four years at the Beda College in Rome, here I am.

And I am here to serve, to learn and to share. *Fr Kevin Murphy*

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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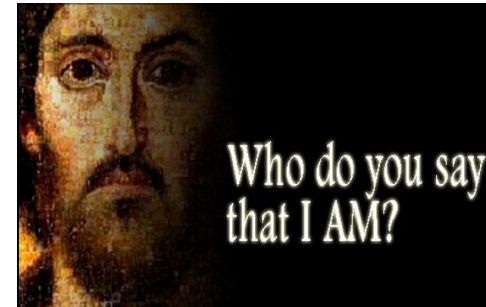
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24th Sunday in Ordinary time - 13th September 2015

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 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.132

Eucharistic Prayer IV, page 31 with own Preface,

Tuesday—Mass at 9.30am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Bill Southworth, Mollie Hartley, Brian Precious, Wilfred Jackson

SICK Fr Kevin Kenny, Fr Peter Birmingham, Carol Waterworth,
Peter Wright, Brian Precious

ANNIVERSARIES Bill Southworth, Mollie Hartley, Wilfred Jackson

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

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £791.78 Sabden £165.00 Dunsop Bridge £249.25
Standing Orders £170.48

LADYEWELL near Preston. On the Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham Sept 24th. Mass will be celebrated at 12noon with Benediction in the afternoon. See church porch for leaflets and poster.

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.

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 that was scheduled Sept 8th will now take place on 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 a talk on Thursday 17th Sept at St Gabriel's High School, Bury. See posters in porch for details

PARISH FORUM Meets at 7.30pm this coming Wednesday in our Parish Hall

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.

There will be a retiring collection after all masses next weekend for Home Mission Sunday

H.C.P.T. WALK next Sunday 20th September we hold our Annual Sponsored Walk to raise funds for the H.C.P.T., a wonderful charity that among other things takes severely disabled children to Lourdes and on holiday. This is an excellent opportunity for young families in the parish to do something for their less fortunate brothers and sisters.

CAKES WANTED Home baked cakes for reception after the Mass of Healing Sunday Sept 20th. Please take to our Parish Hall between 10.30am and 11am on the day.

CLITHEROE

PARISH DRAW We will start collecting money for the Parish Draw next weekend. Please see the lists on the notice board at the back of church to see which agent you pay. In the majority of cases you will be with your usual one but please check the lists. Ann Harkin will be collecting exclusively on Saturday Evening, for those who usually attend the 6pm Saturday evening mass, but there are some exceptions so again please check who your agent is and only pay them. Don't worry if you have not paid by the time the first draw takes place—IF YOU ARE ON THE LIST YOUR NAME IS IN THE DRAW!!

AUTUMN FAYRE Sun 18th October at 11am in our Parish Centre. A variety of stalls including Cakes, James, Chutneys, Sweets, Chocolates, Games & Toys, Jewellery, Bottles, Unwanted Gifts, items for Flower Stall and Plant. All proceeds towards the re-surfacing of the seriously degraded road between the church and the school.

WANTED Jane Brown would like Jam Jars & Artificial Flowers for the Autumn Fair.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Jumble Sale November 14th proceeds for Mary's Meals

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 Mon 14th Sept 7.30pm in presbytery.

| Sept 19/20 | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Welcomers | A.Harkin | B.Parkinson & E.Thomson |
| Reader | C.Carr | P.Anwyl |
| Eucharistic Ministers | F.Ellis & R.Embery | C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson |
| Tea and Coffee | | P.Byrne & Family |

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 22 J.Donborand. 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

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

DUCK RACE St Hubert's Duck Race on August Bank Holiday Monday raised £922.80 (£1177.80 = tickets sold, less prize money/expenses of £255.00) for the church. A tremendous result and a very sincere THANK YOU to Julie and everyone involved in organising the Duck Race, selling, buying tickets, providing prizes etc.