

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

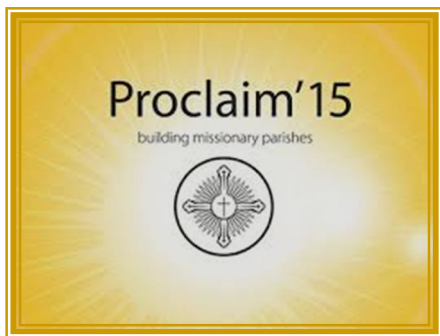
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25th Sunday in Ordinary time - 20th September 2015

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday 26th 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

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Margaret Macartney, Diamond Wedding

SICK

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

ANNIVERSARIES—Margaret Macartney

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

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £711.95 Sabden £102.40 Dunsop £336.00 S/O £170..48

LADYEWELL near Preston. On the Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham next Thursday, 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.

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 Junction 32 are holding a live music event 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

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.

COFFEE AT THE BROWN'S In aid of our Parish project to raise £500 towards the training of a priest in India there will be a Coffee or Tea Afternoon on Saturday October 3rd from 1pm-4pm at Jane Brown's, Townhead Barn, Downham Rd, Chatburn. Tickets

£2.50 include Children's Cupcake decoration and an Autumn Floral demonstration. Have a relaxing afternoon in aid of the church in India.

SMSJ SCOUT & GUIDE HQ New scout meeting: Tuesdays 7-9pm run by 1st

OCTOBER REFUGEE COLLECTION

You may have read in the Advertiser of a Clitheroe couple, Emma and Richard Walker, who with St James' are collecting items to help migrants camping out near Calais as winter approaches. As a member church of Clitheroe Christians in Partnership we are a collecting point for donated items. These may be left on the presbytery porch at any time except in hours of darkness. Please donate only good quality, clean and durable goods. Suggestions are:-

Clothing—Jackets, (no wool coats), Tracksuits, Hoodies, Jumpers, T-shirts, Joggers, Jeans, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Socks, Underwear—especially womens

Shoes—trainers or walking shoes, but no wellies!

Tents—Thick plastic sheeting—mainly used for agriculture (they make shelters from this) Tarps and groundsheets, again to build shelter—the bigger the better. Sleeping bags, blankets and duvets, sleeping mats

Kitchen Equipment—Pots, pans, kettle (not electric as they don't have this). Some people are making up packages with a couple of pans, plastic plates/cups, sponge and cleaning products.

Toiletries—Unisex hygiene kits containing toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shower gel, body lotion, Disposable razors (cheap ones, but don't include these in the wash bag).

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H.C.P.T. WALK today Sunday 20th September we hold our Annual Sponsored Walk to raise funds for the H.C.P.T. Please meet outside church at 1.30pm

CAKES WANTED Home baked cakes for reception after Mass of Healing Sunday Sept 27th. Please take to our Parish Hall between 10.30 and 11am on the day.

Please note: All notices to be included in next weeks newsletter should be in no later than next Wednesday evening 23rd September. Thankyou

CLITHEROE

PARISH DRAW We start collecting money this weekend. Unfortunately Ann Harkin is on holiday for two weeks and will therefore not be collecting tonight but don't worry, she will collect your £20 when she arrives back. A list of names with your individual draw number can be found at the back of church next to the Ladies Group display.

AUTUMN FAYRE Sun 18th October at 11am in our Parish Centre. Stalls include Cakes, Jams & Chutneys, Sweets, Chocolate Tombola, Toys & Books, Jewellery, Wreath/Plant stall, Mug Tombola, Christmas cards/Advent calendars, Mystery Tombola, Proceeds to the re-surfacing of the seriously degraded road between the church and the school. Donations for the stalls would be very much appreciated—please hand in at presbytery.

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

Sept 26/27	Saturday	Sunday
BAPTISM We welcome Reader	M.Velay Patricia Bolton A.Southworth	R. & F. Holts M.Donnelly
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, H.Addy
Tea and Coffee		B.Parkinson & B.Barker

WANTED Mugs, in good condition for the Mug Tombola at Autumn Fair. These mugs can be filled with goodies (sweets, bath balls, potpourri etc) if you wish. Please contact Grace Fellows 01200 425925 gracefellows@hotmail.com

LADYEWELL ANNOUNCEMENT—a new initiative 'Guild of Ladyewell Shrine'. Membership is open to any baptised Christians striving to live by Gospel values. Registration Fee £5. Information & Registration Form are available from the church porch.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 44 H & C Waterworth. 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

HELP!!! Following the work yesterday more help is needed to complete the tidying of the entrance to the church compound next Saturday 26th September at 12noon

DUNSOP BRIDGE

PARISH MEETING Please remember the Parish meeting with Mgr Corcoran in the school after Mass on Sunday 4th October when we shall look to the future of

Today is Home Mission Sunday for which the English Bishops have written a pastoral letter, an extract from which reads: “a day when we invite every member of the Catholic community to pray for, participate in and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

Pope Francis shows us that the true heart of faith is hugely attractive. He shows us how to let our faith be seen. He does this by making clear the great mercy of God, the mercy that he has received and that he shows to all.

The mercy of God is God's love in action, reaching out to every person... When Pope Francis was asked to describe himself he said, simply, “I am a sinner.”

The letter concludes: Finally, we your bishops want to thank each and every one of you for the witness that you already give. Your presence at Mass today is a good example. By coming to Mass you not only give due worship to God but also publicly proclaim your faith to everyone who knows of your commitment and routine. We thank you for your daily efforts in family living, the patterns of family life that you work hard to sustain. The family is the first and best school of faith, of prayer and of virtuous living. Thank you all indeed!

Together let us seek to live out the words of Pope Francis: “The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew... I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation marked by this joy.”

Here we shall begin another RCIA programme which might best be described as an introduction to Catholicism that caters for any wishing to learn more about our faith, or maybe missed making their First Communion, or who wish simply to join the Church. Anyone curious to learn what makes a Catholic tick is also welcome!

We meet on Thursday evenings in the Presbytery large meeting room for one hour between 8 and 9pm. If you have a friend who may be interested but is perhaps shy of coming alone, then do please consider inviting and accompanying them and assure them that there is no obligation to return if they feel that it isn't for them. There will be an introductory meet and greet session next Thursday, 1st October, at 8pm with a little something to wet the lips and steady any a nerves.

Fr John