

In 2013 Pope Francis wrote *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) Within the document, Pope Francis encourages every Christian to rediscover the joy of a personal encounter with Jesus and to engage with renewed vigour in the mission of spreading that joy of the Gospel and becoming spirit-filled evangelizers.

It is fair to say that *Evangelii Gaudium* is quickly gaining its place among some of the most powerful and inspiring papal documents. To understand Pope Francis' plan for the church you really should read this document. It has therefore been decided by the 'Our Lady of the Valley Evangelisation team' (aka The 99 Group) to hold a series of meetings to examine the fundamental aspects of the document.

For those not familiar with the 99 Group, this is a parish group set up eighteen months ago, at the request of the diocese, to promote evangelisation at the parish level. Since our formation we have been meeting regularly and with similar parish groups to discuss aspects of evangelisation.

The one hour study sessions will take place on the 4th and the 11th of November, the 3rd and the 17th of February, and the 2nd and 9th of March, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Light refreshments will be provided fifteen minutes before each session commences. Booklets will be provided that will enable us to read through a summary of each chapter per session. We will pause periodically to discuss what we have just read and share experiences related to our own lives. These meetings will be similar to the three highly successful Proclaim 15 sessions held in March.

As the Pope states; "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord" [EG 3]

So please do come along, one and all, so that we as a Christian community can listen to Pope Francis' words and discuss ways that we can embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by the joy of Christ.

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30th Sunday in Ordinary time - 25th October 2015

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Friday Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

11.30am Funeral Service Toni Bossonett

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday 31st October

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 Book p 149. Eucharistic Prayer III p.27 Preface III p.68

Tuesday—Mass at 9.30am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Frank Brown, Margaret Bell, Edward Worswick

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Toni Bossonett, Edward Hargreaves (Canada), Phillip Backhouse

ANNIVERSARIES

Edward Worswick, Joseph Morton

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £791.15 Sabden £179.04 Dunsop £299 S/O £170.48

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Clitheroe £169.12 Sabden £53.22 Dunsop £198.50

APF QUARTERLY COLLECTION (Red Boxes) £435.62

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY The Cafod Group will be having a stall at the Hurst Green Sale TODAY Sunday 25 October in the Memorial Hall 9-4pm. Refreshments available. Come and get a bargain.

CAFOD The next meeting of the CAFOD group will be on Tuesday 3rd November at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

ROSSENDALE MALE VOICE CHOIR are appearing in Church on Friday November 13th. Tickets £7.50 will be on sale after Masses next weekend Oct 31/Nov 1 and also the following weekend. Proceeds from this event will go to the Foodbank

SPONSORED WALK Thanks to all who walked or sponsored the HCPT walk. Please get money in as soon as possible.

LADYEWELL ANNOUNCEMENT—a new initiative ‘Guild of Ladyewell Shrine’. Membership is open to any baptised Christian striving to live by Gospel values. Registration Fee £5. Leaflets and info available from the church porch.

LECTIO DIVINA You are invited to join Callum on Wednesday evening at 8pm to learn and experience Lectio Divina, a traditional form of prayer dating back to the early years of the church. Please bring a bible with you.

CAFOD is the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Guided by the values of compassion, solidarity and hope, we are rooted in the Catholic community. Together, with the help of our volunteers, we put our faith into action to help our sisters and brothers living in extreme poverty to reach their full potential, regardless of religion or culture.

WALSINGHAM England’s National Shrine of Our Lady. The annual pilgrimage by the Blackburn Branch of the Walsingham Association will take place Tue 17th to Thur 19th May 2016. Cost £170 per person for Standard Room. Non-returnable deposit £50. To book a place Tel Vincent 01254 209101. A mini-bus will go from Clitheroe, at a low cost, to join the coach in Blackburn and back on return and can pick up at Whalley Bus Station and in Langho on route. To book a seat Tel Maureen 01200 443499

FINANCE COMMITTEE please meet a week on Tues 3rd Nov 7.30pm in presbytery

EMBRACE LIVERPOOL Saturday 21st Nov at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. A day to celebrate the faith of young people. Speakers include David Wells, Fr Frankie Mulgrew, Frank Cottrell Boyce, Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Aimed at 16-25yr olds. Mass 4pm preside by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY as part of the Ribble Valley Mayors fund raising events there will be a Concert at St Peter’s Stonyhurst on Tuesday 1st December at 7.30pm. St Augustines Choir will be taking part as well as Anne Marie Brewer

FASHION SHOW by Style Diva in our Parish Hall on Tuesday 27 October. Tickets £5 tel: Olwyn Heap 01200 414408 or pay the door. (Ribble Valley Mayors fundraising event)

Get inside the head of Pope Francis by coming to the first of our meetings to look at his letter to you, ‘The Joy of the Gospel’ in the Hall on Wednesday of next week, 4th November, at 7.30pm for one hour only. (see also back page)

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND **Saturday**—Welcoming M.Valovin. Reader A.Harkin Eucharistic Ministers F.Ellis & R.Embery. **Sunday**—Welcoming J.Clegg & E.Davies, Reader Martha Barrett. Eucharistic Ministers E.Thomson, I.Parkes, H.Addy Coffee Rota—Sims family.

K.S.C. JUMBLE SALE Saturday 14th November 2pm. Jumble can be given to Arnold Marsden or Les Collinson from now on or taken to our Parish Hall from 9am onwards on the morning of the 14th (Saturday). Please note our Parish Hall is unavailable on the Friday night (13th). Proceeds of this event will go to Mary’s Meals.

LADIES GROUP MEETING Our next meeting is NEXT Wednesday 28th October—our AGM, followed by ‘A Butchers Tale - Fifty years in the same 14x14’ commencing 8pm with Mr Roy Porter, a renowned butcher from Chatburn. We invite everyone who wishes to attend this meeting which promises to be a very good night. Only £2 including light refreshments. Menu’s will be available at this meeting for the Ladies Group Christmas Dinner at the Newdrop on Friday 15th January 2016

AUTUMN FAYRE Many thanks to all those who helped in any way with this annual event last Sunday. The total raised was £1800.29 with still some to come in for orders of Christmas wreaths. The total raised on the raffle was £1325

LOVE CLITHEROE Prayer and info evening Monday 2nd November St James’ Church 7.30pm. The purpose is to share the good news stories how local Christians are serving our town and to pray for our community and outreach services.

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS there are still some unclaimed prizes—they are marked with a * 1st—1706, 2nd—191, 3rd—469, 4th—706*, 5th—1753*, 6th—1458*, 7th—1136, 8th—818, 9th—1198, 10th—336 11th—631*. 12th—1204. 13th—1172*, 14th—1233*, 15th—970, 16th—1, 17th—485* The Bucket Raffle, £80 is also still unclaimed—ticket no 771 *All prizes may be claimed from the presbytery on either Monday, Thursday or Friday morning.*

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 36 Jim and Olive Doyle. There is just one bonus ball left—only £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth. tel 01254 823748. As you may be aware there are 10 more numbers in the weekly lottery no’s 50-59. In the event of any of these ten numbers being drawn there will be a rollover to the following week—double the prize!!!

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.

GRAND FESTIVE BINGO Friday 20th November at 7.30pm in St Mary’s Hall. Tickets £5 Adult, Children £2.50 available from Sabden or at St Michael & St John’s presbytery. Children including Pie and Peas supper. We would be grateful for any donations of prizes for this Grand Bingo night.

NOTICE Phillip Backhouse died in Cyprus. Requiem Mass 12.15 Friday 30th October at St John’s, Padiham

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Christmas Fayre Saturday December 5th.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

RED MISSION BOXES The Red Mission Boxes are now due in for emptying.

RAG RUG WORKSHOP Friday 6th November in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall 1pm-4pm. All materials provided but please bring scissors and pinking scissors. For further info and booking please contact Jean Parkinson 01200 448631

REMINDER that the next Full Parish meeting with Mgr Corcoran will be after Mass on Sunday 15th November

TODAY Refreshments served today 25th Oct from 10.45am—2pm in Dunsop Village Hall. All proceeds to help provide food, shelter and warm clothing to refugees arriving on the island of Samos. Further info Kathryn Sudders 01200 448140