

Dear Parishioners,

First a word of gratitude to all, too many to mention by name, who worked so hard to prepare the Church for Holy Week and all who participated in the ceremonies. Attendances were really good and it was great to welcome so many parishioners from St Hubert's.

As you are aware Bishop John has asked each parish to consider how we can best undertake the mission of the Church in Salfoed Diocese in these changing times. This means identifying our resources and how we might best reorganise ourselves.

In February, the Bishop met over two day meetings with almost all of the priests in the diocese to begin this reflection. He stressed that, at this point, we are concerned with determining and agreeing "what" we must do in order to face the present and future needs of the diocese. The "how" we do it will be for a later stage of discussion over the coming summer months.

Now he invites parishes to meet individually, not so much to get into the details of parish amalgamations or church closures, though they will touch on that briefly towards the end of the meeting. Those detailed discussions will be for a later date. This meeting is about us, as a parish, accepting that there is a need for change and being open to being part of that change.

Why change? Back in 2000 we had 191 parishes, containing 206 churches and served by 210 priests. Now we have 150 parishes, containing 185 churches and served by 155 priests. Of the 155 priests currently serving our parishes, 124 of them are diocesan priests but only 106 of those diocesan priests are under the age of 75. In the next five years, that number will drop to 93 (assuming that they all are able to continue in parish ministry until retirement at 75 and that the present 8 seminarians get ordained).

Change and adaptation is not an option.

More importantly is Pope Francis' challenge that "the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet managed to make them environments of living communion and participation and to make them completely mission orientated."

So as a parish we shall meet on Wednesday evening in Clitheroe to respond to the challenge of both Pope and Bishop and consider what a modern missionary parish in North Lancashire should look like and be about in the 21st Century.

I urge our three communities based on Dunsop Bridge, Clitheroe and Sabden to COME, answer the call at 7.30pm in the Clitheroe Parish Hall, this Wednesday.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

Lowergate, Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 1AG

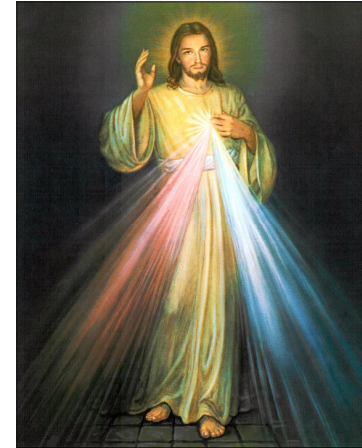
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Assistant Priest: Fr Kevin Murphy Pastor Emeritus Mgr John Chaloner

2nd Sunday of Easter - 3rd April 2016

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 8am

Tuesday Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 8am

Thursday

Mass at 8am & 7.30pm

Saturday (9th April)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

11am—11.55am Exposition

No Reconciliation (Confessions)

6pm—First Mass of Sunday

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 Parish mass book p 262. Eucharistic Prayer I page 18
Preface I of Easter p.74 **Tuesday** —Mass at 9.30am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

James Nola, Carol Roomina's father, Margaret Scott, Bill Buggie, Brigid Hardwick, Catherine McKinley, Pat & Mary Shepherd, Easter Intentions x 3, Wilfred Jackson
John Simpson (for speedy recovery)

SICK

Fr Michael Dunn, Bert Bradley, Helen Addy, Norman Dudman

LATELY DEAD

Margaret Scott, Catherine McKinley,

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Buggie, Wilfred Jackson

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £1424.53 S/O £286.47 Sabden £1 Dunsop £353.70
S/O £265

SHRINES OF PALESTINE £ 446.14

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**Mass/Eucharistic Service this week will be at 8am daily.
Work on the new Reconciliation Room begins at 8.30am
on Monday. No Reconciliation (Confessions) this Saturday**

WALSINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE Saturday 7th May—see poster in porch
WALSINGHAM Would you like the last seats on the coach, to England's National Shrine for the Walsingham Association Annual Pilgrimage Tues 17th to Thurs 19th May 2016? Cost from £170 per person per standard room. Tel Vincent on 01254 209101. A mini-bus from Clitheroe and return at low cost to join the coach in Blackburn and can pick up at Whalley and in Langho on route. To book a seat tel Maureen on 01200 443499
PARISH DINNER Thank you to those who sent menu choices and money for the Parish dinner. Unfortunately we have too few to make it viable to go ahead for this date. Money will be returned to your churches in named envelopes for you to collect.

MASS OF HEALING The next Mass of Healing is on Sunday April 24th at 2pm in the Parish Centre. Please complete a form from the back of church and return it to the box by Monday 18th April—we need to know to make transport and catering arrangements.

MEDAILLE TRUST Easter edition of magazine is now available from the church porch
HELP FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES Pete & Rosie Simpson (Anti-Trafficking Network) have a home in Turkey where 50 Syrian refugee families live. They need unwanted balls of wool, knitting needles or crochet hooks. Contact Anthony Brown 01200 422811 or a.brown@caritassalford.org.uk

FOODBANK is currently short of long-life whole and semi skimmed milk, sponge puddings, tomato ketchup, brown sauce, washing powder and lique. Thankyou again for your ongoing generosity and support.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY At St Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn, today Sunday April 3rd starting 2pm and ending with Mass at 3.15pm. See poster in porch.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION a schedule of dates for Exposition and Divine Mercy Meditations at St Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn is on the notice board in the porch.

MEDAILLE TRUST Anthony Brown will speak at Tabor Retreat House, Preston on Human Trafficking on Saturday 30th April 10am-4pm £15—see poster in porch

CLITHEROE

PARISH CENTRE Subscriptions Adults £10 Senior Citizens & Students £5 now due—renew at the Centre. Sunday Evening Quiz & Play your Cards Right (Jackpot now £170) starts 8.30pm.

PARISH DRAW £100 103 K.Duckworth £20 121 R.Holgate £20 48 J.Byrne £10 39 E.Richardson 150 A.Ibbotson 104 M.Fox 139 J.Dearden

SAINSBURY'S Our Primary School are collecting Active Kids vouchers. Please pop into the Parish Communications Box in porch or hand into school.

Please collect your Gift Aid envelopes from the table near the Sacristy Door if you have not already done so.

TEA DANCE This month will celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It will be on Wednesday 20th April, Dancing from 2-5pm. Cost £3.50 which includes Afternoon Tea. More details from Daphne 01200 427912

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming M.Valovin - Reader—A.Southworth Eucharistic Ministers B.Worden & M.Preedy **Sunday**—Welcoming—B.Barker & C.Riley Reader G.Lambert Eucharistic Ministers— C.Leeming, T.Mercer, A.Marsden Little Church—A.McNulty & F.Garner Susan Tea & Coffee—E.Davies & M.Valovin

CHRISTIAN AID ROAD SHOW Tuesday 5 April 7.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruth Platt from the Christian Aid will highlight ways in which they support people in great need throughout the world. Refreshments served from 7pm.

COFFEE MORNING—LADIES GROUP on April 23rd, St George's Day in the Ribble Valley Mayors Parlour 10am—12noon. Tickets on sale at £1 on 9/10th & 16/17th April after each Mass. Proceeds to a Dementia charity. We would appreciate any donations for tombola stall. Please support us. Thankyou.

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SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 28—Parsons Family There is just one bonus ball left—only £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth. tel 01254 823748.

PANTOMIME the New Village Folk Panto Group have given £1,500 to St Mary's, £500 to Meriel's charity for the city dump children and £100 towards the floodlighting at St Nicholas's Church. The money was raised at the recent pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' in St Mary's Hall.

KISES The Tombola at the Easter Bonnet Parade raised £118.50. Thank you to all. We are now a registered charity no 1166189 so can claim Gift Aid. Photos are now available of the foundations of the school building. The next Bank Transfer will go early April.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

ANNIVERSARY This year it is the 150th anniversary of Thorneyholme RC Primary School in Dunsop Bridge. The school is asking past pupils to share their memories with the children on a form which is available on the school website. Should you know of anyone who attended the school, then please can you pass this message on. If anyone does not have access to the internet, then you can contact the school on 01200 448276 to receive a hard copy.

'TROUGH TEAS' at Dunsop Bridge Village Hall TODAY Sunday 3rd April. Refreshments from after 10am Mass to 16.00 hrs. Lists at back of church for helpers and donations of food etc. Proceeds in aid of St Hubert's

SUNDAY TEAS Our long standing Sunday teas and refreshments return for the 2016 season in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. Come and visit our volunteers in the Village Hall each Sunday from Easter Sunday until the end of August and choose from a delicious selection of homemade sandwiches, cakes and scones. We are open from 10.30am—16.00 hours. On Sunday 3rd April the proceeds will go to Our Lady of the Valley parish, St Huberts, so please plan your day of activities with friends and family in either the Dunsop or wider Hodder Valley and commence or end your day with a stop off at the Village Hall for a taste of our freshly homemade refreshments. If you are available to provide cakes or help to serve the tea's please contact Julie Bennett on 01200 448630