

Dear Parishioners

On Wednesday evening 59 parishioners responded to the bishop's request that we review parish structures and activities to identify our strengths, challenges and pastoral needs. Participants represented all three church communities and between tea and cakes managed to cover the evening's agenda. What became glaringly obvious were the very different challenges facing our three communities. I will take a report to the Deanery and the Bishop. To remodel our parish along Pope Francis' missionary parish model will be a long haul but we have begun and I'm grateful to all who attended.

Due to the haste of adding Offertory Boxes for St Hubert's to an order already at the printers no one noticed the omission of Dunsop Bridge from the envelopes. I apologise for this mistake which will be ratified when next we reorder envelopes.

If you go on line to www.clicktopray.org or on twitter or facebook at [click to pray](#) you'll be taken to a new prayer app which encourages support of the Pope's monthly prayer intentions. In addition it offers a prayer to begin and to end the day.

Our Lady of the Valley is a rural parish so Pope Francis' April prayer for small farmers caught my eye.

***Father of goodness, You created this world for your children
who draw their livelihood from the land.***

***The fruit of each person's work should be a decent life,
but many are exploited at work, such as small farmers,
in favour of the economic interests of the powerful.***

***Touch the hearts of all, so that justice may be done to reward
those who need your support.***

***I also pray for Christians in Africa, especially those living amid
conflict, that they may be strong in love and faith.***

Our Father...; Hail Mary...; Glory be...

Resolutions for this month:

I will seek to purchase products from small farmers to support their work.

I will inform friends of the injustice caused by those who profit at the expense of others.

I will pray both privately and publicly for the persecuted Christians in Africa.

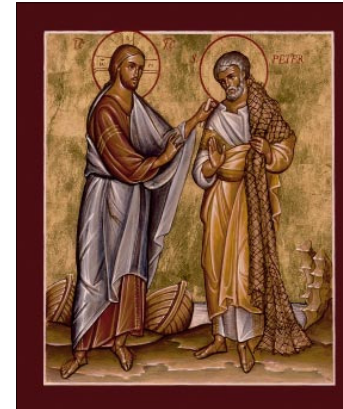
Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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3rd Sunday of Easter - 10th April 2016 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 8am

Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 8am

Thursday

Mass at 8am & 7.30pm

Saturday (16th April)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am
Reconciliation 11am—11.45am
Exposition 11am—11.55am
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 265. Eucharistic Prayer III page 28
Preface II of Easter p.74 **Tuesday** —Mass at 9.30am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Mark Chadwick, Joseph Dewhurst, Millie & Caitlin Holden,
Deceased relatives, Joan Simpson, Helen Addy

SICK

Fr Michael Dunn, Bert Bradley, Helen Addy, Norman Dudman,
Joan Simpson, Veronica Hollis

LATELY DEAD

Mark Chadwick

ANNIVERSARIES

Millie & Caitlin Holden, Joseph Dewhurst, James Morton

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £761.16 Sabden £143.38 Dunsop £271.20 S/O £265

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WALSINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE Saturday 7th May—see poster in porch
TURIN SHROUD Photographic exhibition of the Holy Shroud of Turin at Salford Cathedral Saturday 9th—Tuesday 19th April—Monday—Friday 8am—6pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am—6pm – See poster in porch

Mass/Eucharistic Service this week will again be at 8am daily as work on the new Reconciliation Room is still in progress, but there will be Reconciliation (Confessions) this Saturday 16th April

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

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

BOSAZ TRUST are holding a Refugee Awareness evening—St Bernadette's Social Centre in Whitefield Friday 29th April.

PRO-LIFE DAY Saturday 30th April in St Michael & St John's, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am. Special Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon during which the names of children who have died at an early age or before birth will be processed in the offertory procession. Please use the slips of paper provided at the back of the church to the names of any children who have died and place them in the basket inside the War Memorial rail. Exposition will close at 5.45pm. There is a watching list at the back of church for you to sign. Watchers are required throughout the day for half an hour at a time.

WANTED Home baked cakes for reception after the Mass of Healing Sunday 24th April. Please take to our Parish Hall between 10.30 and 11am on the day.

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend for the Priests Training Fund

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

SALFORD CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION is looking to recruit a professional volunteer with experience of child welfare to join the commission. It involves six meetings per year. Further details contact Dawn Lundergan on 0161 817 2206 or dawn.lundergan@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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.

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

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

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 J.Bentley - Reader—C.McGuire Eucharistic Ministers A.Harkin & A.Southworth **Sunday**—Welcoming—M.Rogers & C.Willman Reader Marina Barrett Eucharistic Ministers— I.Parkes, H.Addy Volunteer-Little Church—Catherine Naylor Preston Tea & Coffee—Mrs P D'Souza

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. Frances Nelson will also sell tickets at Dunsop Bridge on Sunday 17th April

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LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE meeting Monday 11th at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 15 S.Brown. There is just one bonus ball left—only £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth. tel 01254 823748.

BOLLYWOOD NIGHT was a huge success and raised £2,626 for the children of the dump in S.E.India. Thankyou to all those who organised, helped and supported this event. Meriel Woodward.

BAPTISM We welcome Lewis and Cain Collins who were baptised last Sunday

DUNSOP BRIDGE

SUNDAY TEAS Thank you to all those who supported our village long standing Sunday Teas which, on Sunday 3rd April the proceeds were for the Parish funds, profit after expenses was £382.75. Special thanks to our team of helpers and those who baked and donated cakes—all of which sold out. Sunday Teas are available each Sunday until the end of August. Open from 10.30am—4pm in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. To help telephone Julie Bennett 01200 448630