

## 'WELCOME THE STRANGER'

2015 saw the largest number of displaced people worldwide since WW2, with over 15 million people fleeing conflict and persecution, death and torture, in their own land.

For this Year of Mercy, we have been exhorted by Pope Francis more than ever to do what we can to help; *"Indifference and silence lead to complicity whenever we stand by as people are dying of suffocation, starvation, violence, and shipwreck..... Biblical revelation urges us to **welcome the stranger**; it tells us that in doing so, we open our doors to God, that it is in the faces of others we see the face of Christ himself"* .

As a first small step, a group of Parishioners has teamed up with Revive, a Roman Catholic project supporting refugees and asylum seekers, to provide a day out in the Ribble Valley for around 60 refugees and asylum seekers stuck in Manchester and living on subsistence incomes.

These people and families have fled their homes and countries under threat of imprisonment, torture, and even death, and found sanctuary in the UK. They know little of our country, and are often traumatised by what their ordeal. A trip to the countryside provides a chance to learn more about their new country, to have a relaxing day out, and to gain solace from the peace and tranquillity of this rural idyll. It also gives an opportunity to be companioned for the day by ordinary friendly UK citizens.

The visit on July 23rd will include a walking day for single people, and a picnic and outdoor games for families with children followed by afternoon tea at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Sabden.

Please help, by coming to the fund raising Street Parties in Clitheroe on the 11th June, and by volunteering to help on the day.

For further details contact Tom Clay on 07962136749 or email tomclay48@hotmail.com., or fill in the form at the back of the Church.

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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## Corpus Christi - 29th May 2016 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

### Monday

Mass at 10am

### Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

### Saturday (4th June)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

11-11.55am Exposition

11-11.45am 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 83 Eucharistic Prayer III p27  
Preface II of the Most Holy Eucharist p65    **Tuesday** —Mass at 9.30am

### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Vincent Driver, Kathleen King, Moira Robinson, Mary Cumberback, Winifred Covey,  
Philippa Mahon, Margaret Fairclough

### SICK

Bert Bradley, Helen Addy, Norman Dudman, Mary Lambert, Mary Cumberback  
Philippa Mahon

### LATELY DEAD

Kathleen King, Vera Acton

### ANNIVERSARIES

Vincent Driver, Winifred Covey, Margaret Fairclough, Eileen Clews

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £818.36 Sabden £164.80 Dunsop £322.43

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**HELP FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES** Thank you for all the wool and donations. We now have enough needles, wool, blankets squares, dolls and card making equip to fill around 5 suitcases plus £230 in donations. All this will travel to Turkey from now to August. Some wool and needles has been held back for a Knit and Knatterthon to be arranged. Contact Anthony Brown 01200 422811 or a.brown@caritassalford.org.uk

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING** Sabden Baptist church June 3rd 7.30pm. Anthony Brown of the Medaille Trust will talk about human trafficking in East Lancashire and how you can help the Police track down the perpetrators. Admission free. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

**READERS TRAINING** The training session for new readers last Wednesday went extremely well. The next sessions will be for Sabden and Dunsop Bridge.

**LECTIO DIVINA** (reading & praying Holy Scripture) on Wednesdays 7.30-8.30pm in presbytery.

Following the last Parish meeting on 6th April, which was attended by 51 parishioners from our three communities we shall meet again on Wednesday of next week, 8th June at 7.30pm in the SMSJ Parish Centre to explore how we may become a more attractive and welcoming community for "incomers" to the area, to those who cease to practice and others who may be angry with the church. This is a response to Pope Francis' and the Bishops plea that we become a truly missionary parish of missionary disciples. Fr John

**RETREAT AT CRAIG LODGE DALMALLY, SCOTLAND 12-16 SEPTEMBER** Fr Kevin will be leading a retreat called 'Prayer, Parable, Poetry and Praise!' The five days will be centred in reading and writing that reflect the Catholic faith. More info Fr Kevin

**EVENINGS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Fr Kevin will lead two evening sessions for Eucharistic Ministers. The first for those who are shortly to begin serving in this role will be this coming Thursday 2 June at 8.10-9.10pm after the evening mass and it is asked that you attend the mass as well. The second will be for those people who are currently serving in the role and will be a kind of "refresher course" and take place on Friday 3 June at 7.30-8.30pm. Be sure to attend the evening that applies to you.

**WANTED** Home baked cakes for the reception after the Pro-Life walk tomorrow, Monday 30 May. Please bring to our Parish Hall today Sunday (29 May) after Mass or on the tomorrow, Monday by 1.30-2pm.

**QUEENS 90th BIRTHDAY** Commonwealth Party Saturday June 11th from 7.30pm in St Michael & St John's Parish Centre—cost £15 inc meal and entertainment—a fund raising event supporting charities for asylum seekers, victims of human trafficking and people of the dump in India (Revive, Medaille Trust and Kises UK). Info and tickets from Meriel Woodward 07989 922666 or Tom Clay 07962 136748

*The date of the next Parish Forum is Wednesday 22nd June at 7.30pm, and will be held in Clitheroe.*

### **PRO-LIFE SPONSORED WALK**

Will all local walkers tomorrow (Monday) please use the Car Park behind the Social Centre. Please bring your own flasks which can be carried for you. It is important that you are there by 12.30pm at the latest as there are usually a few pre-walk words by Bishop John and Lord David Alton. The walk will set off at 1pm. Stewards to wear High Vis Vests. Refreshments will be served after the walk in our Parish Hall.



**FOODBANK** currently has the following shortages: long-life milk, semi-skimmed and full cream, fruit juice, sweets, chocolates and snacks, sponge puddings, washing powder/liquid, bars of soap, spray cleaner and toilet cleaner. Many thanks for your generosity.

**VACANCIES** at Salford Diocese, A Senior Accountant and Accountant—see posters

## **CLITHEROE**

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

**THE TABLET** is on sale at the back.—£3. Free copies are no longer available.

**ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat** Welcoming M.Valovin - Reader—C.Carr Eucharistic Ministers F.Ellis & R.Embery **Sunday**—Welcoming—R & F.Holgate Reader J.Smith Eucharistic Ministers— P.Sutcliffe, S.Smith, B.Collinson Little Church—D.Harvey Higgins/D & C Carr Tea & Coffee – C.James & A.Pritchard

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** A good selection of cards and gifts for First Holy Communion are available in the side porch (to the left of the Sacristy door). Money for any purchases may be placed in the box on the wall or in the CTS box at the back of church.

**COMMUNITY BBQ AND FAMILY FUN DAY** This annual event will be on Clitheroe Castle Field on Saturday 18th June. Free BBQ and providing activities—gladiator course, gyroscope, football cage, children's zone with craft, face-painting and a beach! We also proclaim the word of God with short gospel presentations. We need people who can come and set up in the morning e.g. putting up gazebos, distribute leaflets in town or serve food. Ring Nick Schumann 01200 423608 nick@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk to help

**THANKYOU** Helen Addy wishes to thank parishioners and clergy for the prayers, masses, get well wishes and support during her treatment for cancer. To celebrate the approach of the end of her treatment she is doing the Cancer Research UK 5km 'Race for Life' at Preston on June 19th along with family and friends. Donations can be made at justgiving.com 'Helen Addy'.

**LOVE CLITHEROE** meeting for Christians from all local churches at 7.30pm Thursday 16th June at St James' Church. This meeting enables us to share in thanksgiving and prayer latest news about initiatives to serve our community with the love of Jesus Christ.

**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** meet Wednesday 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

## **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** no 46 Martin Shorter. There is just one Bonus ball left—only £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth. tel 01254 823748.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** St Mary's Summer Fete Saturday 25 June 2-4pm. All usual fun and attractions. Donations of gifts to sell and raffle prizes appreciated. Teddy Bear show and Toy Tombola. Lovely family afternoon out. Best cream teas for miles around. Please support.

**PARISH DIRECTORY** thanks to all who have checked their details, however there will continue to be some slips on the notice board for anyone who missed this, or new parishioners. Please complete one if you need and put back in the packet.

**CHRISTIAN AID** We are still collecting donations and if you wish to use the red envelopes which were delivered with Good News magazine they can be left in the basket at the back of church or with Betty Clarkson.

## **DUNSOP BRIDGE**

**SUNDAY TEAS** Teas available each Sunday until the end of August. Open 10.30am—4pm in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. To help telephone Julie Bennett 01200 448630

**APF MISSIONS** Red Boxes are now due.