

## DAY OUT SUCCESS FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Saturday 23rd of July saw Our Lady of the Valley parishioners, people from other Clitheroe Churches, and members of the Clitheroe Mosque hosting a day out for 38 refugees and asylum seekers from the Middle East and Africa. The organizing team are grateful to everyone for their financial support, practical help, and goodwill.

The weather was kind, and everyone had a good time. At Edisford Bridge the children paddled and played games, learnt how to cook sausages and make bracelets. A bagpiper turned up to entertain, and our guests were keen to have their pictures taken with him. Later they played diamond cricket on St. Michael and St. John's school field. Father John lead a walk along the River Ribble for a small group of adults, and the Mosque put on a delicious BBQ. Later in the afternoon, everyone headed to Sabden (by the Nick o' Pendle to take in the views) for a delicious traditional cream tea, put on by Sabden parishioners. We learned that our love of cream cakes was something we all had in common! It was particularly moving to see the children having so much fun: one 8-year-old lad told me it was the best day since he had left home!

Manager for Revive, the Charity we have been working with in Manchester, has written to say:

*I wish to thank you again for the great Day Out you organised for the refugee and asylum community at Revive.*

*It's a fantastic experience for all. The opportunity to see the beautiful country side of Clitheroe; the opportunity to experience the generosity/hospitality and welcome of your Catholic Parishes and Muslim community were awesome and inspiring.*

*It was bold and courageous of you to lead and drive this amazing out-reach project to the refugee and asylum community.*

*Everyone was gushing with praise and admiration for you and your team. Many declared the day out as one of the best days of their lives. And the question from everyone has been: Can we do this again, regularly?*

*I thought we could and should. It is a worthwhile event and a win for all, hence I wish we book it in again in our calendar for 2017 (22<sup>nd</sup> July).*

*What do you think?*

*Warm regards to the Christian Parishes and the Muslim community at Clitheroe for making our day.*

*Thanks and God bless. Uchenna Odenigbo*

Just over £1,000 was raised towards the day, and so there are sufficient funds left over in Revive's account to kick-start a similar event next year. We should give it a go!

*Tom Clay*

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 31st 2016

### St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am - followed by Coffee

#### Monday,

Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### Tuesday

1pm Requiem Mass—Peggy Drews

#### Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Funeral Service 10am—Michael Laffey

#### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

#### Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Saturday (6th August)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11am - 11.45am Exposition 11am—11.55am  
4pm—Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass First Mass of Sunday 6pm

## St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday—No Mass

## St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am Parish mass book p 117

Eucharistic Prayer IV p31 with own preface Tuesday —Mass at 9.30am

On Tuesday Cardinal Vincent Nichols met with seven distinguished leaders of Islam in Europe. They joined the Cardinal in prayer and issued the following joint statement. Together, as faith leaders, our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and all those affected by the murderous assault that took place today at the Church of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray in France.

We are deeply saddened and shocked by the brutal murder of Fr Jacques Hamel. To commit murder at a place where people gather in peace to worship adds another layer of depravity to the violence that we have witnessed over the past weeks. We pray for the courage to respond to all evil with truth, justice and reconciliation.

## **MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Fr Leon Morris, Bill Bramwell, Special Intention, In thanksgiving, Peggy Drews

### **SICK**

Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Joseph Wright, Bill Dewhurst,  
Elaine Marsden, Les Collinson, Joan Simpson

### **LATELY DEAD**

Peggy Drews, Michael Laffey

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Fr Leon Morris, Bill Bramwell, Mary Bithell,

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £677.49 Sabden £197.16 Dunsop £217.30

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**TEAM TAN-KEN** 2016 From 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> August Mark Dixon and his son Sam (Son and Grandson of John & Pat Dixon) will with 4 other young men attempt to cycle 226 miles from Moshi in Tanzania to Dagoretti in Kenya in aid of two charities CAFOD and The Medaille Trust. They aim to raise £4,400 (which is the distance between Manchester and Nairobi). The bicycles are gifts from Liverpool Police (i.e. unclaimed stolen bikes) and supported by Clitheroe's Cycle Recycle. They will be left in Kenya for use by Youth and Charity workers. More details on poster in the church porch. If you wish to sponsor them please Google 'Sponsor Tanken 2016'

**PRO-LIFE WALK** Will people who have promised sponsor money for Right to life, please put money in a clearly marked envelope onto the collection plate with name of the sponsor. Donations are still being accepted.

**TRAFFICKING AWARENESS LEAFLETS AND PRAYER CARDS** The Police are investing heavily in raising awareness of human trafficking in East Lancs and the signs to look out for. Prayer cards available from porch.

**ASYLUM SEEKERS** please pray for two families of asylum seekers who are now living in the Ribble Valley. May they experience love and peace despite continuing uncertainty. May we be generous neighbours.

**LADIES GROUP TREASURE HUNT** on Wednesday August 31st. Once again it will be in the town followed by supper (menu's available from the porch or from Daphne or Janet) at the Swan and Royal—cost £12 for a two course meal followed by Tea or Coffee. The Treasure Hunt will begin at 6pm from the Lowergate Car Park. Should you only wish to come for supper then you are most welcome to do so, just be outside the Swan and Royal at 7.15pm. Don't forget to complete a menu form!

**THE FAMILY IS SACRED** is an Enrichment Programme for Marriage and Family Life that is designed to support couples and families at parish level. It will be run on a deanery basis and we are looking for at least two couples from this deanery to assist delivering it. Couples should be willing to undertake the formation needed (maybe four evenings), willing to deliver the programme in their parish (maybe one evening a month over a year) and be willing to promote the Church's vision of marriage and family life. Volunteers may be of any age. If you are interested, or need more details please have a word with Fr John

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** Ten of our Parishioners left on the Diocesan Pilgrimage on Friday morning. Mass for our Diocese will be celebrated at the Grotto at 8.45am (BST) on Monday morning, and on Tuesday the Salford Pilgrims will pass through the Grotto with our petitions at 1.30pm (BST). Both events can be seen live on the 'Our Lady of the Valley' website or may be on the link available on our Parish website—OLOTV or Salford Diocese website. If you miss the live event you can view the video recording. You may spot one of our parishioners!

**COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER** wanted at Salford Diocese—see poster

**GOLDEN WEDDING** Peter & Margaret Donnelly invite all parishioners to a special Mass at 4pm Aug 6th in St Michael & St John's to celebrate this special occasion.

**COFFEE MORNING** Macmillan Cancer Support are holding a Coffee Morning at West Bradford Village Hall on Saturday 13th August—Tickets £3 or pay on the door.

**CRAIG LODGE RETREAT** 12-16 September. Still some places left on the retreat at Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Scotland. This is entitled 'Poetry, Prayer, Parable and Praise' and is centered in reading and writing based in the Catholic faith. Contact Fr Kevin for details and also [www.craiglodge.org](http://www.craiglodge.org)

## **CLITHEROE**

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

**ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat** Welcoming J.Bentley Reader—C.Carr Eucharistic Ministers— F.Ellis & M.Smith **Sunday**—Welcoming—B.Barker & C.Riley Reader—J.Hennigan Eucharistic Ministers— B.Collinson, S.Smith, Volunteer Coffee—Embery family.

**APF RED MISSION BOXES** We are in need of a new collector for the Park Avenue area. If you can help please phone Sion or Janet Hall 01200 428949. Thanks to all involved in helping with this important job.

**MARK PAVER** the seminarian with us a couple of years ago has been ordained a Deacon in Rome—see the picture on the notice board at the back of church

**ITEMS FOR SALE** We have very little space to display all the items we have for sale at the back of church—Rosary beads, wall plaques, Crucifixes, First Missals etc. These are now available for sale from the side porch. This porch is open before and for a short time after Mass/Service each day and before and after Mass at weekends. Money for items may be put in the box situated on the wall or in the CTS box on the wall at the back of church to the right of the War Memorial.

## **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** This weeks winner no 25 Jane Sharp. Thank you for the swift response for the Bonus Ball Draw. For less than the price of a Starbucks Coffee a Pint of Beer or a Box of Chocolates you can join the Bonus Ball Draw! Only £1 a week with the chance to win £25. The remaining money is donated to an excellent cause.....Your Church **YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!** Please contact Donna Wharton on 07970 398288 or [dmaa1@hotmail.com](mailto:dmaa1@hotmail.com)

**COFFEE AFTER MASS**—volunteers needed for this, please put your name on the list in the porch for any week you are able. Thankyou

## **DUNSOP BRIDGE**

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

**ANNUAL DUCK RACE** August Bank Holiday—Monday 29th August 2pm. Tickets are available from the back of church. Please support this event by selling ducks @ £1 each. Also donation of prizes would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds to Our Lady of the Valley, St Hubert's Dunsop Bridge. Please come and support your ducks as they make their way down the River Dunsop into the village centre. Further details from Julie Bennett 01200 448630.

**OPEN GARDENS WADDOW LODGE, WADDINGTON** Today Sunday 31st July. Refreshments available and all proceeds to St Helen's, Waddington