

Some comments from parishioners who joined the Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes two weeks ago

“Just got to be there to really experience shared joy of Lourdes; there may be tears but it brings it home to you that we are a universal church. We can speak different languages, have different skin colours and live in different countries but we are all part of the holy family of God.

“Inspirational, special times - to see the future of our diocese, preaching at the Grotto. To see Bishop Terence opening our Pilgrimage and being joined by Bishop John following his busy schedule in Poland. To see Mark Paver preaching the Gospel, following his ordination to the diaconate”

“A very reflective & inspirational journey with our Parish Pilgrims amongst our Salford Diocese Family. An insightful & historic place where you feel even more able to hand everything over to God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and Mary our Mother, wherever you go, whatever you choose to do and take part in, whoever you are with. Special times, places and people.”

“Celebrating the joy of enthusiasm & hard work of all the volunteers and the young people who are our future. The joy of support they gave to the sick, disabled, elderly or anyone who might need a helping hand.”

“Beautiful Door of Mercy, very special and inspiring to find the others, offering praise and thanksgiving wherever we may travel”.

“Lourdes is a glimpse of Heaven on Earth.”

“My thoughts and feelings, for different reasons; were very powerful. Summing up: to allow Mary our merciful Mother to accompany us through The Jubilee Door into God’s merciful light. My Pilgrimage of Thanksgiving this year.”

“Lightens peoples’ lives up, everyone so friendly, shaking hands with everyone, a very homely place.”

“Holy hour and journey in completing our Jubilee Passports – a perfect opportunity to spend time with God at the end of the day and reflect with our fellow diocesan pilgrims.”

“The love and kindness of God is felt all around you in the people you meet and the support of our Diocesan family is truly amazing.”

“You just have to be there to see it and feel it, you can’t express it. I loved both of the torchlight processions; they felt different and it’s all just so special.”

Why not see for yourself next year?

Susan Fellows

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The Assumption - August 14th 2016

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am - followed by Coffee

Monday & Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Requiem Mass at 11am Brian Ashton

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (20th August)

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

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am

Tuesday—Mass at 9.30am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Brian McCue, Marie Stotts intention, In thanksgiving, Maureen Grieve, Ann Wharton,
Peter & Margaret Donnelly's intentions, Peggy Drews, Les Collinson x 14

SICK

Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Joseph Wright, Bill Dewhurst, Joan Simpson,

LATELY DEAD

Les Collinson, Brian Ashton, Peggy Drews, Michael Laffey

ANNIVERSARIES

Bridget McKenna

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £774.08 Sabden £139.15 Dunsop £240.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

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 427912 or Janet 423307 ext 3) 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 wish to come for supper only then you are most welcome to do so, just be outside the Swan and Royal at 7.15pm, but don't forget to complete a menu form! We need the menu's and money by Sunday 21st August.

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

GAMES NIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE at Low Moor Club Friday 9 September 7.15pm suitable for young gamers and families, from 8.45 for 16+ players. See poster

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

REFUGEE RESPONSE Keep up to date with what our Parish is doing about refugees. Visit the Refugee Response webpage under Groups on the Parish website <http://www.olutv.org.uk/parish-groups/refugee-response>

PRO-LIFE WALK Many thanks to all those who walked or helped in any way on Bank Holiday Monday. The final total raised was £3800.23

MEDAILLE TRUST Summer edition of free magazine now available from porch.

VACANCY AT CARITAS SALFORD for a Fundraising Co-Ordinator. More info and application from www.caritassalford.org.uk/jobs or 0161 817 2264

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER wanted at Salford Diocese—see poster

CONQUERORS need a lift to 'Conquerors' the youth 2000 Walsingham event? on Thursday 25th—Monday 29th August. Coach available from Manchester and Leeds £30 return (non profit). Reserve your place—contact Mary Hall Mobile 0747 8765010 Or email madrecasita@yahoo.co.uk

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 A.Harkin Reader—C.McGuire Eucharistic Ministers— A.Harkin & B.Hilton **Sunday**—Welcoming—A & J Marsden Reader—P.Donnely Eucharistic Ministers— J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes Coffee—S.V.P. Group

APF RED MISSION BOXES Still looking for a volunteer to collect two boxes from Milton Avenue, one from King Street and one from Radecllyffe Street. Please ring Sion or Janet Hall 01200 428949

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 for a short time before and 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.

HELP! HELP! HELP! Because of the bad weather last Wednesday it has been decided to trim the hedges at the rear of the church buildings tomorrow Monday 15th August at 6.30pm.

KNITATHON The blanket created by the Knitathon project is on display in front of the War memorial at the back of the church and one of the volunteers will be on hand to answer any of your questions.

TEA DANCE Next Wednesday 17th August in our Parish Hall 2-5pm, run by our Ladies Group. Dancing/Afternoon Tea with homemade cakes. £3.50. Infor Daphne 01200 427912

SABDEN

BONUS BALL The Bonus Ball can't continue without **YOU!** Given the summer holiday and this transition period, the Bonus Ball will be suspended until September when new numbers and envelopes will be provided. If you already have a Bonus Ball and wish to continue please let me know if you haven't already. If you don't have a Bonus Ball **WHY NOT?** It's only £1 a week with the chance to win £25 and more importantly support the church. Please consider joining the draw, there are still plenty of numbers available and your participation is required for it to continue. Application forms are at the back or please contact Donna Wharton 07970 398288 or 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. please see also under Clitheroe**

From the beginning of September the Tuesday morning mass will be a little earlier at 9.15am.