

## Dear Parishioners

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September is the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham was established in 1061 when Richeldis de Faverches prayed that she might undertake some special work in honour of Our Lady. In answer to her prayer, the Virgin Mary led her in spirit to Nazareth, showed her the house where the Annunciation occurred, and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham to serve as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation.

This Holy House was built and Walsingham grew to become one of the greatest Shrines in Medieval Christendom.

In 1538, the Reformation caused the property to be handed over to the King's Commissioners and the famous statue of Our Lady of Walsingham was taken to London and burnt. Nothing remains today of the original shrine, but its site is marked on the lawn in "The Abbey Grounds" in the village.

After the destruction of the Shrine, Walsingham ceased to be a place of pilgrimage. Devotion was necessarily in secret until after Catholic Emancipation in 1829 when public expressions of faith were allowed.

In 1896 Charlotte Pearson Boyd purchased the 14th century Slipper Chapel, the last of the wayside chapels on the road to Walsingham, and restored it for Catholic use. Since then Catholic devotion at Walsingham has revived and grown to such an extent that there is an urgent need to upgrade existing buildings and construct new facilities.

The current plans include the development of: new and upgraded pilgrim accommodation; modern accommodation for the disabled; retreat centre; youth ministry and accommodation; wet weather cloister; pilgrim hall; conference centre; new hospitality centre; Catholic media hub; Perpetual Adoration chapel; and an exhibition of the history of England through the lives of the Saints.

These ambitious plans will cost up to £10 million!

So, this year to coincide with the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham there will be a retiring collection in all churches in England and Wales.

For further details, go to [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

*Fr John*

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 25th 2016

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



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am—followed by Coffee

#### Monday & Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Tuesday & Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

#### Saturday (2nd October)

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 Tuesday—Requiem Mass 9.45am—Billy Lambert

**Wednesday**—Mass at 9.15am

### St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

**Sunday**—Mass at 10am Parish Mass book p.143

Eucharistic Prayer p.23 with own Preface

**Tuesday**—No Mass

#### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Jeff Cowgill, William Lambert x 2), Lionel Buckley

#### SICK

Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Joseph Wright, Bill Dewhurst, Joan Simpson, Jane Crowther, John Carpanini, Angelo Natale

#### LATELY DEAD

William (Billy) Lambert, Lionel Buckley, Sr Jennifer Smith SND

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff Cowgill

*Next weekend there will be a retiring collection after all Masses for Walsingham*

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £695.28 Sabden £132.04 Dunsop £275.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION** Clitheroe £210.55 Sabden £34.10 Dunsop £79.43

**FOOD BANK** is currently short of sponge puddings, instant mash, packets of biscuits, meat pies (Fray Bentos tins), ketchup, brown sauce, toilet cleaner, bars of soap and fruit cordials. Also required are large fleecy blankets for clients without gas or electricity. These were obtained from RVC winter warmth scheme but funding for this has stopped. Please see notice in porch and food lists for foodbank harvest collection.

**CAFOD** Be sure to get your Harvest Fast Day envelope next weekend. If you tick the Gift Aid box on the envelope, the Government will add 25% to the value of your donation. This year, we are supporting Altiplano in Bolivia. Your gift will help to provide families with training and tools to grow enough food to feed their families. Your generosity means so much to our brothers and sisters around the world.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL MARIAN PROCESSION 2016** Pope Francis has encouraged public witness as a means of evangelisation. The Annual Marian Procession in South Manchester will be on Saturday 1st October 2016 starting at St Edward's Church at 10.30am. It is hoped that some Our Lady of the Valley parishioners will attend. If you would like to do so, please sign the sheet at the back of church. **We have now booked a mini-bus and so the first 14 people who request them will be given them!** Please contact Fr Kevin if you have any queries.

**SPONSORED WALK** 1.30pm Sunday 2nd October. All funds split 50:50 to Caritas Young Parents Service (supported accommodation for young mums in Little Harwood, Blackburn and Bolton) and refurbishment of the Ladies Toilets in the Parish Hall. Registration/Sponsor forms [m.woodward@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.woodward@caritassalford.org.uk) of 07989922666. If you can't make the event but would still like to support the team please see sponsor forms at the back of church or visit <http://tinyurl.com/2nd Oct 2016>

**RCIA** This year's RCIA programme will begin on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm in the presbytery. It is an introduction to Catholicism and is of interest to those wishing to learn more about the faith, who may have missed making their First Communion or those who wish to join the church or are simply curious about what makes Catholics tick! If you have a friend who may be interested but possibly shy to come along, then do please consider inviting and accompanying them to at least the initial session

**TRIP TO YORK** Wednesday 7th December. Leaves Interchange at 8.15am Cost £12.50 or £20 (which includes a guided tour of York Minster). Early booking essential

**LADIES GROUP** Wednesday 28 Sept 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. Speaker Gordon Taylor—A History of Littlemoor Mill. Everyone welcome. We will be taking names and deposit for the York trip.

**MERCY BROTHERS** 14th October in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall—The Mercy Tour Band—Fr Frankie and other fathers. Tickets £8 on sale after mass this weekend and following two weeks. Profits from this event will go to CAFOD. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Please have you anything you can donate to the raffle at this event. Proceeds of raffle to refurbishment of Ladies facilities in the hall.

**PRAYER AND PRAISE** We start up again with the monthly Thursday evening sessions of prayer and praise this coming Thursday 29th September 8.10-9.10pm where we will praise God in adoration, through Holy Scripture and through lively music. Come and be uplifted! Fr Kevin.

**THE LIFE OF THOMAS MORE** told by Jan Graffius, Stonyhurst Curator—Wednesday 5th October at 7pm. See poster in porch for details.

**LADEYWELL PILGRIMAGE** on 8th October has been cancelled.

**SVP AWARENESS MONTH** The theme of this fourth week is 'those who are sick'. The SVP group in this parish make many visits to those who are sick or in hospital. Thank you for your kind offering of £699.39 at the recent quarterly collection. We will put it to good use

## 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—V.Murray Eucharistic Ministers— M.Preedy & M.Smith **Sun**—Welcoming— R & F Holgate Reader—G.Webb Euch Min— G.Lambert, P.Lambert, P.Sutcliffe Coffee—R.Conti & E.Thomson Little Church—C.Naylor Preston

**PARISH DRAW** will be starting up shortly. If you had a ticket last year and would like one for the coming year then please see an agent—if you cannot remember who your agent was last year there is a list up on the notice board at the back of church. Cost £20 for year. Last year the draw raised £1,820

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** this year 27th November.

Please think what you will do to make this a success. Information Carol 01200 426769 Janet 01200 423307 ext 3

**K.S.C. JUMBLE SALE** will be on Saturday October 22nd—more details later

**BAPTISM** We welcome Walter Benedict Nuttal who was baptised last Saturday

## K.S.C. DANCE

Friday 7th October at 7.30pm.

Dancing to John Lancaster

Tickets £7 inc Hot Supper from

Arnold—01200427096 or

Betty—01200 427029

## SABDEN

**BONUS BALL** thank you to everyone who has purchased a Bonus Ball. Numbers have not been allocated (still a few available—its not too late to join in). New envelope boxes can be collected today in the Church Hall. Uncollected boxes will be left at the back of church. Please contact me on 01254 823422 if unable to collect. The draw will run for 45 weeks. First payment 25/09/16 is for draw on Sat 1st Oct. Payments can be made weekly, monthly or yearly in advance. Whatever is easier for you. Please place in box provided at back of church. Please make cheques payable to Our Lady of the Valley. Thankyou Donna Wharton.

**JIMMY CRICKET** Laughter Show is coming on Friday November 18th 7.30pm in our Hall. Fr Kevin will also be joining the comedian and his friends for an evening of music and fun. Tickets £10 which include a potato pie supper—but take your own drinks. Tickets from Margaret Waling 01282 773913, Margaret Parsons 01282 778652 or Pauline Hindle 01282 776041

**COFFEE AFTER MASS**—thanks to the people who have volunteered up to now. More volunteers always welcome. Keep your eye on the rota on notice board and fill in any gaps you can. Thankyou

## DUNSOP BRIDGE

**ANNUAL BINGO & SOCIAL** will be held in Newton Village Hall on Monday 12th December. Doors open 18.45, eyes down 19.30 hrs (please note this event is to be held this year on the 2nd Monday in December, not 1st Monday). Further details nearer the time will be issued or contact Julie Bennett on 01200 448630