

## Summary of Proposals for Deanery of Saint John Southworth

The following parishes will remain as they are at present:

Saint Peter, Stonyhurst

Saint Mary, Bamber Bridge

Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Gerard Majella, Lostock Hall

The following parishes, already sharing a priest, are proposed for amalgamation:

Sacred Heart, Blackburn and Saint Anne, Blackburn

Saint Alban, Blackburn and Holy Souls, Blackburn [three churches]

Holy Family, Blackburn and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Blackburn

Sacred Heart and Saint Edward, Darwen and Saint Joseph, Darwen

Saint Wilfrid, Longridge and Saints Peter and Paul, Ribchester and Saint Mary,

Chipping

Our Lady of the Valley (Clitheroe and Sabden) and Saint Hubert, Dunsop Bridge

Our Lady and Saint Patrick, Walton le Dale and Saint Mary and Saint John,

Salmesbury

In addition, the following amalgamations of parishes are proposed:

Saints Mary and John, Pleasington and Saint John Vianney, Blackburn and Saint

Peter in Chains, Blackburn [initially with two priests whilst determining which of the church buildings to retain]

English Martyrs, Whalley and Saint Mary, Langho and Saint Mary, Osbaldeston

The following churches are proposed for closure:

One or two of the churches in the new parish of Saints Mary and John, Pleasing-

ton (which includes St Paul's chapel of ease) and Saint John Vianney, Black-

burn and Saint Peter in Chains, Blackburn [to be determined during the

amalgamation process]

Summary of proposals across the Diocese
37 parishes remaining as at present
14 amalgamations of parishes already sharing a priest (involving 31 parishes)
32 additional amalgamations (involving 69 parishes)
22 churches closing (or 24 depending on further considerations); 3 of these not currently used
6 situations requiring further consideration (involving 13 parishes)
When all proposals are implemented
88 or 89 parishes (depending on further considerations) as opposed to 150 at present
161 or 163 churches (depending on further considerations) as opposed to 185 at present

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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Assistant Priest: Fr Kevin Murphy Pastor Emeritus Mgr John Chaloner

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time - 15th January 2017

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



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

#### Monday & Tuesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

#### Saturday—21st January

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Reconciliation 11am—11.45am

Exposition 11am—11.55am

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

## St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am

Tuesday—Mass at 9.15am

## St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday Mass at 9.15am

*This weekend an Ethiopian priest, a member of the Comboni Missionary Society, will preach the annual mission appeal and take a retiring collection in Clitheroe and Sabden*

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK** Ann Carpanini x 2, Henry Thornber, Fr Wareing, Betty Birtwell  
**SICK** Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Jean Schofield, Ian Chew, Fr Joe Wareing  
Sean Bennett, Olive Bromley, John Dixon, Pat Horrocks, Agnes Marsden  
**LATELY DEAD** Margaret Rawsthorne, Josephine Stirling, Betty Birtwell  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Henry Thornber

**PARISH—Clitheroe, Dunsop and Sabden**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £879.40 Dunsop £253 Sabden £189.59

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**FOOD BANK** We are currently short of Long Life milk (urgent), Tinned potatoes, peas and carrots, Instant mash, Sugar, Long Life fruit juice, Washing liquid/powder, Size 4 nappies. Any of these gratefully received. As always thank you for your help.

**LADIES GROUP ANNUAL MEAL** Friday January 27th at the Newdrop and the cost is £27 for a three course meal including transport and tips. Menu's are available from the porch. **Only four places left—last chance to book Sunday 22 Jan**

**COURSE** Joint courses for Aspiring Deputies and Headteachers in Catholic Primary schools. A two day residential will take place on 19-20 January 2017 and for those aspiring to headship, a two day residential on 2-3 February. Interested in either course please contact one of the priests.

**CAFOD** Bishop John will give a talk on his recent visit to Central America. Venue—St John's, Ivy St, Burnley at 2pm on Sat 21 Jan. Everyone welcome

**A TASTE OF TIBET** Pendle Club, Lowergate, Clitheroe Saturday 11th February 6.30pm. Himalayan food, Live Music, Meal + glass of wine £10. All proceeds to the Gesu Genany nunnery Kham Eastern Tibet. Tickets available on the door of from Clitheroe Books, Moor Lane, Clitheroe.

**MEDAILLE TRUST** Winter edition of the free magazine now available in the porch. The Medaille Trust is a Catholic charity that provides safe houses for victims of human trafficking.

**EDGES MAGAZINE (T.H.O.M.A.S.)** are now available free from the porch.

**CEILIDH** to celebrate Burns Night Clitheroe & Bowland District Girlguiding are holding a Ceilidh in West Bradford Village Hall Sunday 22nd January 4pm-7pm. Adults £7.50, Children £5. Tickets from clitheroeguiders@hotmail.co.uk. Ticket price includes Hot meal, Dancing and Fun. Live music and instruction kindly provided by Clitheroe & District Caledonian Society.

**WALSINGHAM** The annual pilgrimage by the Blackburn Branch of the Walsingham Association takes place May 16th—18th 2017. Cost from approx £170 per person, some sharing may be required. Deposit £50 non-returnable. To book a place tel: Vincent 01254 209101. A mini-bus will go from Clitheroe to join the coach in Blackburn, picking up on route. To book a seat tel: 01200 443499

**LAUDATO SI** Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery, (will move to the hall if too many people arrive.

**TABOR RETREAT HOUSE** Jan—August Programmes now available from porch

**CLITHEROE**

**FR WAREING** Please continue your prayers for Fr Wareing who is residing in St Wilfrid's Presbytery, Preston.

**BAPTISM** We welcome Euan Steward who was baptised last weekend.

**TEA DANCE** Wednesday 18 January 2-5pm £4—Dancing & Afternoon Tea.

**K.S.C.DANCE** Friday 27 January 7.30pm. Dancing to John Lancaster. Tickets £7 inc Hot Supper. Tickets from Arnold 01200 427096 or Betty 01200 427029

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**—Sunday 22 January at 6pm. United Worship at Clitheroe Community Church.

**EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE** at St Mary Magdalene's Sunday 29 January at 3.30pm. Including Carols, hymns, Epiphany readings and music. Service will last approx 1 hour and will be followed by light refreshments. Everyone Welcome.

**COFFEE/CAKE DAY** Geraldine & John Hennigan are supporting a friend Paul who takes groups of 6th formers to Uganda to work in community development. They are holding this Coffee/Cake day, bring and buy and book sale on 28th January 10am-3pm at 23 Castle View. Give your support by bringing your pre-loved, pre-worn bras (any size, shape, condition—women are less likely to be attacked if they have underwear), clothes, shoes and stationery items.

**LADIES GROUP MEETING** Wednesday 25 January. 7.30pm. A change to published programme—Roland Hailwood (speaker for February) is now coming January and will speak on 'A Voyage with my Father'. Admission £2 inc tea and biscuits.

**OLIVE AID** is a charity which helps Palestinians who have lost their olive trees, usually their only source of income, to the expansion of illegal Israeli settlements on the West bank and that dreadful security wall. Olive trees are precious: just twenty trees can sustain a family for a year. Olive Aid is a self-help project run by the Catholic Bethlehem University which provides needy families with 3 year old olive saplings. Christian and Muslim alike are helped but the project particularly aims to stem the emigration of Christian families who suffer the most in conflict. Today, Christians in Bethlehem constitute less than 15% of the population. Fifty years ago, Christians living in the birthplace of Jesus made up more than 70% of the population! You can donate a tree for £25. For details see me or go to [www.oliveaid.com](http://www.oliveaid.com). It is a Christmas Charity that I support and a number of parishioners have joined with me over the past few years. Fr John

*The Defibrillator is now in position at the back of church to the right-hand side of the choir loft door*

**MISSION CALENDARS** are available from the porch—Please take one.

**ROTA NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Welcoming**—M.Valovin **Reader** C.Riley  
**Eucharistic Ministers** M.Preedy & M.Smith **Sunday—Welcoming** R & C Conti  
**Reader** Marina Barrett **Eucharistic Ministers**—G.Lambert, P.Lambert, P.Sutcliffe  
**Tea & Coffee**—P.Geldard & T.O'Donnell **Little Church** A McNulty & F.Garner

**SALE! SALE! SALE!**

Many Christmas items—cards—ornaments—Advent calendars etc on sale, most half price at the back of church. Please put money in the C.T.S. box on the wall.

**SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** Congratulations to winning number 38 Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

**FOODBANK DONATIONS** can be left at the back of church.