

CARITAS SUNDAY

Caritas is the Latin word for Christian love and from which the word charity derives. As the official catholic charity of our Diocese, *Caritas Diocese of Salford* runs 21 services and centres covering helping the homeless; alleviating poverty; assisting those suffering from benefit sanctions; raising awareness of human trafficking; welcoming the stranger; visiting the elderly and housebound; campaigning for justice; raising awareness in our schools; housing needs; and supporting single mothers and babies.

A particularly important aspect of *Caritas'* work this year will be responding to the Refugee crisis. Bishop John has written: "In view of the continued Refugee Crisis and Pope Francis' call to 'Welcome the Stranger', the Refugee Response will continue to be main focus of awareness raising and fundraising for Caritas for this year."

Caritas Diocese of Salford has received terrific local response from individuals and groups of people who have come together from individual churches, ecumenical and multi-faith groups to help with the Refugee Crisis. With the help of volunteers and learning from professionals, Caritas has set up Refugee and Asylum Drop-In Centres to provide casework support, English lessons, and a welcome face.

Caritas is pioneering a Community Sponsorship Programme, following a Canadian model, where a community group welcomes a refugee family; from meeting them at the airport, to finding local accommodation, helping with schools, medical registration and providing friendship.

Caritas also offers emergency accommodation to those who find themselves destitute, and individual supporters have campaigned for individual asylum seekers and even housing them in their own homes!

Our parish has worked with *Caritas* and *Revive*, a Catholic charity in Manchester, to arrange days out in the countryside, and are piloting the Refugee 'Come Dine with Me' project for the diocese.

We should also acknowledge the valuable work done in our parish by the *SVP* group whose work dovetails with that of *Caritas*.

There are now 70 *Caritas* Representatives across the Diocese; volunteers in our parishes who promote both awareness of the charity and encourage support of its work.

If you are interested to get involved in social action with Refugees or to help others in need, then please speak to our parish's *Caritas* Representative, Anthony Brown at: abrown.boggarts@googlemail.com or ☎ 01200 422811 or contact Caritas directly on ☎ 0161 817 2270 or www.caritassalford.org.uk.

Of today's retiring collection for *Caritas'* Refugee Response, Bishop John appeals: "I warmly invite you to take up the opportunities *Caritas* Sunday offers for prayers, action and donations."

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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4th Sunday in Ordinary time - 29th January 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Reception 4.30pm—Herbert Bradley

Thursday

Requiem Mass 11am—Herbert Bradley

No evening Mass

Friday

Requiem Mass at 10am—Joan Blacklock

Saturday—4th February

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 Parish mass book page 130, Eucharistic Prayer III p.28

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Tuesday—Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday - Mass at 9.15am

Today is Caritas Sunday there will be a retiring collection after all masses—see back page

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Jeff Cowgill, Monica & Harry Wiggans, Harriet Foulker, Christine Bamber, Sally McGarry, Terence Cullen
SICK Joseph Kitching, Jean Schofield, Ian Chew, Fr Joe Wareing, Sean Bennett, Olive Bromley, John Dixon, Pat Horrocks, Agnes Marsden, Cliff Astin, Breda Powell, Joseph Wright

LATELY DEAD Josie Stirling, Joan Blacklock, Herbert Bradley, Sally McGarry
ANNIVERSARIES Monica & Harry Wiggans, Harriet Foulker, Christine Bamber, John Herbert Chaloner, Terence Cullen

PARISH—CLITHEREO, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £872.14 Dunsop £280.50 Sabden £204.22
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

COURSE Joint courses for Aspiring Deputies and Headteachers in Catholic Primary schools. A two day residential will take place for those aspiring to headship 2-3 February. Interested please contact one of the priests.

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.

CAFOD - Wear your heart on your sleeve! Please come and make green hearts during coffee after mass, begin a conversation about care for our common home as Pope Francis invites us to in Laudate Si. We will be waiting for you to join us on 5th February and 12th February.

JOB OPPORTUNITY An exciting job opportunity for an experienced practitioner to develop and support catechetical formation at diocesan and parish level. To develop the training and support of volunteer catechists, and identify or develop materials to support new and existing programmes in formation in faith across the diocese. See notice in porch for more details and contacts.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS A list of Fridays during Lent has been put up in our porch for groups to put their names to, who will lead each week.

LAUDATO SI Meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the presbytery to discuss what can be done to defend our home - Tea served 7.30pm.

MARY'S MEALS Come along to the Grand in Clitheroe to see a showing of the film 'Generation Hope'. This film is a very moving and heartwarming insight into the work of Mary's Meals, who The Grand have worked in partnership with in Eldoret, Kenya, through the Solomon Project. The showing is on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm. It is free but we would ask you to make a donation towards Mary's meals on the door so that more children can benefit from the feeding programme in schools throughout Kenya and other countries.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

We are organising a Parish Pilgrimage to join the Diocese in their annual trip to Lourdes from 28 July—3 August 2017. If anything like previous years, this pilgrimage promises to be a very special, prayerful and fun-packed experience. The cost is from £699 (+ single supplement £210). If you would like to go or if you are interested in finding out more, then please put your name down on the list at the back of church or see Fr Kevin BEFORE the deadline—February 7th!

Meeting in the Presbytery Thursday 9 February at 8.10pm.

PARISH WALK The January parish walk has been postponed until Sunday 26th February and will depart St Hubert's after the 10am Sunday Mass

TABOR RETREAT HOUSE Jan—August Programmes now available from porch
RETREAT Once again Fr Kevin will be leading a retreat at Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Scotland, 25-29 September 2017. Entitled "Recreate me in Heart & Spirit," the retreat focuses on reading and writing that reflect the Catholic faith. Come and hear the Word and find your own words. If interested, please speak to Fr Kevin. You can book directly via 01838 200216 or mail@craiglodge.org.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE Meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the presbytery

Please note: could all items for next weeks newsletter be in for 9.30am Thursday 2nd February. Thankyou

Today is Caritas Sunday and a retiring collection will be taken to supports its many activities in Salford Diocese. What does it do? Some of its work is described on the back page by Anthony Brown who is our Caritas parish representative. For further details contact Anthony directly at ☎ 01200 422811 or rown.boggarts@googlemail.com The Bishop writes: "In view of the continued Refugee Crisis and Pope Francis' call to 'Welcome the Stranger', the Refugee Response will continue to be main focus of awareness raising and fundraising for Caritas for this year. I warmly invite you to encourage parishioners to take up the opportunities Caritas Sunday offers for prayers, action and donations."

CLITHEREO

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

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE at St Mary Magdalene's TODAY 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.

ROTA NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Welcoming—J.Luciani Reader
M.Taylforth **Eucharistic Ministers** F.Ellis & M.Fox **Sunday—Welcoming**
B.Parkinson & E.Thomson **Reader** P.Lambert **Eucharistic Ministers—**
C.Leeming, B.Collinson & S.Smith **Tea & Coffee—**Fellows family **Little Church D**
& V Harvey Higgins

CLITHEREO CIVIC SOCIETY The History of D.Byrne & Co, Wine & Spirit Merchants—a talk by Judith Byrne at Ribble Valley Council Chamber, Church St Monday 13th February 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £3 inc refreshments—Students Free

PARISH DRAW WINNERS £100 120 H.McGhie, £20 70 P.Jones £20 1 Cliff Astin £10 110 M.Hillary £10 85 J.Lofthouse £10 49 B.Mercer £10 15 Jill Downes

DUNSOP

PARISH WALK—see notice at top of page

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 51 Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER The service will be at 2pm here at St Mary's on Friday March 3rd. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.