

Dear Parishioners

Following the Bishop's letter on restructuring our parishes and last week's celebration of the work of CARITAS with the publication of its annual review (which was an eyeopener to many) the diocese has launched two new projects.

The first is to support the many volunteers in our parishes who work as catechists. Catechists play an important role in this parish and I think this is a rather exciting project. It is a six-week course on **Becoming Confident Catechists** starting on Monday 27 February at Sts Aidan & Oswald's Royton. It will provide an introduction to the role and ministry of the catechist, with the hope that it might encourage participants to take part, at a later stage, in further ongoing formation. It is designed to help catechists to approach their role with renewed energy and confidence and is suitable for those working with both adults and children – RCIA, sacramental preparation programmes, children's liturgy, etc. Don't let the cost deter you: the £40 course fee will be paid from parish funds. If you are interested or are simply curious to know more, please contact me.

A service which we do not have in the diocese at the moment is that of the Deacon. The ministry of the **Permanent Diaconate** (as opposed to the Diaconate which is a stage in preparation to being ordained a priest) was re-introduced by the Church 50 years ago, following the Vatican Council. We are the only diocese in the country that does not have them! But no longer, for the diocese is to begin selecting candidates who feel called to this ministry. A candidate must be male, baptised and practicing, aged between 35 and 50 years old, married or single, be recommended by his parish priest. Successful candidates will follow a part-time five-year course before ordination and service in the diocese. If you are interested, please have a word with me.

I would be grateful if any past Eucharistic Minister who no longer serves on the rota but has a **Pyx** would return it to me as soon as possible. We need to keep account of these small receptacles which are used to take the Body of the Lord to our many housebound parishioners and residents in care homes.

On Wednesday, the **Parish Forum** meets in the parish hall at 7.30pm when we shall discuss these, the Parish Hall and a number of other important issues. Tea is served from 7.10; the meeting begins at 7.30 and will end by 9pm.

Please send any agenda items you may have to me before Wednesday morning.

Fr John

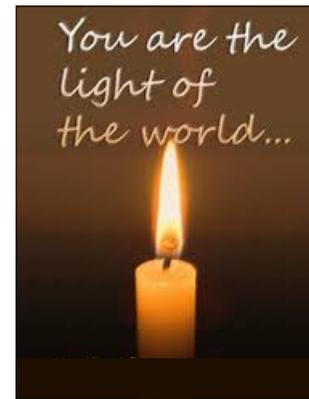
Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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4th Sunday in Ordinary time - 5th February 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Tuesday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday—11th 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 133, Eucharistic Prayer II p.24
with own Preface **Tuesday**—Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday - Mass at 9.15am

**There will be a retiring collection after all Masses
next weekend for The Medialle Trust**

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Ann Wharton, John Mulrooney, Sally McGarry x 2, Terence Cullen, Herbert Bradley x 2, Joan Blacklock, James McGhie x 2
Mary Cushion,
SICK Fr Joe Wareing, John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Breda Powell, Joseph Wright, Alice Wells
LATELY DEAD Herbert Bradley, Joan Blacklock, Sally McGarry, John Mulrooney
ANNIVERSARIES Ann Wharton, Terence Cullen, Mary Cushion

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £761.52 Dunsop £184.00 Sabden £122.65
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

CARITAS Clitheroe £466.64 Dunsop £103.10 Sabden £128.30

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 or 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.

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.

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.

CAFOD Group will be running a stall at the Flea Market on Sunday 19 February 9am-4pm in the Memorial Hall, Hurst Green. Refreshments available throughout the day. Look forward to meeting you there.

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

MEDAILLE TRUST AND THE FEAST OF ST BAKHITA February 8 is the feast of St Bakhita, to whom we pray for victims of human trafficking. On Sunday 12 February there will be an appeal for the Medaille trust, the Catholic charity that provides safe house for victims rescued from human trafficking.

JUSTICE & PEACE ASSOC Saturday 25 March at Sacred Heart Church, Colne
Blessed Oscar Romero, 'A Saint for our time' - speaker Fr Jim O'Keefe. See poster

Caritas Diocese of Salford send our sincere thanks for the £698.04 raised at this year's Caritas Sunday in your parish. We are grateful for the support behind our mission to help those in need in our communities. Our welcoming response to refugees is all the more important today in view of the daily news stories of hardship and isolation; please be assured that the funds raised will be put to great use across the Diocese as part of the local Caritas Refugee Response. If you require any more information please speak to your Caritas Representative Anthony Brown or check our website www.caritassalford.org.uk

CLITHEROE

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

ROTA NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Welcoming—A.Harkin **Reader** V.Murray
Eucharistic Ministers B.Worden & B.Hilton **Sunday—Welcoming** R & F Holgate
Reader G.Webb **Eucharistic Ministers**—P.Donnolly, H.Lofthouse, Volunteer
Tea & Coffee—B.Parkinson & B.Barker **Little Church** G.Hennigan & J.Golding

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

APF MISSIONS Please could all collectors bring their donations to church by 12th February. Cheques appreciated—made out to 'Our Lady of the Valley' please

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass/Service each morning this week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

DUNSOP

PARISH WALK—see notice at top of page

BINGO FAMILY NIGHT 17th March in Newton Village Hall. Starts at 7pm, adults £2 and children £1, with all proceeds going to Thorneyholme RC Primary School.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS Thorneyholme Primary School are saving these vouchers, there is a box for the vouchers in the school entrance or they can be posted through the letter box. Children use the vouchers to buy play time equipment.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 20 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.