

## Dear Parishioners,

In Lent we are asked to prepare for Easter by prayer and sacrifice. If you haven't decided yet what you will do for Lent then please consider one of the following (or more than one!).

Give God some silent attention each day.

Buy (£1) the 'Walk With Me' booklet which will help you pray and reflect each day of Lent.

Join the Stations of the cross in Clitheroe at 7.30pm on Fridays and in Sabden at 7.30pm on Tuesdays.

Join the Lenten Praise and Prayer Service after Mass on Thursdays at 8.10pm until 9.15pm.

Spend a little time each day reading the Bible in the quiet of your home.

Attend daily Mass (details weekly in the newsletter)

Come to Exposition on Saturday mornings between 11am and 12noon

Pay a visit to the church which is open daily during daylight hours.

Encourage someone who has been away from mass to return to practice and accompany them to church.

Recite the Rosary at home or join the weekday recitation in church at 9.30am.

Visit someone in need of help or friendship or perhaps an elderly relative you haven't visited for a while?

Make up a longstanding quarrel.

Help to clean the church on Monday mornings at 9.30

Give up a favourite treat like sweets, drink, watching too much TV or cigarettes.

Keep 'Family Fast day' on Friday

Every Friday give up eating meat.

Make a clean sweep. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), available Saturdays in Clitheroe from 11 to 11.45 and during the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

Attend the series of ecumenical Lenten talks on Saturday mornings in the Hall at 11am (Coffee from 10.30)

Attend the Deanery Mass for Vocations on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Blackburn.

Think before you take your car. Walk in town and fight Global Warming.

Wishing you a fruitful Lent. *Fr John*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 8th Sunday in Ordinary time - 26th February 2017

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

#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

**Monday** Eucharistic Service at 9am

**Tuesday** Mass at 9am

#### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm  
Lenten Prayer & Praise 8.10pm

#### Friday

Mass at 9am  
Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation 7.30pm

#### Saturday—4th March

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Reconciliation 11am—11.45am

Exposition 11am—11.55am

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

#### ASH WEDNESDAY—Mass and distribution of Ashes

Clitheroe: 9.15 am & 7.30pm Dunsop Bridge: 9.15am Sabden: 11am

*Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence*

### St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

**Sunday**—Mass at 10am Parish mass book p142, Eucharistic Prayer IV with own Preface p.31

**Tuesday**—No Mass today **Ash Wednesday**—Mass and distribution of Ashes 9.15am

### St Mary's Church, Sabden

**Sunday**—Mass at 11am **Ash Wednesday** - Mass & distribution of Ashes at 11am



*During Lent and in support of Pope Francis' insistent pleas that we all do something to fight Global Warming and safeguard our planet, our home, the newsletter will carry a weekly simple suggestion. This week: Think before you use the car. Walk in town. Fr John*

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK** Birthday Prayer, Karim Keville, Carol Turner x 4, Marie Thornber, Jayne Crombolholme, Fr Joseph Wareing x 4.

**SICK** John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Joseph Wright, Cap't Elizabeth Smith (Salvation Army) Margaret Maffia,

**LATELY DEAD** Fr Joseph Wareing SJ,

**ANNIV** Carrol Turner, Marie Thornber, Jayne Crombleholme, Hugh Hutchinson

### **PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £725.62 Dunsop £309.00 Sabden £158.21

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**CARITAS DIOCESE OF SALFORD** vacancy for Registered Manager (Fostering) and Community Centres Manager. Please visit [www.caritassalford.org.uk/jobs](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/jobs) or call 0161 817 2264

**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.

**PARISH WALK** Please see over page under Dunsop

**DEANERY MASS** for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life—Wed 8 March at St Joseph's Church, Blackburn at 7pm. Children from all our Deanery Primary and Secondary Schools will have roles in music, serving, reading, bidding prayers, miming the Gospel etc. It will finish by 8.10pm. Refreshments will then be served. Please do come along and pray with them for vocations.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** again this year a pilgrimage from the parish will join the Bishop and the Diocese in the annual diocesan pilgrimage from 28 July—3 August 2017. 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. **The deadline for booking is this coming Tuesday, 28th Feb.**

**NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH** 10-18 March, Herbert House, Freshfield Liverpool. A Novena of Masses and prayers prepared by the Mill Hill Missionaries. Send petitions and or request a Novena from Fr Liam Cummins, 58 Coolham Rd, Maidenhead SL6 7HT or email [novena@millhillmissionaries.com](mailto:novena@millhillmissionaries.com)

**PRO-LIFE** meeting tomorrow night Monday 27 February at 7pm in the presbytery

**FAMILY FUN QUIZ** at St Augustines High School Friday 10th March at 7pm. Tickets £3 can be purchased on the night—max 8 per team. See poster in porch

**"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY AND PRAISE"** The Prayer and Praise sessions will start up again and take place each Thursday in Lent from 8.10-9.10pm, just after the evening mass. For the seven sessions in Lent, Fr Kevin will introduce different ideas of how to pray and there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture and lively music. Do make this your Lenten devotion.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT** 27 February—12 March.

The food on our tables, the tea and coffee in our mugs: all from farmers in developing countries who aren't paid what they deserve. Many are paid prices too low to provide for their families, especially their children. Please see the Fairtrade poster in porch.

**SALFORD DIOCESAN ALMANACS** now available for sale from back of church £3. Also prayer guides for Lent "Walk with Me" for sale at £1.

*If anyone would like a copy of Fr Wareing's order of service please see Janet or ring her at the presbytery.*

### **CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND** Saturday Welcoming—J.Luciani Reader C.McGuire Eucharistic Ministers A.Southworth & A Rowley Sunday—Welcoming A & J Marsden Reader D.Carr Eucharistic Ministers—A.Marsden, I.Parkes, E.Lambert Tea & Coffee—E.Davies & M.Valovin Little Church Catherine Naylor Preston

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—Coffee Morning** Saturday 29th April in Rible Valley Mayors Parlour—**Pause for Hope** an ecumenical service for all those affected by cancer Sunday 30 April here at St Michael & St John's.

**WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm at The Community Church, King's Hall, Millthorne Avenue (off Henthorn Rd) Everyone welcome. This is an Interdenominational service prepared this year by the Christian women of the Philippines. Do come and join in.

**LADIES FASHION SHOW** (see poster in porch) High St clothes at 50% off - Wednesday 22nd March in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in aid of Derian House Children's Hospice. There will be a Charity Raffle with fabulous prizes to be won on the night. Tickets and info from Carol 01200 426769. Patsy 441792, Daphne 427912 or from the Parish Office.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** K.S.C. Jumble Sale Saturday 22 April

**LENT TALKS** this year will focus on the theme 'Who is my neighbour?'. The talks will be in our Parish Hall for five consecutive Saturdays commencing Sturday 4th March. They start at 10.30am with Coffee and the talks will start at 11am and conclude by noon. Please see details on poster in porch.

**PARISH DRAW WINNERS** £100 58 S.Clark, £20 66 J.Grainger, £20 27 A.Marsden, £10 118 C Leeing, £10 88 R.Moore, £10 123 C.Riley, £10 132 M.Taylforth **K.S.C. DANCE** Friday 10th March from 7.30pm. Dancing to John Lancaster. Tickets £7 inc Hot supper from Arnold 01200 427096 or Betty 01200 427029

### **DUNSOP**

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

**PARISH WALK**—after Mass TODAY Sunday 26 February

**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 4 Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

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

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** Each Tuesday morning a Caring and Sharing Bible Study Group at Sabden Baptist Church from 10.30am to noon, with coffee, tea and biscuits. Served

**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.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Coffee Morning/Easter Bonnet parade Sat 15 April

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** each Tuesday during Lent at 7.30pm