

*Dear Parishioners*

This week: youth and young adults.

A **diocesan Youth Forum** is planned which will coordinate youth activities at parish, deanery and diocesan levels. It will be headed in the deanery by Matt Williams from Walton le Dale who is a highly regarded young Re teacher at St Augustine's. So, I'm looking for a volunteer aged between 18 and 25 who is willing to represent the parish. Any ideas?

**Pope Francis has asked** that a World Day of Prayer for Young People be celebrated in each Diocese on the weekend of Palm Sunday. In Salford the celebration for young people will take place on Saturday 8th April at the Cathedral Centre and Cathedral starting at 1pm. The afternoon will conclude with Palm Sunday Mass at 4pm.

For more information please contact: ☎ 0161 817 2205 or email: [Lorraine.Leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:Lorraine.Leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Your Voice Matters – Mega Youth Poll.** In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. They will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you. We want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>

or by scanning this QR code with your phone. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link or QR code. For further queries about the Youth Poll please email: [synod2018@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:synod2018@cbcew.org.uk).



*Fr John*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

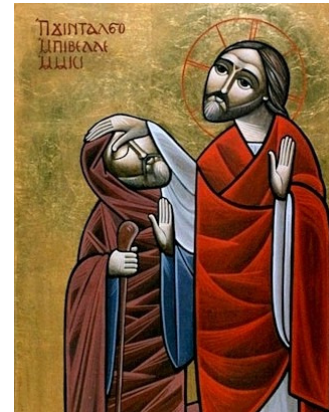
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## 4th Sunday of Lent - 26th March 2017 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

### Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

### Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Prayer & Praise 8.10pm

### Friday

Mass at 9am

Stations of the Cross & Reconciliation 7.30pm

### Saturday—2nd April

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

Wednesday—Funeral Service 11.30am John Brown

## St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Tuesday— Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Wednesday - Mass at 9.15am

**There will be an  
S.V.P. Collection after all masses this weekend.**

**Lenten Thought for the week: Do not buy bottled water—fill up from the tap!  
Again related to damage caused by plastic waste.**

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Fr Joe Wareing SJ, John & Mary Dewhurst, Betty Brown, Holy Souls, Special Intention,  
Bryan Roberts, Mary Bleazard

**SICK**

John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Joseph Wright, Cap't Elizabeth Smith (Salvation Army),  
Carol Hartley, Mgr Peter Wilkinson

**LATELY DEAD**

John Brown, Fr Geoffrey Hilton

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Betty Brown, Bryan Roberts, John & Mary Dewhurst, Pauline Altham, Mary Bleazard

**PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £825.87 Dunsop £175.50 Sabden £163.32

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**CAFOD EAST AFRICA APPEAL** Clitheroe £468.55 Dunsop £95.25 Sabden £186.47

**DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH TRAINING** Caritas Salford is hosting a Dementia Friendly Church Training Session on Welcoming People with Dementia and their Families. This days training will take place at the Cathedral Centre on Wednesday 5th April—more info Caritas Diocese of Salford on 0161 817 2263 or email m.scully@caritassalford.org.uk or book online—Dementia Friendly Church Event

**FOODBANK** Thank you for your continued weekly donations. Because of everyone's generosity at Christmas, we have enough in date chocolates left to distribute to clients with a special Easter message so will not need Easter Eggs this year.

**"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY AND PRAISE"** The Prayer and Praise 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.

**PAUSE FOR HOPE** an Ecumenical Service for all affected by Cancer on Sunday 30th April at 3pm here at St Michael & St John's, Church (in connection with Clitheroe Christians in Partnership). The speaker will be Professor Ray Donnelly MBE, FRCS Founder and President of the Roy Castle Lung Foundation.

**EASTER LILLIES** The remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is now open. A donation of £3 contributes towards the Easter lily display. Please see Jane Brown (Sat) or Teresa Mercer (Sun) by the Baptistry at the back of church. Please note that names and money to be in by April 9th—Palm Sunday.

**KNIT AND KNATTERTHON MARCH 29** The next Knit and Knatterthon is in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall 10am-4pm. Come and knit a square for Syrian refugees in Turkey. Knitting lessons for newcomers, wool, needles and refreshments provided. Anthony Brown 01200 422811 or a.brown@caritassalford.org.uk for details.

**QUIZ NIGHT** in aid of Crossroads Care Ribble Valley on Friday 31st March at West Bradford Village Hall 7.30-11pm. Hot Buffet by Country Kitchen. Tickets £10. See poster

**LENT TALKS** next Saturday 1st April 'Neighbours on the road to the Cross' with Nigel Rix. Start 10.30am with Coffee, Talk will start at 11am and conclude by noon. Please see details on poster in porch.

**INFANT BAPTISM** The next preparation evening will be on Wednesday 12th April at 7pm in the Presbytery.

**GOOD NEWS AT CLITHEROE MARKET** Christian books, DVD's, CDs, Cards, Gifts and more for sale every Saturday from 1st April. Organised and staffed by volunteers—Not for Profit outreach initiative. Wish to volunteer? Ring Frank Robinson of Harrop Chapel 01200 447665 or harropchapel@aol.com

**GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** for the coming year are now available for collection from all three churches. Those at Clitheroe can be picked up from the side porch (near the Sacristy door). A few of Sabden 'regulars' at the Saturday 6pm Mass will find their envelopes here in St Michael & St John's. Likewise those Clitheroe people who are 'regulars' at Sabden on Sunday 11am can collect them there. If you cannot find your envelopes or have any queries then please see Janet. Thankyou

**CAFOD** next meeting Thursday 6th April at 10am in the presbytery. Please come  
**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** please meet this Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the presbytery

**CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Welcoming**—J.Luciani **Reader** A.Harkin  
**Eucharistic Ministers** M.Preedy & M.Smith **Sunday—Welcoming**—J.Byrne & P.Dixon **Reader** C.James **Eucharistic Ministers**—G.Lambert, P.Lambert, P.Sutcliffe **Tea & Coffee**—P & A.Geldard & T.O'Donnell **Little Church** A.McNulty & F.Garner

**LADIES GROUP MEETING**—Wednesday 29th March in our Parish Hall. Only £2 inc Tea & Biscuits. Speaker Mrs Susan Walmsley—'A Short History of Booths—There's more to cheese than Lancashire & Cheddar' plus cheese tasting.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND RECONCILIATION** this coming Friday March 24th led by the K.S.C.

**EASTER CARDS** are now on sale in the side porch (near the sacristy)

**MOTHERS DAY** Some cards on sale at the back of church £1.50

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

**K.S.C. JUMBLE SALE** Saturday 22nd April from 2pm. Jumble will be collected please ring Arnold 01200 427096 or Betty on 01200 427029. Please note the entrance fee to the Jumble has been increased and will now be 50p.

**DUNSOP**

**EASTER READ AROUND** All parishioners are warmly invited to Thorneyholme's School Hall for an Easter Read Around. The Easter story will include eye witness accounts of the events of Holy Week and will be interspersed with Easter hymns. It will be held on Thursday 13th April at 9.05am

**APF RED MISSION BOXES** are now due—please bring them in to church. Thankyou

**SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** Congratulations to winning number 43 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—Sabden Baptist Church 10.30am to noon, with coffee, tea and biscuits.

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Tuesday 21st March at 7.30pm. This week they will be led by the anti-trafficking group