

*Dear Parishioners*

Today we celebrate Vocations Sunday. The Bishop wrote recently to priests: "We have a very encouraging eight applicants for the selection conference this year, which is certainly an answer to prayer. If we have a good number of successful candidates, the Vocations Sunday second collection will be of all the greater importance this year and in coming years. Please do all you can to spread this good news and call on people's generosity in helping to prepare our future priests."

Two of 'our' past students, who you will well remember, are to be ordained this year: Mark Paver will be ordained to the priesthood on 22<sup>nd</sup> July in Salford Cathedral and Callum Brown to the diaconate at Oscott College with priesthood following next year.

Finally, you will be pleased to learn that Ratna Babu Pairedha, the seminarian we sponsored in India, was ordained to the priesthood on 27<sup>th</sup> of March. I offer my and his gratitude to all who contributed. *Fr John*

### **Prayer for Vocations**

Loving Father,  
touch and transform us by the joy of your love.

Make us missionary disciples, empowered to carry the love of Christ to our neighbour.

May young people be inspired by our example to take up the path of Christian discipleship and dedicate their lives to the service of the Gospel.

Raise up new vocations by the power of your Holy Spirit to the priesthood and the consecrated life:  
send us men and women, inspired to be living signs of your mercy.

Grant us all an openness of heart,  
that we might readily respond to your call,  
and proclaim with joy the Good News to the whole world.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

# **Parish of Our Lady of the Valley**

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## **4th Sunday of Easter - 7 May 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 (13th May)**

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

*Today is Vocations Sunday*

*There will be a retiring collection to pay for the training of priests to serve in our Diocese.*

**MASSSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK** Jim Kelly, Norman Berry, Moira Robinson, Olivia Zhan Netto, Horace Hudson  
**SICK** John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Joseph Wright, Mgr Peter Wilkinson,  
**LATELY DEAD** Norman Berry  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Moira Robinson, Jim Kelly, Olivia Zhan Netto, Horace Hudson

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

#### **PARISH FORUM**

There is an important meeting of the Forum on Wednesday at 7.30pm to determine a schedule of parish weekend masses which one priest is capable of celebrating. Do come and have your say in Clitheroe Parish Centre. Tea will be served from 7.15pm.

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £878.37 Dunsop £177.00 Sabden £148.18

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**PARISH YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE** The Parish Representative will be a young adult (18-25 years) who is part of the parish and is passionate and confident about getting young people involved more in the life of the parish and deanery. If you are interested, see your Parish Priest or contact Lorraine Leonard (Diocesan Youth Ministry coordinator) by emailing [lorraine.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:lorraine.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** St ill some to collect—they can be found on the shelf near to the Sacristy door.

**PRAYER & PRAISE** These meetings now continue on the last Thursday of the month after the 7.30pm evening Mass, 8.10-9.10pm. The remaining two meetings before the summer break are on Thursday 25 May and Thursday 29 June. We will carry on with music, scripture, adoration and praise. Fr Kevin

**PARISH THEATRE TRIP**—Blackbirds at Dawn Friday 15 September at 7.30pm at the University of Cumbria in Lancaster. The play concerns modern day slavery, and is suitable for those over 16 years. It addresses many of the issues connected to our parish's work on anti-trafficking and there is a discussion after the performance. Total cost, ticket + transport (minibus) is £8.50. Please collect a form from the back of church and return with payment to Fr Kevin to book a place.

**HELP! HELP!** We urgently need help with preparation and refreshments for the Mass of Healing TODAY Sunday May 7th. Anyone who could help with setting up tables, serving refreshments and clearing up after the Mass please come to the Social Centre at 1pm on that day. Also donations of cakes will be much appreciated.

**SALVATE**—'Hello' in Latin—is a new group to develop welcoming in our community aimed at newcomers in the parish and everyone else. If you want to join us contact [salveteolotv@gmail.com](mailto:salveteolotv@gmail.com)

**RIGHT TO LIFE SPONSORED WALK 29th MAY** Sponsor forms are being given out this weekend—please take one even if you can only get a few family members, or you can sponsor Fr John or Fr Kevin

**THE BIG SWIM** Helen Addy (nee Mercer) is going to 'Swim the Channel' for Rosemere Cancer Foundation in recognition of the excellent care she received during her cancer treatment. She will swim a mile a day (64 lengths) at Stonyhurst College Pool for 21 days starting June 1st. Her Just giving page for sponsorship of [www.justgiving.com/Helen-Addy](http://www.justgiving.com/Helen-Addy) or tele01200 441015.



**DAY FOR CATECHISTS** Saturday 13 May at Kearsley, Bolton—see poster  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA** Ladyewell—A day of special celebration to mark the Centenary of Our Lady appearing at Fatima—NEXT Saturday 13th May Mass at 12noon followed by a reflection, then crowning of statue followed by Benediction.

### **CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming**—A.Harkin **Reader**—C.McGuire **Eucharistic Ministers**—M.Preedy & M.Smith **Sun Welcoming**—J.Clegg & e.Davies **Reader**—M.Donnolly **Eucharistic Ministers**—G.Lambert, P.Lambert, P.Sutcliffe **Tea & Coffee**—P.Byrne & Family **Little Church** A.McNulty & F.Garner

**A.P.F. MISSION RED BOXES** Please could all donations be at church for Sunday 14 May. Cheques appreciated and payable to APF Missions

**LADIES GROUP** The Ladies Group are hosting a concert on Wednesday 24 May 2-4pm—GO ON TOUR! £6 inc afternoon tea. Tickets on sale this weekend and 20/21 May

**LADIES GROUP COFFEE MORNING** the Ladies would like to thank all who supported their Coffee Morning last Saturday and generously supplying gifts for the Tombola and Raffle. We made £353.20 for our charity fund. We really appreciate your support

**CHRISTIAN AID** 14-20 May—If anyone would like to help with the door to door collection this year please see Janet (even if you have helped before) in the Parish Office

**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.

**LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING** Monday 8 May 7.30pm in presbytery.

**K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday 9 May 7.30pm in the presbytery.

**TEA DANCE** Wednesday 17th April 2-5pm in our Parish Hall. Sandwiches/Homemade cakes. Admission £4. Information ring Daphne 01200 427912

**MARCH FOR LIFE—BIRMINGHAM** Saturday May 20th—still some seats left—see poster in porch or <http://www.marchforlife.co.uk> or email [p.boyle@btinternet.com](mailto:p.boyle@btinternet.com)

### **DUNSOP**

**APF RED MISSION BOXES** total collection was £205.07. Many thanks

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Garden open for charity—Waddow Lodge, Waddington Sunday 28 May

**SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS** Thorneyholme's School Parliament wish to thank all the parishioners who have given vouchers to the school. Any remaining vouchers—please drop off at school. Once again, your help is much appreciated.

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** Congratulations to winning number 7. Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

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

**CHRISTIAN AID** St Mary's is hosting the village's effort for Christian Aid and Coffee Morning on Saturday May 20th from 10am to noon in the Hall. £2 Admission inc refreshments. Tickets from Betty Clarkson, Ann Barker or Margaret Parsons and on sale after Mass.Red collection envelopes can be left at church or returned at Coffee morning.

**EASTER COFFEE MORNING** thanks to all who supported this event which raised £356 for church funds. List of winning raffle numbers is onboard at the back of church.

**PLEASE NOTE** Today Sunday May 7th there is no Little Church or Coffee in the Hall as it has been booked for a Christening party. However if the sun is shining, the Brown family in the Church House will open up their garden for Coffee after Mass.