

## Dear Parishioners

63 gathered in the Social Centre on Wednesday evening to decide the most convenient times for Masses which one priest is able to celebrate on Saturday evening and Sunday.

The good-natured meeting ran from 7.30 to 9.30pm during which six options were debated before a paper ballot was taken. 61 votes were cast: 33 voted in favour of a 6pm evening Mass in Dunsop Bridge (a time which allows farmers to complete milking and other chores) with the two regular Sunday morning Masses at 9.30 in Clitheroe and 11am in Sabden remaining as they are, followed by an additional Sunday evening Mass at 5pm. Three other options gathered 19, 6 and 3 votes respectively.

This result will be a disappointment to many who attend the current Saturday evening Mass in Clitheroe and I do regret this, but choices had to be made. I pray and hope that regular attenders will consider travelling to Dunsop or attending one of the three Sunday Masses in Clitheroe and Sabden; we are after all, one parish. If none of these are convenient, please consult this list of Mass times in other churches in the area.

	Saturday pm	Sunday am
Settle	6.30	11.15
Bentham		9.30
Longridge	5.30	
Chipping		9.30
Ribchester		11.00
Stonyhurst	5.30	8.30
Hurst Green		10.00
Langho	6.00	10.00
Whalley	5.00	11.00
Osbaldeston	6.30	10.00

When I met with the Bishop on Thursday he endorsed this decision and indicated that he would not have been happy had we asked for two Saturday evening Masses in an area where there are so many.

We live in a region rich in the memory of Martyrs who died and many others who suffered to retain the Mass. Please do not stop your practice because of this change, difficult though it may be to accept.

The new times will take effect in a month's time on Saturday 10th June.

*Fr John*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 5th Sunday of Easter - 14 May 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

**Friday**—Mass at 7.30am

**Saturday (20th 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

This weekend we welcome Fr Jan Klaver MHM to our Parish, who will make the 5 yearly APF-Mill Hill appeal to thank you for your generosity and to encourage new people to take a **Red Mission Box**. This red box works miracles abroad in its support of the churches worldwide mission.  
Please make space for one in your home

**MASSSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK** Norman Berry x 3, In thanksgiving, Holy Souls, Richard Eastwood, Mary Price, Michael Eastwood

**SICK** John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Joseph Wright, Mgr Peter Wilkinson,

**LATELY DEAD** Norman Berry

**ANNIVERSARIES** Richard Eastwood, Michael Eastwood

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

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £572.66 Dunsop £322.00 Sabden £165.90

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**ECC EDUCATION FUND** Clitheroe £515.18 Sabden £59.23 Dunsop £96.30

**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.

**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)

**CLITHEROE HUSTINGS** A meeting will be arranged with all of the General Election Candidates at Trinity Methodist Church at a time and date still to be arranged.

**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)

**THE BEACON** the fifth edition of the Beacon, newsletter of our Diocesan charity now available from the porch. Please take one and learn what Caritas does and how your donations contribute to its work.



### **RIGHT TO LIFE WALK—MONDAY 29 MAY**

Our annual walk takes place on Bank Holiday Monday 1pm from our Primary School Car Park. Bishop John and Bishop Kelly together with Lord David Alton, Fr Kevin and other Pro-Life groups from throughout the North West will join us in the walk which will be led by Fr John.

We would like as many people as possible to do this walk along the River Ribble. Please be generous in your sponsorship, as fighting Pro-Life issues has proven to be extremely expensive. Sponsorship forms are available from Arnold Marsden or from the back of church. Thanks to the K.S.C. for their generous donation of £200

**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.



### **CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming**—M.Valovin **Reader**—A.McGuire **Eucharistic Ministers**—A.Southworth & A.Rowley **Sun Welcoming**—M.Swales/T.O'Donnell **Reader**—P.Sutcliffe **Eucharistic Ministers**—A.Marsden, P.Donnelly, E.Lambert **Tea & Coffee**—E.Davies & M.Valovin **Little Church** C.Naylor-Preston **A.P.F. MISSION RED BOXES** Please could all donations be at church by today 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

### **WADDOW LODGE GARDEN**

for the 90th anniversary of the National Gardens scheme

### **SUNDAY 28 MAY**

**1-5pm**

All profits from refreshments will go to Parish funds.

Between 200 and 400 visitors can be anticipated so

helpers with serving

teas/car parking are essential. BBC Radio Lancashire will also be broadcasting their 'Gardening and Outdoor programme' with Stephen Lowe during the day. For those helping

please arrive at 12noon where we will have a picnic ready for you.

Donations of home baking

Welcome (except scones)

Helpers contact 01200 429145



**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

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** cards and gifts are on sale in the side porch which is open before and after morning Mass Monday to Friday, and both Saturday and Sunday morning masses.

### **DUNSOP**

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

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

**CHRISTIAN AID** Churches Together in Sabden are appealing for raffle, tombola prizes and cakes for the Coffee Morning in St Mary's next Saturday May 20 10am-12noon. £2 admission. Please leave items with either Betty Clarkson or Margaret Parsons. Tickets on sale today or pay on the door. The red collection envelopes can be left at the back of church or returned at the Coffee Morning.