

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Ascension which marks the end of the post resurrection period during which our risen Lord was seen by the disciples. His last words, as we heard at Mass today, were a command to go out, preach his message and invite to baptism. This is the mission of the Church which continues throughout the world to this day.

When the first disciples set out to spread the message they had only one option, which is still the best, to meet and speak with people face to face. But times change and today we have an amazing number of ways in which we are able to communicate: printed word, broadcasting by TV, Radio, Film, and the new world of digital media. All can be employed to spread the Gospel message as they may also be used to promote false news, violence and hatred: the communications media may be used for good or evil. So, today, Communications Sunday, the feast of the Ascension, the Church observes Communications Sunday.

Particularly we are encouraged to pray for all who work in the field of Communications, that their one guiding principle is the truth and the truth alone.

A particular intention for prayer is for those responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network.

The Catholic Communications Network (CCN) is the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and seeks to support the Bishops in their task of communicating and defending faith. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image, online and offline. In addition to this, CCN works on carefully selected proactive campaigns to promote the Catholic Faith in public life such as the acclaimed Art of dying well.

<http://www.artofdyingwell.org/>

Our own diocese has appointed its first professional communications manager: Rachel McGee is a practising Catholic, with a wide experience of the world of journalism and the communications world in general.

For further information: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/wcd17>

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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The Ascension - 28th May 2017 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that this revised Mass schedule will take effect on Saturday 10 June

Saturday evening

6pm Mass at St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday morning (no change)

9.30am Mass at St Michael & St John's
11am Mass at St Mary's, Sabden

Sunday evening

5pm Mass at St Michael & St John's

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday (Bank Holiday)

Mass at 10am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Friday

Requiem Mass at 9.30am
James Wetherall

Saturday (3rd June)

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

Thursday Requiem Mass—Peggy Fielding at 10.30am

*Today there will be a retiring collection after all masses this weekend for
Catholic Communications Network*

MANCHESTER OUTRAGE

Pope Francis has sent a message expressing his deep sadness over the Manchester terrorist attack and his concern for the injured and killed, invoking God's blessings of peace, healing and strength upon all.

Bishop John writes:

"The citizens of Manchester and the members of the Catholic community are united in condemning the attack on the crowds at the Manchester Arena. Such an attack can have no justification. I thank the emergency services for their prompt and speedy response which saved lives. We join in prayer for all those who have died and for the injured and their families and all affected by this tragedy. We must all commit ourselves to working together, in every way, to help the victims and their families and to build and strengthen our community solidarity".

During these nine days leading to the Feast of Pentecost, the novena to the Holy Spirit will be recited after Mass.

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Margaret Fairclough, Henry Finbar Adams, Anne Dooley x 2, Eileen Clews, Tony Wilson, Terry Hughes, Millicent Driver, Robert Graham, Tom Prendergast, Frank Currums, Ev Currums,

LATELY DEAD Anne (Nan) Dooley, Henry Finbar Adams, Ev Currums, Tony Wilson Terry Hughes, Peggy Fielding, Tom Prendergast, James Wetherall

ANNIVERSARIES Margaret Fairclough, Frank Currums, Millicent Driver, Eileen Clews

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £850.45 Dunsop £322.10 Sabden £229.37
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

PRAYER & PRAISE The remaining meeting before the summer break - Thursday 29 June. We will carry on with music, scripture, adoration and praise. Fr Kevin

REFUGEE DAY OUT Saturday 15 July. Volunteers needed to help—please contact Tom & Kathryn Clay on email tomclay48@hotmail.com or ☎07962 136749 0

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 or tele01200 441015.

MARK PAVER will be ordained in Salford Cathedral on Saturday 22 July at 12noon. A bus has been organised and if you wish to travel to the ordination please sign the list at the back of church and pay a non-refundable £5

WADDOW LODGE GARDEN for the 90th anniversary of the National Gardens scheme TODAY Sunday 28 May 1-5pm—adults £4 children free. 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. Helpers please arrive at 12noon where we will have a picnic ready for you. Donations of home baking Welcome (except scones) Helpers contact 01200 429145

LADYEWELL Feast of Visitation of Our Lady, Wednesday 31 May at 11.30am. Procession, Mass, Devotions, Benediction at the Shrine. Do come and honour Our Lady.



RIGHT TO LIFE WALK—TOMORROW MONDAY 29 MAY Would any parishioners/local walkers park their car in the Car Park behind the Social Centre so that visitors can park on the Church Car Park (behind the school) from where the walk will commence. Could all local walkers please bring their own Hot Drinks, which will be transported for them. Could stewards attend at 12noon with High Viz Jackets. Any problems ring Arnold on 01200 427096

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming—J.Luciani Reader—C.Riley Eucharistic Ministers—B.Worden & B.Hilton Sun Welcoming—J.Buyrne & Reader—G.Lambert Eucharistic Ministers—J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes Tea & Coffee—M.Geddes & E.Curphey Little Church G.Hennigan & J.Golding

LADIES GROUP Our next Ladies Group meeting this coming Wednesday 31 May Meriel Woodward will speak on 'Kises' - alleviating poverty in India. Admission £2 inc Tea and Biscuits.

MYSTERY TOUR The Ladies Group Annual Mystery Tour will be on Wednesday 28 June. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange at 3.30pm prompt. Cost £28 which includes Coach, Two course meal and all tips can be paid at the meeting this Wednesday.

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.

NEW ROTA Because of the new weekend mass times the welcoming, reading and Eucharistic ministers rota for Saturday evening will be obsolete. Any parishioners on this Saturday evening rota who would be willing to change to the Sunday, either morning or evening would be welcomed. Please contact Janet by the end of the month—May 31 if you wish to change or you do not wish to carry on.

BAPTISM We welcome Freddie Daniel Woodhead, and Lovie Lee Townsend who were baptised last weekend.

DUNSOP

TROUGH TEAS in Dunsop bridge Village Hall each Sunday 10am-4pm. On Sunday 23 July St Hubert's are running the teas. Please hold the date and a list will go at the back of church to assist with serving and donation of cakes. Further details contact Julie Bennett 01200 448630

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 16 Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

CHRISTIAN AID ENVELOPES can be popped through the door of 26 Whalley Road
EASTER COFFEE MORNING Some raffle prizes still unclaimed—No's 51-55 (Easter Hamper) and 551-555 (White Wine). Please pick up your prize from sacristy

APF RED MISSION BOXES are due please bring to church next week.

WORLD FOODIE NITE in aid of Refugee Day—Friday 16 June in St Mary's Parish Hall, Sabden 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (£3 children). Keralan, Kurdish and Albanian food. Entertainment. Call or Text Tom Clay on 07962136749 for tickets.