

## DAY FOR LIFE

Each year Day for Life provides an opportunity to reflect on the dignity of every human person, both young and old, and to pray for and support all life from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life provides us with an opportunity to reflect, to pray and to offer practical and emotional support, especially for those who have lost a child and for those women who are anxious about their pregnancy.

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act in October, we mourn the large annual number of abortions and continue to pray for the care and support of mothers and their children in the womb. Pope Francis, reminding us of the consistent teaching of the Church, describes abortion as a grave sin. As a compassionate pastor, however, he reminds priests that they are called to be ministers of God's mercy. He also points out that we have not done enough to support and accompany pregnant women in desperate circumstances.

In his Angelus address on the Italian Day for Life in February this year, Pope Francis said to thousands gathered in St Peter's Square, "May no one be left alone and may love defend the sense of life." Citing the words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, he continued: "Life is beauty, admire it. Life is life, fight for it... Each life is sacred. Let's pray together for those children who are in danger of interruption of pregnancy and for those who are nearing the end of life." These words can help us rediscover a spirit of awe towards the gift of human life and stir our hearts to the wonder of this gift.

Within our parish communities, we are called to reach out and accompany all those who are alone, and to offer real practical support to those in need, which includes worried mums and dads and those struggling with the news of their pregnancy.

Please invite your parishioners to support the crucial work of Day for Life by their generosity to the collection which is taken today. This enables the Church to fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre as well as projects that seek to care for life at every stage and in every condition. Please visit and encourage others to visit [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org)

*Bishop John Sheerington*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## Corpus Christi - 18 June 2017

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



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee  
Mass at 5pm

#### Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

#### Saturday (24th June)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11-11.45am  
Exposition 11-11.55am

### St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Saturday—Mass at 6pm Thursday—No Mass this week

### St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

*There will be a retiring collection for The Bishops' Conference at all masses this weekend.*

*Next weekend there will be a retiring collection at all masses for Peters Pence*

### **MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Margaret Gethan, Stephen Humphrys, Dennis McKenna x 2

### **SICK**

John Dixon, Joseph Wright, Gordon Gorrighan, Margaret Fagan, Cliff Astin, Pat Horrocks

### **LATELY DEAD**

Grazia Marchese, Margaret Gethan

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Tony Valovin, Stephen Humphreys, Dennis McKenna

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

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £1016.21 Dunsop £244.82 Sabden £213.96

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**S.V.P.** A big thankyou for the recent collection which amounted to £751.50 plus a £50 donation sent direct to S.V.P. We will distribute it to those who are in need. One of the people we visit has lost his TV in a fire. If you have a spare one you could donate please ring Peter Donnelly 441081

**DUNSOP** Open Gardens donation £333.05

**FOODBANK** We are currently short of the following items: Sugar, Brown sauce/Ketchup, Long life fruit juice, Sponge puddings, Anti-perspirant (ladies and gents), Shaving Foam/Gel, Disposable razors, Laundry liquid/powder. Thanks to everyone who contribute to the foodbank, for your generosity and continued support.

**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

**SALFORD DIOCESE—(CCRS)** Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies, a two year programme commencing September 2017. See poster in porch for more information and who to contact.

**MARK PAVER ORDINATION** Saturday 22 July. Due to lack of support there will be no bus to this event at Salford Cathedral. The easiest way to get there is to catch the train from Clitheroe to Salford Central Station. The time of the ordination is 12noon, so you should aim to arrive at the Cathedral by 11.30am at the latest.

**EUCCHARISTIC RALLY** St Albans, Blackburn TODAY Sunday 18 June 3pm. Rosary, Homily, Meditation, Blessed Sacrament Procession, Hymns, Benediction.

**VACANCY** for a highly motivated and well-organised Receptionist to provide the highest standards of reception for Cathedral Centre. £16,500—£18,000 37½ hr week. Tel 0161 817 2222 for more details.

**VOLUNTEERS** - Are you ready to put your faith into action? A youth ministry project based in Salford run by the Spiritans are looking for volunteers between ages of 18-26 to join our team in Salford this summer. Email us for more info admin@justyouth.co.uk or visit our website <http://www.justyouth.co.uk>

**DAY OF RENEWAL** led by Gary Stephens at St Clare's (Parish Hall), Sharoe Green, Preston Saturday 24 June. See poster in porch

**THE BEACON** The June edition of the Beacon, the newsletter of Caritas Salford is now available in the porch.

**PRO-LIFE WALK** Any parishioners with sponsorship money for the recent walk still to hand in please place it on the collection plate in an envelope with their name on. As soon as all the money is collected in we will be able to give a final figure of money raised

**NOSTRA AETATE—FROM CURSE TO BLESSING** Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald former President of the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue, will speak at Cathedral Centre on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 7pm on the ground-breaking Declaration from the Second Vatican Council 'Nostra Aetate'. See poster in porch

**ACN PORTRAITS OF FAITH** Syria's Christians Search for Peace. Christian families remaining in Syria are in great need of our prayers and support. Our cathedral will be hosting an exhibition, organised by Aid to the Church in Need, to raise awareness of their plight. For full event details, please see the leaflets at the back of church or visit [www.acnuk.org/events](http://www.acnuk.org/events) Benur; St John's Cathedral m3 5LL 8-9 July Saturday 12noon-6pm Sunday 12noon-5pm. Entrance Free

### **CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND** Sun morning **Welcoming**—B.Barker & C.Riley  
**Reader**—K.Downes **Eucharistic Ministers**—H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, S.Smith **Tea & Coffee**—S.V.P. **Little Church** C.Naylor Preston **Sunday Evening—Welcoming**—J.Bentley **Reader** A.Harkin **Eucharistic Minister**—A.Southworth & B.Worden  
Please note: ***A new rota for Sunday evening 5pm mass will be issued shortly. In the meantime please refer to the list above***

**HELP! HELP!** There are still some Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic ministers who ministered at the Saturday evening Mass in Clitheroe have not let Janet know to which mass they now intend to commit. She would be grateful if you let her know whether you wish to transfer to Sunday 5pm or not.

**MYSTERY TOUR** Mystery Tour Wednesday 28 June—still some places left. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange at 3.30pm prompt. Cost £28 which includes Coach, Two course meal. To book please see either Janet 01200 423307 ext 3 or Daphne on 01200 427912. Please note those ladies who took menu's but have not still returned them need to give them in with payment by this coming Tuesday morning as we have to inform caterer of menu choices. ***After this date we cannot accept any requests.***

**TEA DANCE** is NEXT Wednesday 21 June 2-5pm in our Parish Hall with afternoon tea only £4. More info from Daphne 01200 427912

**BAPTISM** We welcome Noah William O'Connor who was baptised last Saturday  
**LOVE CLITHEROE** Monday 19 June at the Community Church—a meeting for local Christians to share prayer, praise and news inc a briefing for volunteers serving at the 'Love Clitheroe BBQ on Saturday 24 June which takes place on the Castle Field from 12pm—3pm—pick up a flyer from the church porch.

### **DUNSOP**

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

**WADDOW LODGE GARDEN** Open for charity Sunday 16 July 1-5pm. Adults £4 Children FREE Plant Heritage stall

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** Congratulations to winning number 2 Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

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

**SUMMER FAIR**—Saturday 24 June 2-4pm in the Hall. We need items to sell, prizes and volunteers. There is a list in the porch for you to add your name if you can help. All the usual stalls and attractions.