

Dear Parishioners

I'm afraid that we are faced with yet another change to the weekend Mass schedule.

Since the introduction of the 6pm Saturday night Mass in Dunsop Bridge and the 5pm Sunday Mass in Clitheroe, the parish Mass attendance has imploded, with the weekly attendance dropping by a quarter, from over 400 to 300. This figure is confirmed by an average weekly £300 decrease in the collection.

Income is important, especially as we are about to begin the exterior decoration of the parish property in Clitheroe: the guttering's, downspouts, windows and doors etc at a cost of, £21,000, inclusive of VAT.

But to my mind, of more importance is that once parishioners regularly attend Mass elsewhere than they lose contact with the parish community! That we cannot afford.

Action must be taken but what? Initially, I considered calling another parish consultation but that would take time and so I have decided to act!

The Sunday afternoon Mass will return to Saturday evening but at the new time of 5pm. Then to enable me to travel up to Dunsop, the Mass in St Hubert's will be pushed back half an hour, from 6pm to 6.30pm.

This weekend, times of Mass will remain the same but next weekend, 5th and 6th August these changes will come into effect.

Saturday, 5th August

5pm Mass in Clitheroe

6.30pm Mass in Dunsop

Sunday, 6th August

9.30am Mass in Clitheroe

11am Mass in Sabden

Finally, a reminder that we shall celebrate the annual Requiem Mass for deceased parishioners, priests (this year remembering especially Fr Wareing) and your friends and relations on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th August at 11am in the old Catholic cemetery.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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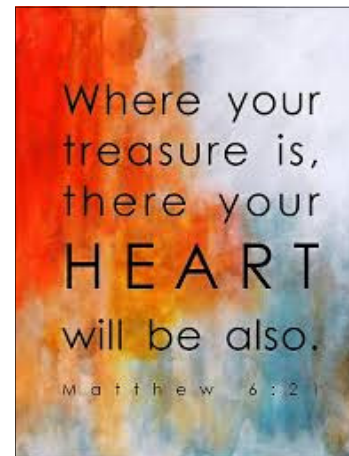
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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th July 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am & Mass at 5pm

Monday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Reception 6.30pm—Josephine Kelly

Mass at 7.30pm

Friday

Requiem Mass at 10.30am

Josephine Kelly

Saturday (5th August)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11-11.45am

Exposition 11-11.55am First Mass of Sunday—5pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Mass at 9.15am

Saturday Mass at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

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

Friday—Requiem Mass 2.30pm—Chris Hackett

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Alice Kerr, Elsie Simpson, Mary Bithell, Mark Jezierski, Louise Craven, Mary Cannon

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

LATELY DEAD Josephine Kelly, Alice Kerr, Mary Cannon, Chris Hackett

ANNIVERSARIES Elsie Simpson, Mary Bithell, Mark Jezierski

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £624.76 Sabden £161.40 Dunsop £265.71

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

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.

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>

PRO-LIFE WALK We have now a total for the Right to Life walk on 29th May. The total raised this year was £3,275. Many thanks to all those who walked, sponsored or helped in any way to make this event a success once again.

THE BEACON The July edition of the Beacon, the newsletter of Caritas Salford, is now available in the porch. This edition highlights what we can do in our Parish, as part of the Missionary Parish Programme to be launched on 4th October, including celebrating the World Day for the Poor, and taking action on Human Trafficking and protecting the environment.

CRAIG LODGE RETREAT—25-29 SEPTEMBER There are still some places available on the retreat entitled "Recreate me in Heart and Spirit." Minibus transport to and from this event is available: places are offered on a first-come-first-served basis, so please see Fr Kevin if you would like to book a place.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

This years pilgrimage is well under way and can be followed on the live webcam by entering our website www.olotv.org.uk

On the first page scroll down the events column and click on the webcam link.

You have the opportunity to watch some of the services live via this Lourdes webcam

Grotto Mass—Monday 31 July

8.45am BST (9.45am Lourdes time)

After Mass at **10am BST** (11am Lourdes time) our petitions will be taken in procession by our parish group and placed in the grotto.

Wednesday 2nd August

Blessed Sacrament Procession at **4pm BST** (5pm Lourdes time)



There is also a link to **facebook** on **OLOTV** and on twitter search for **@salfordlourdes**



WALSINGHAM Members of the Blackburn Branch of the Walsingham Association will be visiting our parish on Thursday 10th August to join us for a Eucharistic Service at 7.30pm, followed by the Rosary and then light refreshments in the presbytery. Come and find out more about Walsingham including details of their annual pilgrimage.

CARITAS JOB VACANCY—Refugee Response Coordinator—see poster in porch

CLITHEROE

Please note: we have reverted back to the old Saturday evening rota prior to the changes.

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—A.Harkin Reader

C.Riley **Eucharistic Ministers**—F.Ellis & M.Fox **Sun morning Welcoming**—

J.Byrne & P.Dixon **Reader**—D.Murray **Eucharistic Ministers**—G.Lambert,

P.Lambert, P.Sutcliffe **Tea & Coffee**—R & C Conti & E.Thomson **Little Church**—D & V Harvey Higgins & C.Carr

ROTA—CHANGE OF MASS TIMES Would those Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers who wish to go back on the Saturday Evening Mass rota please let Janet know as soon as possible.

LADIES GROUP TREASURE HUNT Wednesday 30 August followed by supper at a local hostelry. Cost this year (inc tips) £13 for a two course meal. Menu's are available from the porch or from Daphne or Janet. Starts at 6pm from Lowergate Car Park. If you just want to come for supper you are quite welcome just fill in a menu and let us have it back with payment and meet in the Swan and Royal at 7.15pm

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY By popular request—Rosendale Male Voice Choir Friday 13 October 2017

DUNSOP

TROUGH TEAS Thank you to all who supported the teas in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall on Sunday by donating cakes or time and/or supporting the event. We are really appreciative to all in helping make the event a success. The total income was £405 less expenses of £55, leaving a total profit from the event for parish funds of £350

DUCK RACE—AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY Our Annual Duck Race is approaching very soon on the river Dunsop. Please help by taking a book of tickets and selling them. Available from the back of church. Further details Julie Bennett 01200 448630

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 23 This years Bonus Ball payments will end on 30th July. Please could you make sure you are up to date with your £1's!!! It will recommence on 10 September and run again for 45 weeks. Luckily some extra numbers have now become available, please consider having a Bonus Ball if you haven't already got one! You have got to be in it to win it and the very lucky ones several times!!! Please let me know if you are happy to keep the same number or would you like to change it whilst other numbers are available? I will leave a little reply slip at the back of church to put in the Bonus Ball Box or I can be contacted on 01254 8264225 or 07970 398288 or dmaa1@hotmail.com. Thanks for you continued support Donna Wharton

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

SUMMER FAIR still some unclaimed raffle prizes—Yellow 501-505, White 81-85, Yellow 551-555, Pink 616-620, Pink 611-615, Pink 566-570. This is your last chance—please search your bags and pockets. Please claim prize from Sacristy after Mass. Thanks to a donation from St Mary's School, the profit from the fair is now £440. Thanks again to all who contributed.