

Dear Parishioners

As I mentioned at Mass last weekend, I have invited both Fr Kevin and Mgr John Chaloner back to the parish on Tuesday 3rd October to celebrate their unstinting service to both Our Lady of the Valley and to St Hubert's.

The evening will begin with a Mass of thanksgiving for them and their service to our communities and to pray for their future good health and happiness in their two quite different circumstances. Mass will begin at 7pm in St Michael and St John's and afterwards we shall withdraw to the Parish Centre for a cheese, wine and nibbles evening during which presentations will be made. The evening will end at around 9pm.

Though our Hall is large we are not permitted to host more than 200 guests at any one time and so the event will be by ticket only; these will be available in the near future for £1 each. Tickets may be exchanged for a glass of wine; other drinks may be purchased at the bar and our ladies group will ensure a plentiful supply of tea. Please only purchase a ticket if you intend to come.

The organising committee did consider providing some form of entertainment but decided that the evening should rather be an occasion to meet and chat, particularly with our two guests of honour—though I will suggest that Fr Kevin bring his guitar along!

The Sabden community have already made arrangements for a farewell gift to Fr Kevin. Members of the St Michael and John's community who wish to contribute to a presentation should enclose their donation in an envelope, clearly marked FR KEVIN, and either post it at the Presbytery or place it in the offertory collection basket at Mass.

St Hubert's community please contact Rachel Alpe (01200 448293) regarding your photographs.

Last week I also mentioned that Fr Mark Paver will be with us on 16th and 17th September before he returns to Rome for a year to complete a further degree course. Mark was with us on student placement three years ago so it is a delight and an honour for us to welcome him back as a newly ordained priest. His brief visit will coincide with the Autumn Mass for our sick and housebound at which he will assist with the anointing.

Finally, work begins this week to repair the low wall in front of St Michael & St John's, so please be careful when entering or leaving the church. The following week the external redecoration of all the Clitheroe parish buildings will begin and continue for 5 weeks. *Fr John*

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of
Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

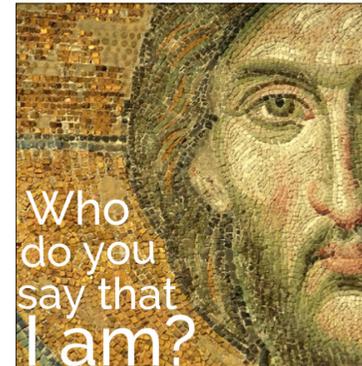
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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th August 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Cemetery Mass 11am

Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Saturday (2nd September)

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

This Monday at 11am, Mass will be celebrated in the old Catholic cemetery for all deceased parishioners and also deceased family and friends of those who attend.

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special Intention, Mary Duggan, Alice & Patrick Emerson

SICK

Mgr John Chaloner, Fr David Foster, John Dixon, Margaret Fagan,
Cliff Astin, Pat Horrocks, Louise Craven, Bernadette Taylor,

ANNIVERSARIES

Alice & Patrick Emerson, Elma Bywater, Giovanna Galea

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

Please remember to tell your friends about the new mass times particularly the Saturday night Mass in Clitheroe

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £751.75 Sabden £195.36 Dunsop £100.25
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

<p>Saturday 5pm Mass in Clitheroe 6.30pm Mass in Dunsop Sunday 9.30am Mass in Clitheroe 11am Mass in Sabden Please note also there is no Thursday evening Mass</p>
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FOOD BANK We are currently short of the following—Toilet rolls, Kitchen rolls, Sponge puddings, Tinned fruit, Hot chocolate, Long Life fruit juice, Tinned Custard, Chocolate, Washing powder/liquid. Many thanks for your continued help and support.

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 phone Fr Kevin at The Sacred Heart, Rochdale if you would like to book a place 01706 645603

WALSINGHAM Two Association pilgrimages to Englands National Shrine of Our Lady. Blackburn Branch Tuesday 22nd—Thursday 24 May 2018. Cost approx £170. Non-returnable deposit of £50. Includes ½ day trip to coast. To book tel: Vincent Fleming 01254 209101. Mini-bus from Clitheroe to join the main coach in Blackburn—to book tel: Maureen 443499. Chorley Branch Monday 18th to Friday 22nd June 2018. Cost approx £305. Deposit £25 includes ½ day to coast and a full day trip out. Main coach starts in Clitheroe. To book tel: Jose Noblett 01257 265498 (note new tel no)

MASS OF HEALING The next Mass of Healing will be at 2pm on Sunday 17 Sept in the Parish Centre. If you would like to attend or know someone who would like to be there please complete a form from the back of church and post it into the box by Sun 10 Sept. We need the information for refreshment numbers and transport arrangements

S.V.P. COLLECTION The quarterly collection will be taken at all Masses THIS weekend of 26/27 August. Gift Aid envelopes are available from the back of church or from S.V.P. members. During the last financial year your gift aid brought in an extra £137. Please be generous.

MARIAN PROCESSION on Saturday 7th October 2017 at 10.30am starting at St Edward's Parish (13 Thurlow Street M145SG). Everyone is invited to this celebration of our faith! For more information please ring: 0161 2242589 (Fraternas) or email marianprocession@gmail.com

CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY an Illustrated talk by Charles Stanton & Neil Andrews - Holmes Mill: The challenges of bringing Historic Buildings into sustainable use. Ribbles Valley Council Chambers Monday 4 September 7.30pm.

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

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—J.Luciani Reader A.Southworth **Eucharistic Ministers** A.Harkin & N.Dixon —**Sun morning Welcoming—M.Rogers & C.Willman Reader—Martha Barrett Eucharistic Ministers—G.Lambert, P.Lambert, P.Sutcliffe Tea & Coffee—S.V.P. Little Church—C.Naylor-Preston**

ROTA'S SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER have been sent out by email. Hard copies for those who do not have internet access are available from the Sacristy.

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. We need menu's and money by today Sunday 27th August please.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—Rossendale Male Voice Choir Friday 13 October

ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY In light of the on-going success of the afternoon Variety Shows at Darwen Library Theatre and the Ace Centre in Nelson promoted by Glen South, we are planning a similar event in our Parish Hall on Thursday 26th October this year. The shows which happen monthly at the venues in Darwen and Nelson are really popular and attract large audiences which we hope to repeat in Clitheroe. Escape the world for a few hours and be superbly entertained. More details to follow.....

BAPTISM We welcome Rose Elizabeth Hetherington who was baptised recently

DUNSOP DUCK RACE—Arnold Marsden will be selling tickets at masses this weekend weekend 26/27 August

JOYFUL NOISE Believe it or not its 3 years since we hosted Joyful Noise here in St Michael & St John's. For those who don't know about it—Joyful Noise is made up of a group of people from Chatburn, Clitheroe and surrounding villages who meet fortnightly simply for the pleasure of singing hymns old and new. Why not come along on Monday 11th September from 7.30—9.30pm and sing some of your favourite hymns. Light refreshments provided afterwards.

DUNSOP

DUCK RACE—AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY Our Annual Duck Race takes place tomorrow Monday 28th August at 2pm in the village. 1st prize £100, 2nd prize £75, 3rd prize £50 plus many other prizes including bottles, chocolates etc Proceeds in aid of St Hubert's Church. Tickets £1

SABDEN

BONUS BALL will begin again on 10 September and run for 45 weeks. Please let me know if you are happy to continue with the same number or if you would like a change whilst other numbers available, I have left a reply slip at the back of church to put in the Bonus Ball Box. If you don't already have a number please consider having one, its only £1 a week. If you need more info I can be contacted on 01254 823422. Many thanks for your continued support. Donna Wharton,

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Flower Festival to celebrate 80th anniversary of St Mary's being built on the weekend of 21/22 October