

## Dear Parishioners

September has once again been designated as an awareness month for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The aim is to inform parishioners of our work, encourage new members and thank everyone who supports us with prayers and financial contributions. Members are called to become ambassadors for Christ, to seek out those in need and to put their own personalities and life experiences into the friendships they develop.

Our theme is "Welcoming the Stranger" and we are focusing on homelessness, grief, loneliness, hunger and social isolation. Social isolation is the main poverty of our time. When combined with any other kind of poverty it makes any kind of difficulty much bigger. Our volunteer members visit people in their homes, in hospital and in care homes on a regular basis, sometimes for many years. They offer practical support such as food, furniture or financial help when needed.

Members try to attend a weekly meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm and make a visit with another member each week. During 2015/16 our members made a total of 1788 visits.

Fr. John kindly allows us to take a collection after Masses every three months. During the last financial year this totalled £2922 plus £337 from gift aid, a truly magnificent amount! This was used to support families and people in need in our locality, our commitment to our twinned conference in India and medical training for an Indian Doctor and Nurse. We also support national projects including community shops, camps for disadvantaged families and the development of the Vincentian Youth Programme. We appreciate your great support which has brought help and hope to those in need.

We presently visit 130 people in our area but we would like you to let us know if you are aware of anyone who needs help or support. Our work is confidential and all members are DBS checked.

Please consider joining us to help put the words of Jesus into practise. "I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me." All you need is to be able to offer time and love.

For more information please contact Peter on 01200 441081 or speak to any SVP member.

Thank you for all your help and support.

*SVP Conference Members*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th September 2017

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



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

#### Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### Tuesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

#### Saturday (16th September)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Reconciliation 11-11.45am

Exposition 11-11.55am

### St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

**Friday** —Mass at 9.15am    **Saturday**—First Mass of Sunday at 6.30pm

### St Mary's Church, Sabden

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

#### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Bernadine Holmes, Raymond Waling x 2, Bill Southworth, Bernard Higgins, Margaret Fagan x 5, Molly Hartley,

**SICK** Mgr John Chaloner, Fr David Foster, John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Pat Horrocks, Louise Craven, Bernadette Taylor, Paul Mooney, Canon Tony Dorran

#### LATELY DEAD

Margaret Fagan

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Bernadine Holmes, Raymond Waling, Bill Southworth, Bernard Higgins, Molly Hartley,

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

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £781.45 Sabden £135.69 Dunsop £148.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**MASS OF HEALING** The next Mass of Healing will be at 2pm NEXT 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 today Sun 10 Sept. We need the info for refreshment numbers and transport arrangements

**FR KEVIN—SPIRITUAL BOUQUET** a Spiritual Bouquet is a gift of prayer for the future ministry and happiness of Fr Kevin in his service of the church. It can be a visit to a church, a promise to offer Mass, Holy Communion or Rosary. There is a list at the back of church to make your offering.

**FR KEVIN/MGR CHALONER PRESENTATION EVENING** Tuesday 3rd October—Mass at 7pm followed by refreshments—Cheese and Wine in our Parish Hall until 9pm. Tickets £1 available from the Sacristy

**MARIAN PROCESSION** on Saturday 7th October 2017 at 10.30am starting at St Edward's Parish (13 Thurloe Street M145SG). Everyone is invited to this celebration of our faith! Info ☎ 0161 2242589(Fraternas) or email [marianprocession@gmail.com](mailto:marianprocession@gmail.com)

**PRO-LIFE** At a recent Pro-Life meeting it was voiced that as a parish we should do more to support young expectant mothers who may need help. We should also keep our young adults informed that this help is available and where to get it. With this in mind we have invited the Manager of Maryvale, Blackburn (The house for young mothers and their babies) to speak to us at 7.30pm 13 September in the presbytery. All welcome

**APF MISSIONS—RED BOX COLLECTIONS** will take place within the next couple of weeks. If you have recently taken a box and have not been contacted by a collector please bring your box to Church and take it to the Sacristy. Queries contact Sion or Janet Hall 01200 428949

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting Tuesday 12 September 8pm in the presbytery.

**REFUGEES** Kathryn Clay would be grateful for any unwanted cosmetics, perfumes or toiletries to assist refugees. Tel: 0125 825948

**SEASON OF CREATION** Sept 1—October 4 Join us for a Peaceful Prayer Assembly for our World Wednesday 4 October 11.30am at the Fracking Site, Little Plumpton (assemble 11am Maple Farm). Further information on poster in porch.

**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** feast day Sunday 24 September. On Saturday 23rd at Ladywell devotions—Mass 12 noon, lunch break, Benediction 2pm. See poster in porch for the two 2018 pilgrimages.

**HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION** as from 1st Sunday of Advent 2017 two holydays of obligation are being reinstated. This decision was made by the Bishops of England & Wales. The days are The Epiphany of the Lord and The Ascension of the Lord. See <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Holydays.shtml>

**NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE** would you like to hear about news and events from around the Diocese we have a brand new website—[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk) You can search for people and places and get an insight into the departments and services, although some material is still in progress—keep looking!

**THE POPE VIDEO** the latest 'Pope Video' - this month's theme is parishes at the service of the mission. <https://thepopevideo.org/>

**CAFOD** Our Cafod group are holding a meeting in St Michael & St John's Presbytery on Tuesday 12 September at 10am. Please come and join us—find out how we can all help CAFOD

*There will be a retiring collection after all masses next weekend for  
The Bishops Conference*

## **CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—M.Valovin Reader A.McGuire Eucharistic Ministers A.Southworth, A.Rowley—Sun morning Welcoming—J.Clegg & E.Davies Reader—M.Donnolly Eucharistic Ministers—H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, S.Smith Tea & Coffee—C.James & A.Pritchard Little Church— G.Hennigan & J.Golding**

**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....

**JOYFUL NOISE** 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 tomorrow evening Monday 11th September from 7.30—9.30pm and sing some of your favourite hymns. Light refreshments provided afterwards.

**LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING** Tuesday 12 Sept 7pm in the presbytery  
**TEA DANCE** in our Parish Hall—Wednesday 20 September 2-5pm. Still only £4. Info from Daphne 01200 427912

**K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday 12 September 7.30pm in the presbytery.

## **DUNSOP**

**DUCK RACE—AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY** Thankyou to everyone who supported the Duck Race in any way last Monday. The nett profit was £685. Once again many thanks to all. A list of prize winners can be found in the porch.

**PHOTOGRAPHS** would St Hubert's community please contact Rachel Alpe 01200 448293 regarding your photographs

## **SABDEN**

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

**BONUS BALL** starts this week. If you haven't got your envelopes they are at the back of church—anyone missed out please let me know. Numbers are still available only £1 a week. Please see or ☎ Donna Wharton 01254 823422

**FLOWER FESTIVAL** 2pm Friday 20 October to Sunday 22 October. Planning meeting Wednesday 27 September at 7.30pm. Please come along if you would like to be involved—Flower arrangers—volunteers for refreshments and anyone with any ideas. Any photos or artefacts that help tell the story of St Mary's would be appreciated.

**KNIT, STITCH & NATTER** every Monday morning 10am-noon in the top room of the hall. Tea, Coffee & biscuits and you can knit, stitch do your own handicrafts, knit squares, sew blankets or just come for a natter. Spare needles and wool provided.

**FUN FITNESS & DANCE** Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm. Suitable for all ages. Cost £3.50—proceeds go to hall and church funds.

**FR KEVIN FAREWELL GIFT** There is a collection box at the back of church for donations or see Pat Whitwell. Tickets for the presentation are also available from Pat.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are in memory of Raymond Waling