

## Dear Parishioners

We welcome back to Clitheroe and Sabden Fr Mark Paver who three years ago, as part of his training, spent some months with us. This weekend he returns as an ordained priest. As well as celebrating our weekend Masses he will concelebrate and assist conferring the sacrament of sick at the healing Mass on Sunday at 2pm.

This is time of the year when we begin organising the RCIA course, but unusually this year I have received no inquiries. As you know the RCIA is geared to help those who feel drawn to joining the Catholic Church or who simply wish to dip their toes in the water to learn what we are about. Catholics wishing to develop their knowledge of the faith are also welcome. Please contact me as soon as possible if you know of anyone who is or might be interested in this year's programme.

This week and next, I'll be meeting with parents of children in our schools who are eligible to make their First Holy Communion in June next year. We shall more or less follow the same programme as last year, except that as the children spend an hour with their catechists on Sunday morning after Mass, this year we propose that the parents join parishioners in the Social Centre for coffee so that new parishioners and the like will get to know members of the parish community, especially our younger families.

Parents of children who do not attend a Catholic school and who wish their children to make their first Holy Communion should contact me as soon as is possible and certainly before the end of this month. Please spread the message, otherwise they will be left to join next year's programme.

The Parish Forum meets on Wednesday at 7.30 with tea or coffee and biscuits from 7.15pm. As usual we have an interesting agenda, including the formation of the Laudato Si group, Christmas Mass schedule (this year 9 masses over three days but only one doddering priest!) the new programme for infant baptisms, closure of the passage between the school and the church, a report on developments in the Social Centre, new arrangements for the Christmas Fayre and a number of other issues to follow up from the July Forum.

Sadly, the holidays are over! *Fr John*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

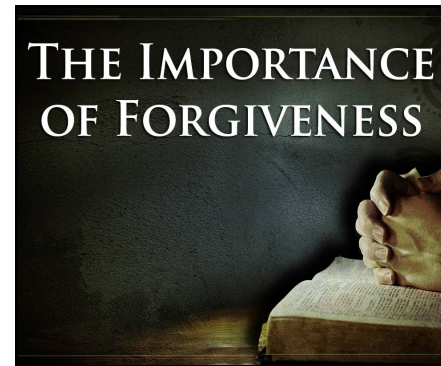
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## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th September 2017

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



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee  
Mass of Healing 2pm (Parish Hall)

#### Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Saturday (23rd 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—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

Eileen Twiddy, Margaret Fagan,

#### SICK

Fr David Foster, John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Pat Horrocks,  
Paul Mooney, Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor

#### LATELY DEAD

Eileen Twiddy, Margaret Fagan, Teresa Preedy (nee Wrigley)

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

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

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £733.06 Sabden £150.61 Dunsop £184.50

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**S.V.P.** Our quarterly collection raised a magnificent £657.27. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We will ensure that those in need benefit from your generosity.

**MASS OF HEALING** Today Sunday 17 September at 2pm. If you can provide cakes please bring to the hall before 1.30pm. Any help with serving refreshments and clearing up will be much appreciated.

**FR KEVIN—SPIRITUAL BOUQUET** which 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, Communion or Rosary. There is a list at the back of church.

**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

**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 Sacristy. Queries ☎ Sion or Janet Hall 01200 428949

**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** feast day Sun 24. Sept Sat 23rd at Ladywell devotions—Mass noon, lunch break, Benediction 2pm. See poster for 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>

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

**OUR FAITH—OUR PLANET—OUR COMMUNITY** Manchester Cathedral, Monday 25 Sept 6pm—9pm aimed at bringing people together to learn about climate change, promote shared values and find out more about Manchester Climate Change Strategy 2017-2050. Bishop John will be one of the speakers. People of all faiths and none welcome. Buffet supper available. Register for Free ticket website—<https://our-faith-our-planet-17.eventbrite.co.uk>

**REFORMATION 500!** To mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, the church leaders invite you to Blackburn Cathedral for a ‘Commemoration of the Reformation’ on Thursday 19 October at 2pm. Speaking side by side Fr Johyn O’Toole National Ecumenical Officer for the Catholic Bishops Conference in England & Wales and Pastor George Samiec, and joined by other church leaders in Lancashire. You are invited to come and stand in visible unity as part of the whole Christian witness to the Gospel in Lancashire.

**DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL MINISTRY** (starts Feb 2018) two year online course, ten six week modules. Come and See information evening at Cathedral Centre Thursday 10 October 7.30pm—9pm Information Fr Paul Daly [paul.daly@salford.org.uk](mailto:paul.daly@salford.org.uk) or Christopher.lough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

**OAKHILL SCHOOL WHALLEY**—Open evening Tuesday 6 Oct ober6-8pm

**MARY’S MEALS** The founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow OBE will speak this coming Wednesday evening at the Grand, York Street —FREE—see poster in porch

**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)

**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.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LANCASHIRE** a series of events in partnership with MIND to explore mental health and how churches and other faith groups can support their local communities—see poster in porch

## **CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—J.Bentley Reader J.Byrne Eucharistic Ministers F.Ellis & M.Fox—Sun morning Welcoming—M.Swales & T.O’Donnell Reader—P.Sutcliffe Euch Ministers—J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes Tea & Coffee – P.Byrne & family Little Church—S.Fellows/C.Mashiter**

**ROSSENDALE MALE VOICE CHOIR** Friday 13th October in St Michael & St Johns church—an evening of music and entertainment. Tickets £10 inc refreshments. Proceeds to East Lancs Hospice. See poster in porch for more details.

**AFTERNOON VARIETY SHOW** Thursday 26 October 2-4pm in our Parish Hall. Tickets £5 from Social Centre, Daphne 01200 427912 or Carol 01200 426769 including refreshments. Bar available. Please see poster in porch.

**TEA DANCE** in our Parish Hall—Wednesday 20 September 2-5pm. Still only £4. Info from Daphne 01200 427912

**BAPTISM** We welcome Luis James Vermaak who was baptised recently

**SEEDLINGS** Baby & Toddler group every Wednesday in our Parish Hall 9.30—11.30am £1050 per family.

**K.S.C.DANCES** October 6th & November 10th—more details next week.

## **DUNSOP**

**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** Winner last Saturday no 6. 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** the first Knit, stitch and Natter morning proved to be such a lovely get-together that it is continuing every Monday morning in the top room of the hall from 10.15am to noon. Pop along for a social morning with tea, coffee and biscuits and you can knit, stitch, do your own handicraft or just come along for a natter. If you wish you can knit squares to make blankets for refugees or help sew them together.

**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.