

*Dear Parishioners,*

Thank you very much indeed for the great privilege and blessing of my time here in Our Lady of the Valley parish these last two years. I am grateful to you all for the faith, hope and love that you have shared. Our three churches are alive with people who profess and practise the Catholic faith in active, engaged and inspiring ways.

Thank you especially for the memorable, uplifting celebration on Tuesday evening, when mass was concelebrated to mark my departure and that of Mgr John Chaloner. This was a wonderful occasion and we all appreciated the inspired music ministry and the involvement of the children in reading, singing and the remarkable “stick dance.”

Thank you for the cards, gifts and the extremely generous cheques. Coming to priesthood later in life, with a teaching career and savings behind me, I always donate such gifts to charity: thankfully, I am sending over £1,000.00 to Craig Lodge where the charity “Mary’s Meals” is based. I will tell them that this comes from the great goodness of the people of Our Lady of the Valley parish.

I am grateful for having begun my priestly ministry in a parish where lay people are so involved and where social action is a lived reality and not just a preached ideal. Our faith community is a beacon to society at large and we should be justly proud of the ministry to the marginalised, the work to support refugees, the campaigning against trafficking and slavery and so many other ways in which the lonely, disadvantaged and vulnerable are supported.

I have come to see what great local Catholic schools we have with truly excellent head teachers and outstandingly devoted staff who go the extra mile in pursuit not just of academic excellence but also of the nurturing of faith. Parishioners can be assured that their children and grandchildren are being given the best of starts in life.

My greatest gratitude is for the amazing spiritual bouquet that was presented to me. I have discovered more and more how dependent we priests are on the prayers of the faithful. Please know that I will also pray and offer the mass for you in the days ahead.

Thank you and God bless you.

*Father Kevin*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th October 2017

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



**Sunday**

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

**Monday & Wednesday**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

**Tuesday**

Mass at 9.15am

**Thursday**

Mass at 9am

Reception 6pm—Mary Miller

**Friday**

Requiem Mass at 10am

Mary Miller

**Saturday (14th October)**

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 10.30am

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Teresa Embery, Theresa McDouagh, Monica Clayton, Christopher Perrin, Marie Joyce McDonald, Harry Rogers, Laila and family birthday

**SICK** Fr David Foster, John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Paul Mooney, Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor, Joe Wright

**LATELY DEAD** Theresa McDough, Harry Rogers, Mary Miller  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Teresa Embery, Marie Joyce MdDonald, Christopher Perrin

**PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £728.80 Sabden £125.14 Dunsop £199.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**REFORMATION 500!** To mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, church leaders invite you to Blackburn Cathedral for a ‘Commemoration of the Reformation’ on Thursday 19 October at 2pm. See poster in porch

**DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL MINISTRY** (starts Feb 2018) two year online course, ten six week modules. Cathedral Centre Thurs 10 October 7.30pm—9pm Fr Paul Daly paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or Christopher.lough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

**REFUGEES** Kathryn Clay would be grateful for any unwanted cosmetics, perfumes or toiletries to assist refugees - 01254 825948. She’s also applied for a £500 grant from the Skipton Building Society to help fund next years Refugee Day—more next week

**SPONSORED WALK** Annual 8 mile Sponsored walk, led by Fr John Corcoran. Meet outside St Michael & St John’s Church, Clitheroe **TODAY** 1.30pm Sunday 8 October. All funds will go to Caritas Young Parents Service please contact Meriel Woodward—m.woodward@caritassalford.org.uk or ☎07989 922666.

**WANTED** The Caritas Mother and Baby home in Blackburn would be very grateful for donations of Babies clothing (birth to 2 years), nappies, baby wipes, toiletries etc. Please take any donations to 44 Eshton Terrace, Clitheroe. If you would like any more information then ☎ Mary O’Reilly 01200 444473

**‘SOLD’** full length feature film, the harrowing story of a young girl trafficked from Nepal to Calcutta—St Michael & St John’s Parish Centre, Anti-Slavery Day Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm. Admission free though donations to the Medaille trust welcome. T register email Anthony Brown a.brown@medaille-trust.org.uk

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** 27 July—2 August 2018. Volunteers of all ages and abilities—medical and non-medical to assist pilgrims. Upcoming information meetings at Cathedral Centre 3 Ford Street, Salford M3 6DP—Sunday 15 October 2pm—3pm and Wednesday 22 November 7.30pm—8.30pm

**CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—M.Valovin Reader** -V.Murray **Eucharistic Ministers** M.Preedy & M.Smith —**Sun morning Welcoming**—B.Parkinson & E.Thomson **Reader**—R.Bowes **Euch Ministers**—A.Marsden, P.Donnely, E.Lambert **Tea & Coffee** – R & C.Conti & E.Thomson **Little Church**—D & C Carr & V.Harvey Higgins

**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.

**PARISH DRAW** will commence later this month—please pay your agent if you want a ticket this year. If you have not had a ticket before but you would like one please contact Janet 01200 423307 in the Parish Office or see one of the other agents. See Poster

**LADIES GROUP** Committee meeting Monday 9 October 7pm in the Presbytery.

**ARE YOU OVER 80?** If you are 80 or over, living alone, and have not previously received a Christmas gift from the Mayor’s fund please phone Ann Southworth on 01200 422890 before 24 October.

**TEA DANCE** Wednesday 18 October 2-5pm in our Parish Centre only £4. Dancing and Afternoon Tea with homemade cakes and good company.

*2018 Diaries are on sale in all three churches and are 50p*

**K.S.C.COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday 10 October 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

**ROSSENDALE MALE VOICE CHOIR** singing in our church NEXT Friday 13 October Tickets £10. Proceeds to East Lancs Hospice. On sale after mass this weekend 7/8 October see poster. Also on sale at Sabden see below

**SEEDLINGS** Baby & Toddler group every Wednesday in our Parish Hall 9.30am—11.30am £1.50 per family.

**JUMBLE SALE**—A Monster Jumble Sale is planned for ‘Mary’s Meals’ on 4th November. If you could help in any way or by collecting unwanted clothing Bric a Brac Betc please contact Arnold 01200 427096 More details nearer the time

**BAPTISM** We welcome Alexander Conrad Keir who was baptised recently

**SOCIAL CENTRE** closed Oct 7-12th (upstairs only) but re-open on Friday 13th October as ‘The Old School Room’ and ‘The Assembly Hall’ (see last weeks back page) This night will be a chance for everyone to see what we now are, enjoy a cocktail, some canapés and have a social evening. Tickets, available for free from the bar or the Parish Office, will enable people to have a cocktail. You don’t need to have a ticket if you don’t want a cocktail

**DUNSOP**

**LITTLE DUCKLINGS** The Thorneyholme Playgroup meets in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall from 1.30-3.30 every Wednesday during term time. Special story telling and music activities led by the staff are included in the sessions. All children from birth to school age are welcome. Why not come along and enjoy a friendly welcome with great activities, all in a beautiful location.

**HELP NEEDED** Thorneyholme School is looking for green-fingered volunteers with an hour a week to spare! We have a successful after school gardening club (1st prize at Hodder Show for 2nd year running!) but we need new leaders if we are to continue. We meet after school for an hour a week March-October, growing a wide variety of vegetables and wild flowers. You don’t need to be an expert, just enthusiastic! Please contact school 01200 448276 if you think you could help.

**SABDEN**

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

**BONUS BALL** Winning number 20 Please remember to keep up with your payments a week in advance—you have to be in it to win it!

**TEA POTS** We are in need of tea pots to display beautiful tea cosies being made by Carol Hartley. If you have an old teapot in your cupboard that you no longer want (preferably a four cup pot) please bring it along to church or leave with Carol or Margaret Parsons. Spare knitting needles and wool also welcome.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL** 20—22 October. If you can help please put your name on the rotas on the notice board. We are looking for any photos people may have celebrating events in the Church—weddings, baptisms or First Holy Communions, to be displayed during the festival, this will form a display to show events over the last 80 years. Search your albums—all material loaned will be returned. There is also a box in the porch for anyone who would like to make a donation towards the flowers.

**KNIT, STITCH & NATTER** every Monday 10-15am—noon, top room in the hall. All welcome to pop along for tea/coffee and biscuits and chat. Bring your own crafts if you wish and knit, **STITCH** or just natter.

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

**ROSSENDALE MALE VOICE CHOIR** Tickets on sale from Pat Whitwell after Mass

**BAPTISM** We welcome Florence Mary Capstick who was baptised last weekend