

## CARITAS SUNDAY

*Caritas Diocese of Salford* is the official charity that co-ordinates Social Work within the diocese. Its vision is that the lives of all people should be free from poverty, disadvantage and discrimination. It helps the most vulnerable children, young people and adults in our communities to transform their lives and fulfil their potential. It raises awareness on human trafficking and campaigns for justice. It welcomes the stranger and visits the housebound. It works in schools and supports young mothers and babies. Four young parishioners from Sabden raised £100 towards St Augustine's High School total of around £800 to decorate the Caritas Young Parents Home in Blackburn.

Last year this parish raised £793 for Caritas's Refugee Response, out of a total of £37,238, this went directly to the ground-breaking work across the Diocese to welcome refugees and asylum seekers. From almost zero activity just two years ago, Caritas has set up Refugee and Asylum Centre Drop-Ins in Haslingden and Wythenshawe to provide casework support and a welcome face to those escaping war or persecution. They have provided Volunteer led English lessons; worked with Revive in Manchester to arrange days out in our parish communities in the Ribble Valley and Irlam; and in October they launched the *Refugee Come Dine with Me* parish initiative, after a pilot involving many of our parishioners. Caritas has continued to pioneer the Refugee Community Sponsorship Programme, taking the Canadian model, where a community group welcomes a Refugee Family; from meeting them at the airport, to finding local accommodation, helping with schools, medical registration and providing friendship. From the original pilot at St Monica's, Flixton another nine parishes have followed suit and Caritas worker Sean Ryan received an MBE in the New Year's honours list as a recognition of his leadership and coordination of his leading-edge work with refugees.

Caritas offers emergency accommodation to the destitute, and supporters are campaigning for individual asylum seekers, even in some instances housing them in their own homes! They continue to respond to poverty and social injustice in our parishes in whatever form it might take. This year's second collection will enable us to reach out with compassion to those greatest in need.

To learn more, go to [www.caritassalford.org.uk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk) or contact the parish's Caritas Representative, Anthony Brown on 01200 422811.

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28 January 2018

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



**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday**  
Eucharistic Service at 9am

**Tuesday**  
Mass at 9am  
11.30am Funeral Service  
Michael Kevin O'Brien

**Friday**  
Mass at 9am

**Saturday (3rd February)**  
Reconciliation 11-11.45am  
Exposition 11-11.55am  
Mass at 12noon—Diamond Wedding  
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

***There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend for Caritas***

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK** Monica & Harry Wiggins, Margaret Fagan, Jeff Cowgill, Harriet Foulker, Jim McNulty, Maureen Aspinall, Bernice Dachs, Birthday wishes, Margaret Illingworth, Special intentions, Margaret McKenna x 2, John Haworth x 2,

**SICK** Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor, Ruth Edwardson, Margaret Cunningham, Bill and Barbara Dewhurst.

**LATELY DEAD** Bernice Dachs, Michael Kevin O'Brien, Jim McNulty, Maureen Aspinall, John Haworth

**ANNIVERSARIES** Monica & Harry Wiggins, Harriet Foulker, Margaret Illingworth, Margaret McKenna

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

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £761.26 Sabden £157.42 Dunsop £217.00  
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**PARISH FORUM** The first meeting of the Forum in 2018 will be on Wednesday 7 February at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre. Refreshments will be served from 7.15pm. Any items for the agenda should be given to Peter Donnelly 01200 441081 or email: donnelmarg@aol.com before Wednesday 31 January.

**ST BAKHITA MASS** to pray for the victims of human trafficking and modern day slavery—Wednesday 7 February 7.30pm at St Mary's Burnley. Anthony Brown will speak.

**MARY'S MEALS** We have received a letter from Fiona Kirsop, fundraising assistant thanking us for the donation of £1,500. See letter in porch

**VACANCY** The governors, staff and children at Sacred Heart RC Primary School, Church near Accrington are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed professional to become their new Deputy Headteacher. They are looking for a practicing Catholic who is an excellent classroom practitioner who can inspire both children and staff. Amongst many things that they can offer you are happy, well behaved children who are eager to learn in an atmosphere where they all feel valued and respected. Please visit the school website [www.sacredheartschoolchurch.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartschoolchurch.co.uk) for full details.

**YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS (YCW)** have expressed deep concerns about the help available to young people with mental health problems. YCW is carrying out a National Action Campaign on mental health among young people and want to look at this issue more deeply to find out opinions and experiences. Complete the survey by going on to <https://tinyurl.com/ycw-mental-health-survey>

### **CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—J.Luciani Reader** V.Murray **Eucharistic Ministers** A.Southworth & A.Rowley **Sunday morning—Welcoming** B.Parkinson & P.Dixon **Reader—G.Lambert Eucharistic Ministers** - J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes **Tea & Coffee—C.James & A.Pritchard Little Church—D.& V.Harvey Higgins**

**SPRING HAPPENING** All welcome to attend the next planning meeting for the Spring Happening Monday 5 February at 11am & 7.30pm. Let's join our talents and skills together for this new parish event. If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute, do not hesitate to contact one of the below.

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**PRO-LIFE GROUP** will meet on Monday 12 February at 7.30pm in the presbytery. Everyone welcome

**CANDLEMAS SERVICE** Sunday February 4th at 5pm at St Mary Magdalene's Parish Church. Theme 'The Lord is my Light' with readings, hymns and choir music. Part of the service will be held by candlelight. See poster in porch

**LADIES GROUP** All are very welcome to come along to our Ladies Group meeting Wednesday 31 January in The Assembly Room at 7.30pm. Mr Sion Hall will talk on 'My life in Policing'. Cost £2 inc light refreshment. Hope to see you there. Please note our next Committee meeting will now be on Monday February 5th at 7pm in the presbytery

**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

**UKULELE BAND** Our Ladies Group have organised a fund raising event for The Sea Shell Trust on Friday 16 February from 7.30pm (doors open 7pm) in The Assembly Hall (our Parish Hall). Tickets are £6 inc light refreshments Bar will be open and there will be a raffle. Raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated—please bring along to next Ladies Group meeting on Wednesday 31 January or leave in the Parish Office. Tickets for this event will be on sale after masses next weekend 3/4 February or Daphne 01200 427912, Carol 01200 426769, Patsy 01200 441792, Janet (Parish Office) 01200 423307 ext 3  
**HELP!** Some weeks ago an envelope was found in the Parish Office. The envelope was white and had 'Janet' written on the front. In it was £32.40—can anyone throw any light on it?

### **DUNSOP**

**MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP** Wednesday afternoons in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. Further details Laura Wells 01200 448304

**BABY SENSORY** specifically designed from birth to assist your baby's development. Thursday morning in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall again contact Laura Wells for more details.

### **SABDEN**

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

**BONUS BALL** Winning Bonus Ball number is 47

**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.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS** please volunteers, a rota is displayed on the notice board.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to go on the cleaning rota for the Church and Hall. Please help if you can it only involves a couple of hours every few weeks. Please see Jennifer, Suzanne or Damian after Mass.

**OLD SABDEN EXHIBITION** We are holding an exhibition of pictures and memorabilia on Sabden Past and Present in the hall on the weekend of March 17/18. If you have any pictures or other items you could loan for the exhibition please leave them with Pat Whitwell, Margaret Waling, Jennifer Mead, Kay Galea or Margaret Parsons

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Easter Bonnet Parade & Coffee Morning Saturday 24th March. More details later