

## Dear Parishioners

You may have noticed in last week's newsletter that Deacon Callum Brown is to be ordained to the priesthood next month. Callum was studying at Lancaster University with the aim a career in teaching until God intervened in his life and Callum realised that he was being called to become a priest. So, he applied to the diocese, passed selection and began his 6 years of training. It was as a part of this training that he came to our parish in September 2015 for four months of pastoral experience to observe the reality of living and serving in a parish, as had Fr Frankie Mulgrew and Fr Mark Paver before him.

He has all but completed his studies and will be ordained a priest in Salford Cathedral on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 1pm. A bus will take and return as many parishioners who wish to attend the ceremony and the reception that follows to the two pickup points in Clitheroe and Sabden.

This year Callum is the only priest to be ordained for our diocese, so those who attend should have no difficulty in finding a good vantage point. Please note that parking is very difficult in and around the Cathedral, so if you wish to attend, I advise that you catch the bus and do not attempt to drive there! First come, first served so sign up on the list at the back of the church if you intend to go.

Fr Callum's first Mass will be celebrated the following day, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 2pm in his home parish of St Mary's Haslingden. Friends are welcome.

At the parish Forum we decided to arrange a parish reception and presentation to Callum on a Friday night after the holidays and also invite him to celebrate the parish's weekend Masses. In consultation with Callum we have agreed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

To collect for the presentation, envelopes are being printed. Please use these if you wish to contribute to the presentation. There will be only one presentation made on behalf of the whole parish, to the exclusion of individual gifts from friends, families, societies or each church community. As always, please remember that we are one parish community. Envelopes may be left at the Presbytery or handed in with the Sunday offertory collection. Cheques should be made payable to Our Lady of the Valley Parish. *Fr John*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter - 22nd April 2018

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



**Sunday**  
Mass at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee

**Monday & Friday**  
Mass at 9am

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

**Saturday (28th April)**  
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

**There will be a retiring collection after all masses this weekend for The Ecclesiastical Education Fund**

*First Holy Communion cards and gifts will be on sale Sunday morning after the 9.30am Mass over in our Parish Centre*

**MASSSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK** Alice Emerson, Peter Youlton, Albert Blockeel, John Winter, Private Intention, Stephen Perrin & brothers, David Woods, Wood family  
**SICK** Jonathan Taylor, Maria Middleton, Agnes Marsden, Louise Craven, David Connearn, Peter Youlton  
**LATELY DEAD** John Winter  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Albert Blockeel

**PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £739.12 Sabden £129.72 Dunsop £183.50  
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272 **LENT FAST DAY** Dunsop £50.00  
**LIVERPOOL & DUBLIN** anyone considering attending either the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool or the World Wide gathering of families in Dublin needs to contact Fr John. Pope Francis will attend the world meeting of families in Dublin. information from John Griffin 0161 817 2222 or john.griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk  
**REFUGEE FUNDRAISING** Silverwoods Clitheroe are to Auction a selection of quality items at the Wonderful Tonight Refugee Fundraising event. If you have any items to help this auction we would be delighted. Our target is £1200 to pay for transport for the day. Thankyou for your unerring support.

**CLITHEROE TALK ENGLISH** Want to learn English and get involved in the wider community, then join us every Monday at The United Reformed Church, Castle Gate, Clitheroe 1pm—3pm. See poster in porch

**BECOME A CONFIDENT CATECHIST** Mondays 7.30-9.15pm 14 May to 25 June with Fr Chris Lough and team at The Becket Suite, St Thomas of Canterbury Bolton. More details on poster in porch. See Fr John if you are interested.

**ORDINATION** Callum Brown will be ordained in Salford Cathedral on Saturday 21 July. We are arranging a coach there and back. If you are interested please put your name on the list at the back of church. Cost approx £10-

**A PHILIPINO MASS** will be celebrated at St Mary's, Bamber Bridge on Saturday 19th May at 4pm. Details: Alaine Polentino 07305 799979

**MASS OF HEALING** Sunday 27 May at 2pm. If you would like to attend or know someone who would like to please complete one of the forms at the back of church and place in the box by Monday 21 May. Numbers needed for transport arrangements.

**LAUDATO SI' TALK:** The Pendle Hill Landsape Partnership. In the second of our Laudato Si talks, Jayne Ashe of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty will talk about our Laudato Si' Live Simply Award. 7.30pm Wednesday 2 May in the Old School Rooms

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN** 20's and 30's Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life 25-27 may in Liverpool organised by the Faithfull Companions of Jesus (FCJ). An opportunity to live community life for a weekend. More information Sr Lynne FCJ lynnefcj@hotmail.com or website www.fcjsisters.org

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Jumble Sale—Sat 13 October in aid of Mary's Meals

**DEFIBULATOR REFRESHER SESSION** Wed 16 May—more details next week.

*The Parish Office closed next Thurs 26 April but will be open on Wed 25th*

**CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION (MEDICAL ACTIVITIES) BILL**

Baroness Nuala O'Loan's Bill is proceeding through Parliament. This Bill will protect medical staff from having to be involved in abortion-related activities and activities involving the withdrawal of medication, nutrition and fluids from patients at the end of life. This is an important Bill and further information about it, including how to contact your MP, can be found at <http://www.freeconscience.org.uk?>

**CLITHEROE**

**LADIES GROUP TRIP** to Terracotta Warriors. Due to unforeseen circumstances some people have had to cancel and we now have **THREE** tickets for the visit to the Terracotta Warriors in Liverpool. Cost £25. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange 8.30am prompt next Thursday 26 April. Tel Daphne 01200 427912 or Janet 01200 423307 ext 3  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** cards and gifts are now on sale in the side porch which is open before and after weekend masses and before and after weekday masses/services. They will also be on sale after Mass TODAY Sunday 22 April over in The Assembly Hall.

**ROTAS** **Saturday Welcoming**—J.Bentley **Reader**—J.Byrne **EuchMinisters** AF.Ellis & M.Fox **Sunday Welcoming** A & J Marsden **Reader** A.Chadwick **Euch Min** H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, S.Smith **Tea & Coffee**—B.Parkinson & B.Barker C.Naylor Preston **Little church** A.McNulty & F.Garner . New rotas available next week  
**SPRING HAPPENING** Sunday May 20th 11am—3pm in our Parish Centre and garden—Craft stalls, Cream Teas, Slaidburn Silver Band, Army Cadets, Hudsons Ice Cream, Childrens activities. A fun filled day for all the family in aid of church decoration. Next meeting for this event will be on Wed 9th May 11am & 7.30pm in the presbytery. If unable to attend email: jane\_ann\_brown@hotmail.com tel: 01200 441949

**EAST AFRICAN PLAYGROUNDS FUNDRAISER** after Sunday's 9.30am Mass cakes will be on sale in the hall to raise money for this non-profit charity by our organist, Trevor and his daughter. Louise his daughter will fly out to Uganda in July for three weeks to help some of the most deprived communities.

**LADIES GROUP MEETING** Wednesday 25 April 7.30pm in the Old School Rooms—speaker Adele King—From Her Majesty's Service to your service (Prison service to lady locksmith). £2 inc tea/biscuits. All welcome The Ladies Group Committee thank all who contributed in various ways to make the Coffee Morning successful. We made a further £423 for the Sea Shell Trust. We are very grateful for your continued support.

**DUNSOP**

**TROUGH TEAS** we will be hosting the Teas on Sunday 13th May in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. Refreshments served and cakes and produce will be on sale. Proceeds to St Hubert's church.

**SPRING HAPPENING** The ladies of St Hubert's have been asked to run the cake stall at the Spring Happening on May 20th. Please let Ann Cooke know if you can provide cakes and help out on the day.

**REBUILDING WORKS** to progress the rebuilding works the contents of the sacristy have been moved into the body of the church and so the church will be locked. Thursday and evening Masses will continue as usual.

**SABDEN**

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

**BONUS BALL** Winning Bonus Ball Number 38

**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 Damien after Mass.

**KNIT, STITCH & NATTER** every Monday morning 10.15am in the Hall. Very informal, all welcome. Come along for a chat and a cuppa.

**WIGGLE & GIGGLE** Fun, Fitness and Dance sessions in St Mary's Hall every Tuesday for an hour 7.30pm—fun and informal and suitable for all ages you exercise at your own pace. £3.50. Proceeds from these sessions we have been able to refurbish the stage.

**UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES** from Easter Coffee Morning. 56-60 Blue, 101-105 Blue, 86-90 Blue