

R.C.I.A. A new RCIA programme begins a week on Tuesday at 7pm in the large meeting room in the presbytery. A number of people interested in the Catholic church have already expressed an interest, but Catholics looking for a really good refresher course will not be disappointed. We shall follow a brand new programme. Come along and please do accompany someone if you think they may be interested, even if only to dip a toe in the water.
Fr John

PARISH FORUM

Meets on Wednesday evening for tea & biscuits at 7.15pm. Meeting at 7.30pm and ending by 9pm. The Forum is our Parish Council which every parishioner has a right to attend, speak and vote

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat—Welcoming— J.Bentley **Reader** J.Byrne **Euch Min—** B.Worden & A.Ward **Sunday—Welcoming** A & J Marsden **Reader** P.Sutcliffe **Euch Min** J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes **Tea & Coffee—**B.Parkinson & B.Barker **Little Church—**G.Hennigan & J.Golding

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Friday 5th Oct—Rossendale Scout Band in The Assembly Hall. Saturday 13th October—Jumble Sale in aid of Mary's Meals
AFTERNOON VARIETY CONCERT—THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER Tickets are now on sale and selling fast. Tickets available Daphne Marsden 01200 427912 or Carol Riley 01200 426769 or Janet Clegg 01200 423307 ext 3

TEA DANCE Wednesday 19th September 2-5pm in our Parish Hall with Afternoon Tea. Come along you are most welcome. Dancing is an enjoyable way to exercise and only costs £4

The Universe and Catholic Times price is now £1.50

DUNSOP

FRIENDS OF THORNEYHOLME are holding an Autumn Winter Fashion Show to raise funds for Thorneyholme RC Primary School. It will be held in Newton-in-Bowland Village Hall on Friday 5th October 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 and are available from Louisa on 01200 448677

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Monday 8 October from 11am. Admission £2.50. Raffle—Bottle Tombola—Cake stall—donations very welcome and can be left with Carol Hartley, Margaret Parsons, Pat Whitwell, Olive Doyle, Joan Thompson or Margaret Waling any time before the event.

MENS BREAKFAST There is to be a get-together and hot breakfast for men of the parish and village, on Saturday September 22 at 9am in the hall. All men are welcome and if you would like to go please give your name to Tony Galea so he can arrange catering. Previous breakfasts have been held at the Baptist and C of E churches, so let's make sure St Mary's is well supported by our own parishioners,

BONUS BALL This week's winning number 48 Leo & Betty Clarkson Congratulations

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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24th Sunday in Ordinary time - 16th September 2018

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

**PROCLAIM
God's Mercy**

**HOME MISSION
SUNDAY**



Saturday (22nd September)

Eucharistic Service at 10.45am Reconciliation 11-11.45am
Exposition 11-11.55 am 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 at all masses this weekend
15/16th September for Home Mission Sunday.*

This weekend we welcome back to the parish newly ordained Fr Callum Brown. We wish him well in his priesthood and pray that he will have a long and fulfilled ministry.

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Hugh Kerr
ANNIVERSARIES Hugh Kerr

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £759.51 Sabden £239.20 Dunsop £132.20

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

CATHOLIC EDUC SERV Clitheroe £277.48 Sabden £52.51 Dunsop £53.00

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME in February 2019 led by Bishop John 16—23rd February. Over 18's only cost per person £690 which includes flights, full board and insurance. More info email: tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or 0161 817 2222

RETREAT at Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre, Preston (formerly TABOR) The Centre will be hosting an OPEN DAY on Tuesday 25 September 12noon—4pm. Story telling, Food from around the World, Family games.

SALFORD DIOCESE we are recruiting parish members for our 2018-2020 CCRS—Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies course which ensures that governors, teachers and the church community has a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic Faith for those involved in Education, RE Curriculum and Parish Catechesis.

PAUSE FOR HOPE a service for people affected in any way by cancer, Sunday 14th October, here at St Michael & St John's at 3pm. Participants will include patients, professional practitioners and fund raisers as well as local clergy and the Ribbles Valley choir will sing. The service was first initiated by Prof. Ray Donnelly, a retired thoracic surgeon who is now President of the Roy Castle Foundation. There will be an opportunity to light a candle for loved ones and to obtain a special prayer card. For further information please contact Carol Riley on 01200 426769

CLITHEROE ENGLISH CLUB has proved to be very popular. However the number of students has increased the workload beyond one volunteer. We are preparing to register the English Club as a small charity to attract grant funding. So we are looking for volunteers to help. See notice in porch

ANTI-TRAFFICKING EVENSONG Blackburn Cathedral September 23rd at 4pm. Come and pray for victims of human trafficking and to bring an end to modern day slavery.

CAFOD Our CAFOD group invites you to join us on a 1 mile walk on Sunday 7th October after Mass (at St Michael & St John's) to support Pope Francis' Share the Journey campaign by walking in solidarity with refugees and migrants. Every step you take will send a message to world leaders that they must also step up. Our Cub Pack have already done this.

DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP In association with the Liverpool Archdiocese and this year Wrexham Diocese. The course begins January 2019 and ends December 2021 Cost £2,600 payable over three instalments. Information Evening at Salford Cathedral Centre Tuesday 9th October 7.30—9pm. This will be discussed at our next Parish Forum on 19th September.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING ROADSHOW in Blackburn Town Centre September 22nd. OLOTV parishioners are playing a key part in this roadshow organised by Lancashire Constabulary's Pan Lancashire Anti-Slavery Partnership. Come and ride on the Freedom Bus or experience the Journey to Freedom exhibition. Contact Anthony Brown 01200 422811 or Sion Hall 07764 161574 for details.

CAFOD Retreat 24th November St Patrick's Hall, Livesey St, MANCHESTER. Please bring shared vegetarian lunch. If you would like to join us please register via CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Salford-retreat>. We are thinking of hiring a mini-bus so if you need transport please contact Grace Fellows 01200 425928. Registering needs to be done asap as this event is usually fully booked by the end of Sept. The topic is Countering Consumerism: lessons from Gaudete et Exsultate

INVITATION Parishioners are cordially invited by the trustees of the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst to an informal "drop in" open day, to see the restored water mill. Now known as Theodore House, it will be a Centre for retreats, students, parishes and schools. It will be open on Thursday September 20th between 10am and 6pm. All are welcome to see what has been achieved so far. Further details at www.christianheritagecentre.com

POETRY COMPETITION To accompany the Northern Scripture Festival (Salford Cathedral 6th October) parishioners over 16 are invited to submit a poem (no more than 20 lines) on the theme "Joy: the surprise of the Gospel". The poem can be any style, must be in English, not have been published previously and can't be a translation of another author's work. Entry forms available in porch or go to www.scripturefestival.org

LADYEWELL On Saturday September 22nd members of the Walsingham Association will visit the shrine for Mass at 12noon, Benediction later, in honour of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham the following Monday September 24th. Everyone welcome to join us

MASS OF HEALING

Sunday 30 Sept at 2pm in the Assembly Hall. All who would like to go please fill in a form from the back of church and place in the box by Mon 24 Sept. We need numbers for organising refreshments, transport and seating.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

In today's Gospel Jesus presents us, as disciples, with a challenging question, 'Who do you say I am?' For some the most challenging element of this question is whether we talk about him at all. Today on Home Mission Sunday we pray for the spread of the Gospel in our own towns and villages and country. There is a second collection as you leave church which will be used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith, particularly by training and supporting diocesan evangelisation personnel and programmes.

DAY OF RENEWAL Sat 13th October at St Clare's, Preston—see poster in porch
MONSTER JUMBLE SALE Saturday 13th October in our Parish Hall. Unwanted clothing, Books, DVD's, Bric a Brac etc can be collected the day prior to sale Friday 12th October. Tel Arnold 01200 427096 or Betty 01200 427029. All proceeds will be donated to Mary's Meals, a charity providing children in the poorest communities in the world with one daily meal in their place of education.