

Please could you help?

There is a family of asylum seekers living in Clitheroe, comprising Mum, Dad, and two little boys aged 6 and 4. They are Kurdish Iraqis, who fled Mosul in December 2015 to escape significant persecution. They endured an often life-threatening journey, eventually arriving in England in July 2016, when they applied for asylum. Their application failed, but they were granted leave to appeal. Their Legal Aid solicitor missed the deadline to submit their appeal, and they are now living in dread of removal back to Iraq – a country where ISIS still operates, which has been devastated by fighting, and which is overrun with refugees and displaced persons. They have no family there to whom they could return, and no home, and no access to healthcare (Mum suffers from epilepsy and depression). They have brought up their little boys to speak English, and the boys have no memories of Iraq, and are happily settled here with many friends at school and nursery. Mum and Dad are working hard to improve their English, which is good enough now that they can volunteer in a charity shop and at the local primary school, and make the best contribution that they can to the place that is giving them refuge.

We have been working with this family to try to get them leave to remain, but next steps require strong legal representation, and this must be paid for. A very experienced solicitor has been found through Caritas, who is willing to take on the case. The initial interview costs £200, with overall fees amounting to anything up to £2,000, depending on how long the case runs.

This is a very genuine and deserving family. Please would you consider making a donation towards their legal fees? The Home Office has very recently decided that they no longer have the right of appeal, and so we need to act very quickly to instruct their new solicitor and to request a judicial review. Funds are therefore needed *immediately!*

Should circumstances change such that the money cannot be used, if you give your name and contact details and the amount of your donation, we will return it to you, or, with your permission, we would pass it on to the annual Clitheroe Refugee Day appeal, which our parish hosts to give refugees in our Diocese a day out in the country.

Thank you, *Tom Clay + Carol Hartley*

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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24th February 2019 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

**Monday, Wednesday
& Thursday**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am
2pm Funeral Service
Roy Kimberley

Friday—Fr John's Golden Jubilee

Mass at 7pm

Saturday (2nd March)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11am—11.45am
Exposition 11am—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

The SVP Quarterly collection will be taken after all Masses this weekend, please be as generous as you can.

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Carol Turner x 4, Special Birthday, Marie Thornber, Dave Fallon, Special Intention, Maureen Aspinall, Faye Russell, Private Intention, Jayne Crombleholme

LATELY DEAD

Stanley Hulme, Dave Fallon, Roy Kimberley, Catherine Byrne

ANNIVERSARIES

Marie Thornber, Maureen Aspinall, Faye Russell, Jayne Crombleholme,

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £751.13 Sabden £161.74 Dunsop £156.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

CARITAS Clitheroe £515.49 Sabden £92.40 Dunsop £80.00

ST AUGUSTINE'S PFTA QUIZ NIGHT March 8th starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £3 per person and teams are limited to a maximum of 8. Cash prizes on offer as well as a bar. Your support is greatly appreciated.

FR JOHN'S JUBILEE the list for pledges towards a Spiritual Bouquet for Fr John's Jubilee closes this weekend. Anyone who has offered to make a home made dessert should take them to our Parish Hall after 6pm next Friday. **PARKING ARRANGEMENTS** Parishioners are asked to park on the Municipal Car Park (free after 6pm) and reserve the Church and Parish Hall Car Park for visitors.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Wednesday 3rd April 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall (Parish Hall, SMSJ) a talk by Mr Michael and Mrs Margaret Cronin on their experiences at the World meeting of Families in Dublin last year.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will visit the Cathedral today Sunday 24th February.

PARENTALK—THE TEENAGE YEARS A great new course that covers vital topics for parents of teenagers. Six free sessions from Friday 1st March 6-7.45pm at Clitheroe Community Church, Millthorne Ave, BB7 2LE. Open to everyone. For more details telephone 01200 444148 or www.clitheroecommunitychurch.co.uk

GLOBAL HEALING Thank you to all who came to the Global Healing event at Sabden on Wednesday 13th and made it such an enjoyable and successful evening. Special thanks to too to those who prepared the six cultural dishes. With four different faiths represented the discussion was lively and stimulating. There will be two more events in Clitheroe to complete the series, dates to be arranged. For those who weren't able to attend in Clitheroe or Sabden you can see the film and download the resources at <http://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk>

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. With Fairtrade you have the power to change the world every day. With simple shopping choices you can get farmers a better deal. That means they can make their own decisions and lead the dignified life everyone deserves. There are leaflets and petition cards available in the porch at each of our churches.

PRO-LIFE MEETING March 7th in the presbytery at 7.30pm. Please come if you want to learn how we are supporting the Caritas mother and baby homes, or how we can promote pro-life issues. All welcome.

SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Booking forms now available for the 2019 Pilgrimage. Anyone who is interested in joining a Parish group please contact Margaret Donnelly 01200 441081 or 079687103618 donnelmarg@aol.com

***The Bishop will preach at Fr John's Jubilee Mass on Friday March 1st.
All parishioners are welcome to join him afterwards in the Assembly Rooms, the Parish Centre***

MST (MSSIONARY STEERING TEAM) The next meeting of this group is on Tuesday February 26th at 8pm in the presbytery.

OAKHILL SCHOOL & NURSERY Open day for pupils and parents interested on Thursday 14th March—see poster in porch.

AFTERNOON VARIETY SHOW the return of this event with Glen South in The Assembly Hall (Parish Hall) on Thursday 14th March 2-4.30pm. 6 inc light refreshments. Tickets available from Patsy 01200 441792 or Carol 01200 426769.

LADIES GROUP Our next meeting Wednesday 27th February at 7.30pm in The Assembly Hall—Patrick Brown will give a talk entitled 'Colonel Green' an extraordinary Ribbles Valley Gentleman (lots of Cricket and First World War detail). Admission on the door £2 inc light refreshments. At this meeting Patrick will have a few copies of his book left, £25 - all profit to the Royal British Legion. Men are warmly invited to this event.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat Welc—J.Bentley **Reader** A.Harkin **Euch Min** A.Harkin & N.Dixon **Sunday—Welc** M.Rogers & C.Willman **Reader** P.Lambert **Euch Min** H.Loffhouse, B.Collinson, P.Donnely **Tea & Coffee** S.V.P. **Little Church** C.Naylor-Preston.

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN SCOUT GROUP This is a great opportunity for someone wanting to develop their leadership skills and who enjoys working with other adults. This position will allow you to help develop an existing Scout Group and help it to provide wider Scouting opportunities to more young people. A scouting background is not essential as training will be given.

PARISH DRAW This months winners £100 105 A.Nicholas, £20 125 P.White, £20 42 Alban Marsden, £10 J.Sutcliffe, 117 A.Thornber, 68 J.Clegg, 36 G.Fellows

CHURCH CLEANERS There is an urgent need for more volunteers, men and women to come on to the rota for church cleaning. This takes place on Monday mornings, followed by coffee and a chat. A good way to meet other members of the parish in an informal setting. Please contact either Fr John 423307, Toni O'Donnell 423019 or Margaret Spencer 425204

CHRISTIAN AID open meeting for all potential supporters 7.30pm Monday 11 March at St James' Church

SIDE PORCH Please note this porch is open before and after mass/Service Monday to Friday and weekends. There is a large selection of items for sale including Golden Jubilee cards and Easter cards.

DUNSOP

DUNSOP BRIDGE PLAY GROUP Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.30am in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. Further details on Facebook or call Laura on 01200 448304

THORNEYHOLME SCHOOL are raising money for Cancer Research by having a 28 day Fitness February when pupils will keep a wellness diary over the month. If you wish to support the school the link to donate to the charity can be found on the latest news on the school's website.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL This week's winning no 12 Simon Doyle. Congratulations

KNIT STITCH & NATTER Monday's 10.15am—noon top room of the hall. All welcome for a chat, tea and biscuits and knit or stitch if you want.

EASTER BONNET PARADE The annual Coffee morning and Easter Bonnet Parade is on Saturday April 6th in the Hall from 10am—noon. More details to follow.