

*Dear Parishioners,*

You may remember two Palestinian Christians visiting the parish some years ago, they will return next weekend. Elias Rishmawy represents Christian families in and around Bethlehem and has written to explain their mission. *Fr John*

Bethlehem art is run by the Christian families in and around Bethlehem.

Our mission statement is to provide an income for the few Christian families still living in Bethlehem. There are few pilgrims and visitors to the Holy Land and so families have no means of selling their work. The result is that many families are facing great poverty and distress, as this is for many is their main livelihood.

The items produced by local craftsmen are individually hand carved from the wood of the olive tree that are common throughout the Holy Land and in particular those which surround my native city of Bethlehem. Many of the trees over 300 years old and many used for the carvings have fallen during the troubles.

Since olive wood is one of the hardest woods on earth, the woodcarvings and their detailing require the patience of very skilled craftsmen. God has blessed the craftsmen of Bethlehem with a very special talent.

This art of woodcarvings has been practiced for centuries and passed down through generations from father to son.

Once the items are carved, they are sanded and coated with a sealant varnish to protect the wood and highlight the grain. There will be no need for oiling or any further treatment, just display it and enjoy its beauty. These items will last a lifetime and can easily be enjoyed by generations to come.

I have the honour of representing the families and the craftsmen in my town of Bethlehem and I am proud to bring their carvings here to the United Kingdom for you to enjoy.

Every purchase of these carvings will help to support the many Christian families that still in current times live under constant deprivation and conflict. Elias Rishmawy

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 19th May 2019 - 5th Sunday of Easter

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



**Sunday**

Mass at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee

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

**Tuesday, Thursday  
& Friday**  
Mass at 9am

**Saturday 25th May**

Eucharistic Service—10.45am      Reconciliation—11am—11.45am  
Exposition 11am—11.55am      First Mass of Sunday—5pm

### St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

**Thursday**—No Service today      **Saturday** - Mass at 6.30pm

### St Mary's Church, Sabden

**Sunday**—Mass at 11am      **Wednesday**—Mass at 9.15am

***Live simply thought of the week:***

***To avoid waste, try cooking only what can be reasonably consumed.***

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Private Intention, Mary Cushion, Dorothy Ashworth

**SICK**

Bernadette Brown

**LATELY DEAD**

Glenn Peters, Dorothy Ashworth

**PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £763.29 Sabden £129.27 Dunsop £214.50

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

**ECC EDUCATION FUND** Clitheroe £597.27 Sabden £47.32 Dunsop £46.00

**CAFOD CLIMATE CHANGE LOBBY** To be part of the Lobby for Climate Change at Westminster—Coach going from Preston—see details on notice board in porch. Our climate is in **OUR** hands.

**Ribble Valley Foodbank**

From Monday 20th May the Foodbank will be moving temporarily to Clitheroe United Reformed Church, Castlegate BB7 1AZ.

Please see poster in porch for more details including opening times.

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**JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL** Stretford is the Diocesan Special School. If you would like further details, speak with staff and see the School in action. Contact reception 0161 881 7843 and Mr Molony the Headteacher and team will happily arrange a convenient time for you to undertake a visit.

**ACN RETREAT** (Aid to the Church in Need) at Salford Cathedral. You are invited to join us for a day-long retreat to pray for the suffering and persecuted Church around the world. Saturday May 25th 10am & 4pm—charge of £15 p.p. Bring a packed lunch. More info 01524 388739. More details on poster in porch.

**MASS OF HEALING** The next Mass will be on Sunday 2 June 2pm. If you would like to come or know someone who would please complete one of the forms from the back of church and post it into the box provided. This information is needed to arrange transport and refreshments. Closing date Sunday 26 May.

**BEFORE THE FLOOD** Wednesday June 5th 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. Before the Flood is an environmental documentary featuring Leonardo DaCaprio. It is the second of three Global Healing evenings presented by the 'Laudato Si' (Live Simply) Group as part of a series of events about Living Simply. The film is 90 minutes. Light refreshments. Admission free but we need to know how many to expect. Tickets available after Mass or from Anthony Brown 01200 422811

**THE BEACON** The latest edition of the Beacon, the newsletter of our Diocesan charity is now available in the porch. Please take one and learn about what Caritas does.

**NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE** 7th, 8th & 9th June at Liverpool Hope University. Please see poster in porch for more details. Booking form available from Janet in Parish Office.

**CLITHEROE**

**SIDE PORCH** Please note this porch is open before and after mass/Service Monday to Friday and weekends. There is a large selection Holy Communion Cards & gifts.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** By popular demand we are hosting a Fashion Show by 'Colours' on Wed 22 May 7.30pm in The Assembly Hall. Proceeds in aid of Ribble Valley Heart Fund. Tickets £5. please contact Carol Riley on 01200 426769 or Patsy Holgate on 01200 441792

**ROTAS SATURDAY Welcoming** - A.Harkin **Reader**—A.McGuire **Eucharistic Ministers**—M.Preedy **SUNDAY Welcomers**—B.Barker & C.Riley **Reader** J.Hennigan **Eucharistic Ministers**—A.Marsden, S.Smith **Tea & Coffee** P.Byrne & family **Little Church** ??????????????

**T.H.O.M.A.S.** have a vacancy for a Volunteer Coordinator for Greater Manchester and Lancashire—Linking into Parishes and the wider community. 15 month post. Closing date for applications 20 May see [www.http://thomasonline.org.uk/work-with-us/](http://thomasonline.org.uk/work-with-us/) or email Julia.tasmer@thomasonline.org.uk 01254 660861

**LADIES GROUP** The Fashion Show on Wed 22 May 7.30pm in The Assembly Hall will include goods from well known brands—see poster. Tickets £5 from Carol 01200 426769 or Patsy 01200 441792. One lucky ticket holder will win a £50 voucher (tickets to be purchased in advance). Proceeds are for Ribble Valley Heart Fund.

**THY KINGDOM** National prayer event at St James' Church 8am—9pm each day from 30th May—9th June. Everyone Welcome

**BAPTISM** We welcome Elsie June Fitzgerald who was baptised last Saturday

***Please note:***

***A good selection of First Holy Communion Cards and gifts are available from the side porch***

**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

**DUNSOP BRIDGE RUNNING GROUP** 'To the Hill and Back' Sunday at 10am, Tues & Wed 7pm. Details from Charlotte Hamblet 07772 270719. All welcome.

**BABY SENSORY CLASSES** Charlotte would love to welcome you and your baby to her classes at Dunsop Bridge Village Hall on Thursday mornings 10.30—11.30am. The term runs until July 25th (closed 30th May for half term). Phone Charlotte on 0793450413 to book a place or find out more information.

**SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** This week's winning no 24 Pauline Wiggin. 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.

**RAISED BED** thankyou to everyone who has donated plants and money, as you can see it is really coming on. Further donations would be great.