

*Dear Parishioners*

*Today is the feast of Corpus Christi, the feast of the Body of Christ. Catholic belief is that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is made present on the altar in the celebration of the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass. How may we gain some insight into this mystery? I invite you to read the following from 'A place apart' by the Cistercian monk Basil Pennington. You may have to read it a dozen times - but stay with it!*

"We tend to see and experience things in a linear fashion, one event succeeding another and passing into history. God dwells in an eternal "now." All that ever was and will be is now present in him. If I were to try to express it in an image, I might say that while we see things stretched out in a line he sees them all piled up, one atop another, in a single point of time. And at the top of the heap is the greatest act of all creation, the focal act of all creation.

God is love. We are made to his image and likeness. We are all that we are to be, to the extent that we are love, lovers, sharing in the love of God become man's in his Son. The greatest act of creation is the greatest act of love in creation, that act whereby the Son offered the Father the greatest thing in creation: his human life. Greater love than this no man has than to lay down his life. All our love has its meaning and fullness only to the extent it participates in his supreme act of love.

We can reach beyond time into God's "now" to touch that supreme act at any time by our faith. But God himself in his tremendous mercy and love has given us a ritual act whereby that supreme act of love is brought into our time and made present whenever a priest places that ritual in memory of his Son. The Mass and Calvary are in no wise distinct. The one supreme act of love, abiding ever in the "now" of God, is made present on our table by this ritual act just as truly as it was present on the cross in the heart of the Son. This is the significance of the Mass, and we are invited to it daily.

*Fr John*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 23rd June 2019 - Corpus Christi

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



#### **Sunday**

Mass at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee

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

**Tuesday & Friday**  
Mass at 9am

#### **Saturday (29th June)**

Reconciliation—11am—11.45am      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 next weekend  
for Peter's Pence*

**Live simply thought of the week:**  
**We are as rich as the simplicity of our needs**

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Margaret Marsden, , Special Intention, Kathleen Hopkinson, Toni O'Donnell,  
Paul Francis Byron, Anthony Valovin, Marie Valovin, Fr Leo Heakin x 2, Ada Graham,

**SICK**

Bernadette Brown, Lucy Wright, John Noonan, Jim Cushion, Kathleen Hopkinson

**LATELY DEAD**

Michael Hartford, Michael O'Hagan, Margaret Marsden

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Ada Graham, Francis Paul Byron, Anthony Valovin

**PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £681.16 Sabden £120.62 Dunsop £174.50

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

**DAY FOR LIFE** Clitheroe £259.71 Sabden £54.05 Dunsop £38.00

**APF (RED BOX) MISSION COLLECTION** £473.88. Any boxes not collected can be brought to church.

**CAFOD: THE TIME IS NOW to restore Our Common Home** Wednesday 26th June 2019 there will be a MASS LOBBY at Westminster to connect the poor to the powerful by sharing our concerns on climate change and the environment with leaders who can make a difference. Politicians will only increase their ambition if they see that we care. They will act if their constituents tell them that they want change. You can help by signing the petition at: <https://e-activist.com/page/44225/petition/1>, or you can sign one of the cards which are available at the back of church, all you have to do is write in the name of our MP—Nigel Evans—sign and date it, post it or pop it into the box provided at the back of church. Some of our parishioners are attending so please pray for their safe journey and the success of the lobby.

**PRO-LIFE WALK** Would anyone who still has sponsorship money to hand over please put it in a marked envelope either on the collection plate or through the presbytery letterbox. Many thanks

**ART FOR ALL** is a visual arts project run by Frankie Freeman of the URC on behalf of our Christian charity, the Ribble Valley Gateway Trust. Art for All encourages local people with learning difficulties and other special needs to express themselves through art. An exhibition of students' work will be shown in the Pendle Room at Clitheroe Castle. Please see poster in porch for opening times.

**PARISH WALKS DIARY DATES** The following walks are organised: Sabden 30 June after Mass. Bring packed lunch 3 & 8 mile walk. Clitheroe 20 July, Saturday afternoon returning to Clitheroe in time for 5pm Mass. Details to follow. If interested in any of the above please email me at [nwallace2018@gmail.com](mailto:nwallace2018@gmail.com)

**PRO-LIFE GARDEN FETE** at St Mary's Shrine Church, Warrington Sun 30th June

**PARISH FORUM** The next meeting of the Forum is on Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30pm in the Old School Rooms. Please send items for the agenda to Peter Donnelly [donnelmarg@aol.com](mailto:donnelmarg@aol.com) by Wednesday 26th June.

**MASS OF HEALING** The next Mass of Healing will be on Sunday 29th September.

**WELD DAY** Sunday 7th July. This will begin with an outdoor Mass at 10.30am followed by a Picnic lunch. Everyone is welcome.

***Don't forget Weld Day this year—Sunday 7th July***

**KERYGMA RETREATS** Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst College Saturday 6th July and Saturday 27th July. See poster in porch for more details.

***I have loaned out a DVD entitled 'Catholicism'. It is one of a set of five that is used in the RCIA programme. If you know who has it would you ask them to return it to me urgently. Fr John***

**CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS SATURDAY Welcoming** - J.Bentley **Rader**—V.Murray **Eucharistic Ministers**—M.Preedy **SUNDAY Welcomers**—R & F Holgate **Reader** P.Lambert **Eucharistic Ministers**—H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, P.Donnolly **Tea & Coffee**—S.V.P.

**Little Church**—G.Hennigan & J.Golding

**GARDEN** Thankyou to all those parishioners who look after the church gardens

**LADIES GROUP TREASURE HUNT** Wednesday 26th June. This year supper will be at the Swan and Royal—Menu's available from the porch. Cost £13. If you do not want to take part in the 'hunt' you can just come along for supper. Names and money to either Janet or Daphne by Sunday 23rd June—TODAY

**LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR** We have had to change the date this year to Wednesday July 24th. The coach will leave Clitheroe approximately 3.30pm and arrive back around 10.30pm. Price £37 includes the coach fare, a meal PLUS an evening of entertainment (hopefully to be as good, if not better than last year), and tips for driver and waitress staff. Menu's will be available from next Wednesday and we need to know the numbers by July 7th for the 'entertainment' part.

**JESUITS & FRIENDS MAGAZINE** the summer issue is now available from the porch—FREE

**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 until July 25th (phone Charlotte on 0793450413 to book a place or find out more information.

**SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** Winning no 26 May—29 Martin Shorter

**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** thanks to everyone who has donated plants and money. As you can see it is really coming on. Further donations would be great. A special thanks to the courtyard garden centre at Pendle Village Mill for the beautifully planted half barrel.

**SUMMER CRAFT FAIR** Saturday 5th July 11am—3pm. Lots of stalls and fun. Admission £1, children free. Refreshments, raffle, special afternoon teas. Please join in the fun. Help is needed on the day and for donations of Raffle prizes—see lists in porch for names. If you would like a stall it's £10 plus a raffle/tombola prize. Tickets now available after Mass, or ring 01282 433455 for afternoon teas £5 per person. Booking essential two sittings—1pm, 2pm. The Grand Choir will perform at 12noon.