

## *Fr. John's Retirement*

As you know, an evening celebration, to thank Fr. John for his time with us as Parish Priest and to wish him a very happy retirement, is planned. This will take place on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> when Fr. John will celebrate the 5pm Mass; because this is an exceptional occasion, there will be music at this Mass. The Mass will be followed by a buffet supper and presentation in the Assembly Rooms. Everybody is invited.

After all Masses this weekend and next weekend, envelopes will be handed out to all who would like to contribute to Fr. John's presentation. These can be returned to Janet at the presbytery, given to Peter Donnelly, Pat Whitwell or Anne Cook or put in the collection. This will be the first time a collection has been made for Fr. John and we hope to give him a generous "Thank You"

Numbers will be needed for the buffet so free tickets will be available for anyone who wishes to come. Numbers will be limited for health and safety reasons, so please only take a ticket if you can attend.

A Spiritual Bouquet will also be given to him so please fill in the lists at the back of church with your prayer offerings.

Finally, there is another list requesting desserts for the buffet supper.

During the past eleven years Fr John has worked tirelessly for us all, this will be a small way of showing him our appreciation.

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 20th October 2019 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary time

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



**Sunday**

Mass at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee

**Monday, Tuesday  
& Friday**

Mass at 9am

**Wednesday & Thursday**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

**Saturday (26th October)**

Reconciliation—11am—11.45am    Exposition 11—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

***This weekend there will be a retiring collection taken at all Masses for World Mission Sunday—Missio. Gift Aid envelopes can be found in the porch or inside the Free Missio magazines also in the porch. They can be handed in this week or they can be put on the collection plate or handed in at the presbytery.***

### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Reda Baines, Stanley Baines, Raymond Plant, Bill Foulker, James Devaney, Rose Conti

SICK Lucy Wright,

LATELY DEAD Rose Conti, James Devaney, Raymond Plant

ANNIVERSARIES Reda Baines, Bill Foulker, Paul Mooney,

### PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP & SABDEN

*Live simply thought for the week: Reduce, renew, re-cycle*

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £830.03 Sabden £165.81 Dunsop £209.50

CAFOD Not returned your Harvest Family Fast Day Envelope? These can be placed in the offertory baskets during Mass at each of our churches. Your donation will help keep the wells running and so reduce sickness and transform lives in remote villages in Uganda.

THEODORE HOUSE, STONYHURST upcoming events—see poster in porch

WEBSITE CONTACT In order to keep information on the website up to date it would be helpful if each Parish Group identifies a person who will liaise with Andy Brown on a regular basis to ensure their page has the current information. Please send the name and email address of the named person to Margaret Donnelly—email donnelmarg@ao.com, and will be given to Andy when he returns from holiday next month.

CATHOLIC HUB Catholic Hub is a new monthly event featuring prayer, music and fellowship for young people (over 18's) at the Cathedral on the second Saturday of every month 7.30-10pm

CALLING ALL READERS OF THE PARISH all readers of the Parish are invited to a 'Get together' at 7.30pm Tues 29th October in St Michael & St John's church. Bring along with you a spiritual reading, prayer or a reading from scripture that means a lot to you. It would also be an opportunity to grow as readers

RIPLEY CASTLE CHRISTMAS FAIR The Ladies Group day out to Ripley Castle Christmas Fair on Thursday 21st November. The Fair is held in a luxury heated marquee in the courtyard and features over 150 top companies selling everything you could want for Christmas. Cost £16 includes cost of coach, admission to fair and tip for driver. Names to Janet 01200 423307 ext 3 or Daphne 01200 427912. Open to all

FR JOHN'S RETIREMENT see back page

PARISH FORUM will be on Wednesday 23rd October at 7.30pm, refreshments from 7.15pm. Agenda items will include Fr John's retirement, Readers at Mass, Mass at St Hubert's, Hope in the Future Programme. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.

LADIES GROUP meeting Wednesday 30th October 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall. A talk by Steve Halliwell on 'Gresgarth Hall Gardens throughout the year. A warm welcome to everyone, including men, only £2 inc Tea and Biscuits.

NEWMAN: A HEART TO HEART Thurs 24th Oct 7.30pm at The Christian heritage Centre, Stonyhurst. An evening talk by Fr Laurence Gambella to celebrate the canonisation of John Henry Newman. The talk will give a thorough insight into the figure of this iconic and relevant English saint. Fr Laurence will examine Newman's spirituality, his life and the lessons he offers us for today. Tickets.£5 pay on door. See poster in porch

VACANCY Modern Day Slavery Coordinator Manchester based 14.8 hrs week, to develop and implement practical strategies to create a diocese free of modern day slavery. Experience of public speaking, networking skills and ability to liaise with external agencies essential. Closing date: 28th October 10am.

REUNION St Augustine's class of 1976 reunion Friday 22nd May 2020 at the Royal British Legion Clitheroe. Contact Jeanette Gudgeon nee Howarth for more details Jeanette39@hotmail.co.uk

### CLITHEROE

**SATURDAY** Welcoming—A.Harkin Reader—A.Southworth  
Eucharistic Ministers—F.Ellis, M.Fox, P.Withers

**SUNDAY** Welcoming—B.Parkinson & P.Dixon  
Reader—C.Carr  
Eucharistic Ministers—J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes  
Tea & Coffee—Fellows family  
Little Church—S.Fellows & C.Mashiter

FUNDRAISING WALK A big thank you to all who supported us on our walk. We managed to complete the route in just under 12 hours and raised a brilliant £1,060 (£1,014 after fees) which will be going towards much-needed new reading books for Year 1. Thank you again for your generosity. *Caroline, Victoria, Mary and Vina.*

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS We are seeking new volunteers to provide this important contribution to our Parish community. If you are part of a group or family please consider joining the rota by contacting Janet Clegg at the presbytery. Training for new people in the use of the kitchen. The more we have, the less frequent the job.

DUNSOP BRIDGE RUNNING GROUP 'To the Hill and Back' Sunday at 10am.

Tues & Weds 7pm. Details from Charlotte Hamblet 07772 270719. All welcome

DUNSOP BRIDGE PLAY GROUP all welcome every Wednesday morning 9.30—11.30am in the Village Hall. A friendly welcome awaits you and your little ones.

ANNUAL BINGO & SOCIAL NIGHT Mon 2nd December. No printed raffle tickets this year but we will hold a raffle and sell cloakroom tickets on the night.

### SABDEN

BONUS BALL Winning no 58—Ann Barker

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER Monday's at 10.15—noon in the Hall. All welcome for a chat, tea and biscuits and knit or stitch if you want.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Christmas Craft Fair Saturday 7th December. Watch this space for exciting developments.

COFFEE MORNING Thank you to all those parishioners who supported last Saturday's Coffee Morning organised by the Knit, Stitch and Natter Group. We raised £700 for Macmillan Cancer Care in Ribbles Valley.

DEMENTIA Sabden Baptist Church is holding a 'Dementia Friends' evening on this Wednesday 23rd October at 7pm for 7.30pm start, aimed at helping carers of dementia sufferers. Open to all, the speakers are three women who all have first-hand experience of living with people with dementia. It is friendly and informal and will offer help and advice. Free admission, but there is an optional collection for the Alzheimer's Society, and refreshments.