

ALTAR FLOWERS A box has been placed at the back of church for donations for Altar Flowers. Maybe you would like to provide flowers in memory of a loved one or for an anniversary or birthday. Please see Pat Whitwell

OLOTV CAFOD GROUP will be selling Fairtrade goods after Mass in the Church Hall today 8th March. When you buy Fairtrade, you know farmers get a better deal.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Tuesday 7.30pm through Lent starting 3rd March. Everyone welcome. If any group or individual would like to lead please contact

REFUGEE DAY OUT: JUNE 13 2020

Our hearts have gone out to people forced from their homes by floods but when the misery is further afield, an emotional response may hardly register. In the world today there are around 70 million displaced persons who have fled their homes due to violent conflict. As the problem stretches out its tentacles the world responds not with sympathy but with fear and rejection. We can turn our heads but the early church fathers were clear about Jesus' message. Giving to the poor is not an act of generosity but a repayment of resources that God had bestowed on all. Hanging on to what we've worked hard for comes naturally in a world where structural sin is endemic. We see no reason to blame ourselves for the circumstances of others. But when no-one is responsible everyone is.

From 2016 to 2018 we held a Refugee Day Out but in 2019 our leaders were unable to continue the work they had done with such devotion for three years. For 2020 we have a date of June 13 Giving a hundred or more refugees a day out does nothing to tackle a global problem but it does give a little something to those who desperately need a break from the routine of a life without work or money.

If you feel you can volunteer or perhaps even be part of the planning team please be in touch with Anthony Brown on 01200 422811 or at abrown.boggarts@gmail.com



Our next meeting will be in the Presbytery on 19 March at 7.30 when we will discuss 'Living the Sunday Eucharist.' A reminder of the questions posed by Bishop John will be printed in the newsletter next

week. The meetings last approximately one hour and there is much thoughtful discussion which will help our reflections in Lent. Light refreshments will be served

Slaidburn Silver Band

Have kindly offered their services free to St Michael & St John's Church in an Afternoon Band Concert in The Assembly Hall (formerly SMSJ Parish Hall) on

Sunday 15th March at 2.30pm.

Entrance £3 (including light refreshments) payable on the door. All profit from this event will be given donated to Mary's Meals, a charity who work in countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Caribbean, by providing one good meal a day in a place of learning. Mary's meals is named after Mary, mother of Jesus. For every pound raised they spend a minimum of 93p on their charitable activities.

Come along and enjoy an entertaining programme of popular music

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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8th March 2020 - Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Mass at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am

First Confessions 6.30pm

Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Friday

Mass at 9am

Stations of the Cross 7.30pm



Saturday (14th March)

Reconciliation 11—11.45am Exposition 11—11.55am

First Mass of Sunday—5pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am Tuesday—Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Wednesday—Mass at 9am Thursday—First Confessions 6pm

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Elizabeth Kelly, Patricia Leonard, Brigid Kelly, Katherine Burrows, Eric Whitehead, Special intention, Mark Adams, Nellie Cuncar, Maureen Haworth.

SICK Lucy Wright, Jarek Antoniewicz,

LATELY DEAD Nellie Cuncar, Mark Adams, Elizabeth Kelly, Patricia Leonard, Joanna Mary Babbington Aspinall, **ANNIVERSARIES** Eric Whitehead, Brigid Kelly

Live simply thought of the week: Try eating less meat but make it a real celebration when you do. Try eating more vegetarian meals instead.

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP & SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £858.41 Sabden £165.13 Dunsop £170.00

ENGLAND'S NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY Annual pilgrimages with Blackburn and Chorley branches of Walsingham Association will take place in 2020. For all details and more information please see the poster in the porch.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Please return your envelope at Easter. There will be a meeting on Monday 9th March at 7.30pm. All welcome. Come and find out how CAFOD works with the poorest in the world.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE— Children's Liturgy Training Day Sat 28 March 10am-3pm with Linda Pennington Cathedral Centre M3 6DP Register visit dioceseofsalford.org.uk or email: hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2214

WEBSITE CONTACT In order to keep information on the website up to date it would be helpful if all Parish Group identifies a person who will liaise with Andy Brown on a regular basis—andrewbrown595@btinternet.com.

WANTED donations of babies clothing (birth to 2 yrs), nappies, wipes, toiletries etc for Caritas Mother and Baby home in Blackburn. Drop off at 44 Eshton Terrace, Clitheroe or contact Mary O'Reilly (01200 444473

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QUIZ NIGHT at St Augustines Friday 13th March Doors open 7pm Quiz starts 7.30pm. Cash Prize and Spot Prizes £3 a ticket pay on door. Licenced bar, Soft drinks

CCP—CLITHEROE CHURCHES IN PARTNERSHIP will promote the Live Lent course which will be run during the day and in the evenings at St Paul's and Christ Church, Chatburn. The focus on the course is "Care for God's Creation" and will take place every Tuesday until 31st March at 10.45am at Christ Church Chatburn and every Thursday until 2nd April at 7.15pm at St Paul's, Low Moor. More info <https://www.christchurchchatburn.org.uk/welcome.htm> is on the Christ Church welcome page

Fairtrade Fortnight ends today Sunday 8th March. A simple way to make a difference to the lives of the people who grow the things we love. Our mission is to connect disadvantaged farmers and workers with consumers, promote fairer trading conditions and empower farmers and workers to combat poverty, strengthen their position and take more control over their lives.

DOING ANYTHING SPECIAL for Lent 2020? Why not try 'Getting the Ignatian Habit'. You are warmly invited to 3 workshops about Ignatian Prayer. Saturdays 14th, 21st & 28th March from 2-4pm at The Dashwood Room, (Fr Tim's House at Stonyhurst College). Further info ledrharrison@live.co.uk or ☎ 07743 251291

EASTER DUTIES the church encourages all to receive Communion and go to Confession during Lent

RETREAT FOR ALTAR SERVERS as part of Hope in the Future stage 3, the diocese is organising a retreat day where young people come together to reflect on their faith and ministry. The retreat days will take place at Theodore House Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, and each event will run from 9.30am—3pm. The two dates are:- Sat 18th April (ages 8-11) Sat 16th May (ages 12-17). See notice board

OAKHILL OPEN DAYS Saturday 21st March 10am—2pm—see poster in porch
RIBBLE VALLEY FOODBANK is currently very short of UHT milk. We would also be grateful for sponge puddings, tinned potatoes, instant mash, washing powder/liquid for laundry, toilet rolls, and shaving foam. Thank you for your generosity

CLITHEROE

SATURDAY 14th March Welcoming— A.Harkin **Reader**—A.Southworth
Eucharistic Ministers—M.Preedy, M.Dixon, R.Ward

SUNDAY 15th March Welcoming—B.Barker & C.Riley
Readers C.Carr, K.Downes

Eucharistic Ministers—J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes

Tea & Coffee—P.Byrne & Family **Little Church**—G.Hennigan

LADIES GROUP On Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall Simon Entwistle will entertain us with 'Lancashire Tales'. Tickets £8 including Tea/Cake. Tickets on Sales 29 Feb/1 March and 7/8th March after Mass. Proceeds for Friends of Clitheroe Community Hospital.

JUMBLE SALE Saturday 18th April. If you have any clean and useful goods you no longer need please keep them for this event and if you can help in any way we will be grateful. Proceeds are for Mary's meals—more information later

STATIONS OF THE CROSS next Friday 7.30pm led by St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

EASTER LILLIES The remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is now open A donation of £3 contributes towards the Easter lily display. Please see Jane Brown (Sat) or Teresa Mercer (Sun) by the Baptistry at the back of church. Please note names and money to be in by 28/29th March

SARCHS RWANDA TRIP taking place in July 2020 will be holding a pop up soup kitchen at The United Reformed Church on 14th March serving 11.30am—1.30pm. Please support us. Soup, Bread, Cakes, Coffee and Tea plus Bring and Buy books and a Tombola.

EASTER CARDS on sale in the side porch. Open before and after Mass each day

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LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Monday 9th March 7pm in the Presbytery

PARISH DRAW WINNERS FEBRUARY £100—44 Jean Marsden, £20—7 James Sutcliffe, 113 Susan Whittaker, £10—1 Miles Fox, 91 James Sanderson, 24 Jean Schofield, 26 Grace Fellows.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

DUNSOP BRIDGE RUNNING GROUP 'To the Hill and Back' Sunday at 10am. Tuesday & Wednesday 7pm. Details 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.

EASTER READ AROUND All parishioners are warmly invited to Thorneyholme's School Hall for an Easter Read Around. The Easter story will include eye witness accounts of the events of Holy Week and will be interspersed with Easter hymns. It will be held on Maundy Thursday 9th April at 2pm

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Winning no 9—Cecilia and Anthony Brown

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