Our Lady of the Valley Parish Newsletter 30th August 2020 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass during the week at 10am Monday – Friday in Clitheroe. Wednesday 7pm Sabden Saturday 12 noon in Dunsop Bridge. St. Michael and St. John's open for Private Prayer Saturday 11 – 12

As from next weekend we will be celebrating public Mass again on Sundays. If you are able to come to Mass during the week, please do so, and let us at first try and leave Mass on Sunday for those who are not able to come during the week. By doing this everyone will be able to get in the church for Mass at least on one occasion each week. Remember, there is still no obligation for us to come to Mass on Sunday at this time of pandemic. We are obviously limited in the numbers that can come into any of our churches at any one time, but hopefully there will be no need to turn people away.

We all need to be generous in our new way of doing things. Let us see how things go and then we can always review things as time goes on, once we know how many come to Sunday Mass. I will regularly keep you informed of how things are going.

From next weekend Sunday Mass times are as follows:-

St. Hubert's Dunsop Bridge. Saturday 12 noon.

St Michael & St John's Clitheroe. Saturday 5pm. Sunday 9.30am.

St. Mary's Sabden. Sunday 11am.

PLEASE REMEMBER

<u>Face-coverings are now mandatory</u> whenever you come into church.

(unless you are exempt for whatever reason)

Please keep your face covering on

when you come forward to receive Holy Communion

Parishes have been instructed that once Mass begins no one can enter church

Feasts this week

Monday St. Aiden.

Tuesday St. Edmund Arrowsmith. Thursday St. Gregory the Great.

Friday St. Cuthbert.

Baptisms can again be celebrated in church, but with limited numbers present. If you wish to arrange your babies baptism then please contact Fr. Paul.

Funerals Requiem Mass can now be celebrated, but again adhering to certain conditions which includes no more than 30 people in the church.

Weddings can once again take place, again no more than 30 are able to come into church and other conditions need to be adhered to as well.

Over the past few months things have in general been very different to what we have ever been used to, and this of course includes when we come into church. Things have not always been easy, but hopefully we have all managed o. k. and got used to new ways of doing things.

In church we have gone from being closed and Mass being celebrated behind locked doors, to first of all private prayer which we had for a few weeks, then to weekday Mass which we have had for the last month, and next weekend once again back to public Sunday Mass. So we are getting there!

I believe that this gradual way of doing things has enabled us to get used to new ways and at the same time feel safe as we adhere to the rules and regulations. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding, let us continue to journey on together in faith and hope, and at the same time keep safe and well.

God Bless you and your families. Fr. Paul