

# Our Lady of the Valley

## Parish Newsletter

13th June 2021 – Eleventh Sunday of the Year



**Today**      Mass 12 (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge  
Mass 5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe  
Mass 9.30am Clitheroe  
Mass 11am Sabden

*19/20<sup>th</sup> June*

**Sunday**      Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mass 12 noon (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge  
Mass 5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe  
Mass 9.30am Clitheroe  
Mass 11am Sabden

### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

In thanksgiving for safe delivery, Winifred Covey,  
Grace Warren, Rita & Frank Donbavand

## **LATELY DEAD**

Win Hargreaves

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Winifred Covey, Grace Warren

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

Become a green purchaser: before buying, think 'do I need it or just want it'.

## **LADIES GROUP**

I hope you have kept safe and well these past months and that you are now enjoying the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends as the national restrictions begin to ease up. Spring has always been my favourite season but this year's sense of renewal, anticipation and air of optimism as we look forward to a post-pandemic world is second to none – I hope you feel that too. I am still not sure when we will be able to meet again, but you can be sure we will meet again depending on the Government's guidelines. Meanwhile make the best of the summer weather we are having at the moment.

*Carol Riley. (Chair).*

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## **PARISH BUDDY SYSTEM**

It has been hard for many people during the Covid restrictions to keep in touch with what is happening in the Parish and I'm sure that some people are feeling isolated. The Communications and Media Group has been discussing ways of reaching out to people and we came up with the idea of a Buddy System which we agreed at the last Parish Forum.

Please let us know of anybody (with their permission of course) who would welcome the odd 'phone call to talk about Parish matters and have someone to contact for information.

We are also seeking names and contact details for people who would be prepared to act as the "Buddy".

Please contact Anthony Brown on [abrown.boggarts@gmail.com](mailto:abrown.boggarts@gmail.com) or Janet Clegg on [smsj@btinternet.com](mailto:smsj@btinternet.com) with your name and contact details if you would like to be part of this scheme and we will get back to you.

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**2021 – June – July**

**PETER, A DEEPLY HUMAN CHARACTER** : We became alert to the spiritual dynamic in his journey in order to explore this path

*Sat 12<sup>th</sup> June 2-5pm OR Mon 14<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 1pm*

If people wish to, they may attend Part 2 of this retreat on Peter on *Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2 – 5pm*

**(REPEAT) THE PROBLEM OF EVIL:** This issue has caused many to question their faith. We explore this from various angles in order to think the whole subject through, understand various approaches and see how this does not need to be

an obstacle to faith.

*Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June 6.30pm – 9pm*

**THE HANDLESS WOMAN** : Through the depths of an ancient story ‘The Handless Woman’, we will explore the wisdom which speaks to our heroic journeying.

*Sat 24<sup>th</sup> July 10am – 1pm*

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## CCP – CLITHEROE CHRISTIANS IN PARTNERSHIP

The CCP prayer theme has now been published on the Love Clitheroe Website. This month the focus is on homelessness...

### **Listen to God and let Him teach us how to love the most marginalised in society**



*“All the different things I’ve done God has guided me. He is the only power that I’ve got.”* Sally Trench said these words in an interview with the Tablet in 2018.

It’s a sad reflection on the modern world that homelessness is increasing. After the war it was our returning soldiers unable to adjust who finished up drinking themselves to death on meths, boot polish and gasoline. These men didn’t last long and homeless World War II veterans disappeared from the streets.

Homelessness today is more the result of poverty, addiction and sometimes simply circumstance and misfortune.

Recently we have seen a number of destitute and homeless men in Clitheroe. These men aren’t anything like the men Sally Trench knew. We can help these men and by the grace of God that is what we are trying to do in Clitheroe.

But this month’s theme isn’t really about homelessness and it certainly isn’t about homelessness in Clitheroe. It’s about God reaching out to us via inspirational people, and learning that if we can’t emulate those people we can at least support them in some small way, perhaps a little hands-on help or donations and prayer.

In the 1960s Sally Trench was just a young girl mixing and caring for destitute people on the streets of London. Her first book *Bury Me in My Boots* was published in 1967. The book tells how Sally had spent the previous five years sleeping rough with some of the most marginalised people in the world. It is a tale of lived-out faith. “I was living in this world on the bomb-sites,” she recalls, “with the rats, and the dossers. That is what I was there for, to help them die when they needed to die, or to keep them alive when they needed to keep alive.” As one of them neared his end he said; “bury me in my boots, Sally”. Sometimes without sleep or without food for days she lived amongst those men, experienced what they experienced, and as someone who felt a failure and a reject too, she identified with them.

Sally was a difficult kid from an early age. She came from an upper middle class family and was sent off to a Roman Catholic boarding school at the age of five. She was expelled when she was fifteen. A year or so later, walking across London at about 11:30 pm she counted eighty-seven dirty, drunk, flea-ridden old men lying on the benches, under the benches, newspaper their mattress and newspaper their cover. Her initial reaction of disgust and evasion turned to something quite different – a recollection of her Christian roots and a realisation of what that meant. She turned back. In her pearls and evening dress she sat between two of the dirtiest men. Repelled by the smell of gasoline and urine and nausea but recognising these people were utterly homeless, utterly unwanted, uncared for, and nowhere to go, she went home and prayed. She thanked God for her parents and her home and made a pledge that she would do something about these people because God had made her aware of them.

She got a job and spent her income on food, coffee, cigarettes, clothing, and started a night vigil at two o'clock every morning. Climbing down the drainpipe she got on her bicycle and cycled six miles across London. She gave out the food, the coffee, the cigarettes, and the blankets and at three o'clock she returned home and went to bed again. She did this for a year. No one knew.

At the end of that year she walked out of her home after a row with her father and didn't return and it was then that she spent five years sleeping rough with the men. She wrote *Bury me in my Boots* on toilet paper with pens provided by the station master at Waterloo Station and kept what she wrote in Left Luggage.

One day, she encountered a young woman who had used a knitting needle to try to abort her pregnancy and was bleeding to death. She summoned a local priest to give her the last rites. It was the start of a friendship with the Jesuit Hugh Thwaites that would inspire him to retrieve the diary from Left Luggage, type it up and send it to a publisher friend.

At the age of 22 she was interviewed by Studs Terkel. With her public school education and sophisticated voice, she doesn't sound a failure or a reject; she sounds affected, naïve, and over confident. Was living with the Meths Men just a teenage rebellion and a short phase in her life? According to an article in The Tablet written in 2018, absolutely not. Sally prefers to be called Sparky and it is that spark that is the most obvious outward thread that connects the work she described in *Bury Me in My Boots*, and her subsequent missions. First, she ran a successful referral school for 700 "delinquent children" in London. Next, in the 1990s, she rescued children from the civil war in Bosnia and gave them a home in Britain. Until April 2017, she spent a decade living in the Western Cape in South Africa working with 7,000 children in squatter camps.

All these ventures came under the auspices of Project Spark, the charity she established with the royalties from her first book. Her remarkable life goes back to a pact with God on her seventh birthday when, troubled about the Catholic convent teaching on mortal sin, she describes a sort of revelation: "I just felt this sort of amazing feeling of a voice, saying, 'Hey, you're not in mortal sin, let's make a pact.' And so I made this pact with God. I said, 'You died for me, so I will live for you,' and God said, 'That's a stunning pact. I agree with that one.' And that was it. I've stayed with Him forever. We are a team. I can do nothing without Him."

There is a message here for all of us. Whenever we are reminded of how little will power we seem to have and reflect on the impossible things that remarkable people do, let's think of those words of Sally Trench and pray that we will hear God's personal message to us, whatever that might be.

#### PRAYER

*Let us pray for love, that we can put base emotions out of our hearts and learn to love even those who are the most difficult to love.*

*Let us try and love as Jesus loves for whoever Jesus loves, we must, in the best way we can, learn to love them too.*

*Let us pray that, with love, God will also give us the strength to act.*

*And let us pray that little by little we can gain in strength to do more and eventually perhaps do what for the moment seems impossible.*

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## **FROM THE ARCHIVES**

### **From the School Log book 1942:**

Aug 10	Monday. School re-opened. Mrs Quinn is in the Infirmary recovering from an operation. Miss Margaret Smith, new from College, is supplying. 27 new scholars were admitted from the Infants Dep't. 173 on roll.
Aug 18	Mrs Wrigley, Education officer, doubts whether Miss Smith is eligible for supply work in view of the Board's circular directing young teachers to certain areas. He is writing to the Board for a ruling.
Aug 19	The Evacuees, numbering about 2 dozen, have their meal now in a separate room. Mr Scott advised the change.
Aug 24	Francis Marsland slipped in the Castle Grounds and cut his forehead. The accident happened at about 1pm in the Castle Grounds after the Canteen Meal. It would be interesting to know who is legally responsible for safety of scholars between 12.30 and 1.30. It is difficult to expect scholars to remain on school premises a whole hour.
Aug 31	Miss Margaret Smith, at the request of the Board of Education ceased work today, Monday, as supply teacher.
Aug 26	Mr Scott, H.M.I. visited school today from 10.30 - 12.45. He spoke in each class and attended the school meal, after which he made some suggestions for improvement.
Sept 1	Today, Tuesday, Mrs Cornwell commenced as Supply Teacher in Form I during the continued absence of Mrs Quinn.
Sept 11	The average attendance at the School Canteen is 70 Catholics and 24 Evacuees. The two groups dine separately.
Sept 18	Rev Fr Kopp today examined registers and found them correct. School closed today at 4pm for the September Holiday. On Friday,

	Sept 11, we had a full scale air raid practice. The warden, Mr Albistone was fully satisfied.
Sept 28	School re-opened today Monday after a weeks holiday. Mrs Quinn is still absent and Mrs Cornwell supplying. Two scholars have so far been reported killed in active service. John Chatburn and William Bugler, also Joseph Dixon (of Gt Harwood).
Oct 8	H.M.Inspector Mr Scott has forwarded a critical report of the school canteens following his recent visit. In the authority of someone this report was published in full in the local press. Ribblesdale School being mentioned by name and congratulated; other schools being indicated by letter. This seems a clear case of divulging a confidential document.
Oct 30	School was closed this afternoon Friday to allow town children to attend a dance for Y.M.C.A.funds.
Nov 1	Sunday. The assembled scholars and teachers this afternoon presented Rev Fr Kopp S.J, with £10 on the occasion of his leaving Clitheroe for Loyola Hall, Rainhill, after a rectorship here of twelve years.
Nov 4	Rev Fr Kopp left Clitheroe to-day, Wednesday.
Nov 11	Rev George Francis Gallagher, S.J. arrived to-day in succession to Fr Kopp.
Nov 2	Mrs Quinn re-commenced work to-day after a protracted absence due to an illness and operation. Mrs Cornwell ceased as supply Teacher on Friday Oct 30 at noon and has transferred to the staff of St Mary's School, Burnley.
Nov 16	From to-day Monday, schools open at 9.30am.
Nov 20	Every effort is being made to urge children to be immunised against diphtheria. There are four children not now immunised.
Nov 23	Mrs Quinn and Miss Wharton are absent ill to-day. The classes are being temporarily amalgamated and the Time Table adjusted.
Nov 28	Schools are being again asked to co-operate in serving milk and meals during the Christmas holiday.
Nov 30	A list of St Augustine's evacuees has been requested, some American gifts are to be sent them. Mrs Quinn and Miss Wharton returned after a week's absence.

Dec 3	James Carden scholar fell in the Castle Grounds and damaged his left wrist to-day. Thursday, at 1pm after the canteen meal. He received medical attention.
Dec 1	Miss Wharton was absent this afternoon (Tuesday) through illness.
Dec 2	Miss Wharton returned to-day.
Dec 4	Library books continue to be changed thrice weekly - Mon, Wed, Fri. Scholars have recently assisted by gifts and a Raffle (£22) a local fund for soldiers. Their total contributions in goods, etc, is about £50. The Christmas Fayre is to-morrow, Saturday. A recital of Table Manners for scholars at Canteens emanating from Ribblesdale has been passed to schools from the Education Officer. It seems to us an impertinence. Regulations relative to Teachers' absences and salary adjustments are to be revised. The Headmaster of this school has been asked to become an 'Emergency Billeting Officer Assistant' and has consented.
Dec 17	In preparation for the Holidays simple celebrations took place in the various classes. Calendars and Christmas Cards were designed. Christmas Carols and Hymns were sung by the whole school.
Dec 18	School closed to-day, Friday, for the Christmas Holiday (two weeks).
Dec 14	The assistant inspector spent the whole of to-day, Monday, in school. He examined all classes and was present at the Canteen Dinner. He expressed himself as generally satisfied.
1943 Jan 4	School re-opened to-day, Monday, after two weeks holiday. 149 on roll. The Canteen continued its service, 52 partook of a meal.
Jan 5	The Headmaster has erected a Trapeze and Climbing ropes in the Assembly Hall which serves as the School Gymnasium.
Jan 6	School closed for the Feast of the Epiphany. The Assistand Inspector was in the Evacuees Dept upstairs all day.
Jan 29	The Climbing Ropes and Trapeze which have been purchased for the school Gymnasium are proving of great use in physical training lessons. The scholars are delighted with them - an acquisition which has so far been the privilege of secondary schools.
Feb 8	There was an Air Raid Siren Test to-day.

Feb 10	Preparations are afoot for the (1) County Scholarship (March 6 <sup>th</sup> ). (2) Convent Scholarship (March 13 <sup>th</sup> ), 3 Preston Scholarship (March 13 <sup>th</sup> )
Feb 12	A revised exclusion list (Infectious Diseases) has been issued.
Feb 15	Mrs Quinn was absent today, Monday, through illness. The class (Form I) is being temporarily amalgamated.
Feb 19	Mrs Quinn is still absent. School now opens daily at 9am.
Feb 28	Mrs Quinn returned to duty to-day, Thursday, after an absence of 8 school days (illness).
Mar 5	Children availing themselves of the Canteen facilities are gradually increasing in number. To-day there were 75. The Headmaster stays every day to supervise and a further teacher helps in the distribution of meals. A census has been taken of children who have milk and meals.
Mar 8	For the last three Sundays the Headmaster has taken a group of 10 Boys for an afternoon's cycle ride in the surrounding country. The excursions have proved very enjoyable and many places of local historical and geographical interest have been visited.
	Sunday Feb 21st - Worston, Downham, Chatburn, Sawley, Grindleton, West Bradford, Waddington, Mytton, Whalley, Wiswell, Clitheroe. 25 miles
	Sunday Feb 28th Chatburn, Sawley, Holden Clough, Newton, Whitewell, Bashall Eaves, Clitheroe. 28 miles
	Sunday March 7 <sup>th</sup> Holden Clough, Slaidburn, Newton, Dunsop Bridge, Little Bowland, Chipping, Higher Hodder, Clitheroe. 35 miles.
	There were 78 for Dinner to-day. Miss Wharton is taking an appointment as assistant at St Mary's, Billington on April 1 <sup>st</sup> . Rev Fr Gallagher S.J. is arranging for the post to be filled.
	Miss Allaun and Mr Pearson, Physical Training supervisors, have visited the school 3 times in the past several days and expressed themselves very pleased with the recent additions to the Gymnasium.
Mar 9	With the advent of better weather, football on the field has again started.

	A plaque commemorating Warships Week has been exhibited in the school. Competitions have been arranged for Wings for Victory week.
	School has been closed to-day, as is customary: Shrove Tuesday.
Mar 10	The children attended Mass and distribution of ashes at 8.45am
Mar 15	Miss Wharton was absent to-day owing to illness of her mother in Grimsby. Her class is amalgamated with another.
Mar 18	Miss Wharton returned to-day, Thursday after three days absence.
Mar 20	Rev Fr Gallagher S.J. Correspondent Manager, has been ill for the past week, since returning from his brother's funeral, and was taken to-day to St Joseph's Hospital, Preston.
Mar 26	Preparations are afoot for celebrating 'Wings for Victory@ week.
Mar 31	Miss Wharton, an assistant here for 15 years, left to-day, Wed, to take an appointment as assistant at St Mary's, Billington. Two Evacuee Teachers - Misses Dawson of Sabden - left to-day to take appointments in Burnley. Two Teachers are now upstairs - Mrs Bennett and Mrs Chapman.
	Registers examined and found correct.
Apr 1	Mrs Jackson is supplying, pending arrival of new Teacher, Miss Kathleen Wright.
Apr 7	Two vans removed 42 dual desks to-day to Manchester.
Apr 8	The Science Room, now used as the new Dining Hall, was washed thoroughly to-day.
Apr 10	The Headmaster fitted a new bell in the Dining Hall to-day, Saturday a proposal to disperse the Evacuees among All St James' and Pendle Junior is deferred till the Summer Holiday when the transition will be more easily arranged.
	John Bullock recently fractured his arm during Physical Exercise in the Assembly Hall.
	Joseph Sherliker had a front tooth broken by a boy swinging on the bar near the Lavatories.
Apr 19	The Headmaster is allowing four older boys to remove the netting from all windows. It harbours dust, prevents access of light and is unsightly. The particular emergency which caused it to be put up

	has we hope passed. This removal will allow all windows to be thoroughly cleaned by the men during Easter.
	The Headmaster visited Fr Gallagher in Preston on Saturday. He is improving.
Apr 21	Cricket matches were recently started on the field. Netball is in full swing. Marbles, however have been the chief interest for four weeks. 'Marble Alley' has been well patronised.
Apr 22	Mrs Jackson completed her supply service to-day in place of Miss Wharton
	Maundy Thursday children attended mass at 9 o'clock. Closure of school at 4pm for the Easter vacation. Miss Wharton to-day concluded her teaching service at this school. She commences as assistant at St Mary's Billington, on May 1 <sup>st</sup> . The children and teachers gave her presents and expressed good wishes.
May 3	School re-opened to-day, Monday after the Easter holiday. Miss Kathleen Wright, former scholar to-day succeeded Miss Wharton as assistant.
May 7	Friday, School closed this afternoon for a 'Wings for Victory' Dance.
May 10	Wings for Victory week commenced to-day. Visits from Air Force officers are arranged.
May 11	Senior Girls and Boys assisted in a display on the Castle, netball and games 2.30 - 4pm.
May 14	School was closed this afternoon to allow attendance of children at a Savings function at the Castle. Bridge building at Brungerley followed and Low Moor Mill chimney was felled at 4.45
May 28	Attendance is moderate. There is a fair amount of minor illness.
May 29	The Headmaster accompanied ten boy cyclists to the Upper Hodder to-day, Sunday; distance 23 miles.
Jun 3	Feast of the Ascension and a school holiday.
Jun 11	School closed to-day, Friday, for the Whitsuntide vacation which this year comes late. As the midsummer holiday is shortly after, it has been decided to reduce the Whitsuntide break to two days and extend the Summer holiday to five weeks. Rev Fr Gallagher S.J. Rector returned to-day after his illness.

Jun 13	The Headmaster accompanied twelve boys on a cycle ride via Sawley, Holden, Slaidburn, Newton, Dunsop, Whitewell, Chipping, Thornley & Higher Hodder. Distance 28 miles.
Jun 16	School re-opened to-day, Wednesday, after two days holiday. Attendance is good. Two evacuee classes still use two rooms upstairs under Mrs Bennett and Mrs Smith (of London and Sawley respectively).
	This evening at 4.30 the Headmaster accompanied several boys to a farm near Slaidburn by cycle to visit a former scholar. Return journey was via Dunsop and Whitewell.
Jun 22	Tuesday evening. Ten boys and the Headmaster cycled to Clitheroe Reservoir and from there to the Flyde Reservoir beyond Slaidburn which supplies Blackpool. The contrast in sizes was interesting. The return was via Holden and Sawley.
Jun 21	Trinity Sunday. Nearly forty children were consecrated in the two Sodalities to-day.
Jun 24	Thursday. Feast of Corpus Christi and a school holiday. Headmaster accompanied 10 boys on a days cycle tour by way of Whitewell, Dunsop, Trough of Bowland, Abbeystead, Lancaster, Cockerham, Pilling, Fleetwood, Elswick, Broughton, Longridge and Hurst Green (80 miles). The following watersheds were crossed: - Ribble, Hodder, Wyre, Bonder, Lune. The Castle and St Peter's Cathedral were visited at Lancaster. They crossed the ferry on the Wyre at Knott End. It was a very enjoyable day.
Jun 25	Preparations are being made for promotion of classes at the close of the school holiday.
Jun 29	Tuesday. Feast of SS Peter & Paul, a school holiday. Seventy children accompanied by the Headmaster and three teachers spent a day at Dunsop Bridge. 25 children and the Headmaster cycled, while the rest travelled by bus at 7.20am. Half of the day was passed in the Trough of Bowland and the afternoon in the Whitendale Valley. The party attended 9 o'clock mass at St Hubert's. The cyclists returned via Slaidburn and Sawley.
Jul 2	School closed to-day for 5 weeks holiday. The Evacuees who have used the upper floor almost continuously since Sep 1939 are leaving to-day. They take with them our best wishes. Some adjustments are now being made in our own classes.

Jul 5	The Headmaster and two teachers accompanied fifty children on a days outing to Southport by train at 7am, arriving at 9am. They indulged in boating on the Lake and other amusements. Arrived home at 9.45pm after a very enjoyable day.
	The Headmaster and a few boys have spent the first week of the school holiday in re-arranging desks and classrooms, following the removal of the evacuees, and erecting the school stage which will now be a permanent fixture, we hope. There will be an assembly hall as well as a gymnasium.
	Brenda Walmsley has been awarded a County Scholarship while Eileen Pollard and Margaret Bowker have won Governors' Scholarships tenable at Convent of Notre Dame, Blackburn. Brian Keogh goes to Preston Catholic College as fee-paying pupil.