

Our Lady of the Valley

Parish Newsletter

25th July 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday	Mass 12 noon (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge Mass 5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe Mass 9.30am Clitheroe Mass 11am Sabden
Monday	Mass 10am Clitheroe (Ss Joachim and Anne)
Tuesday	Mass 10am Clitheroe
Wednesday	Mass 10am Clitheroe
Thursday	Mass 10am Clitheroe
Friday	Mass 10am Clitheroe
Sunday	Mass 12 noon Dunsop Bridge (Saturday) Mass 5pm Clitheroe (Saturday) Mass 9.30am Clitheroe Mass 11am Sabden
Baptisms	To arrange a Baptism, please contact Fr. Paul.

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Joan & Chris Leeming, Miles Fox, Rita & Frank Donbavand,
Brian Ashton Special Intentions x 2,
Holy Souls, Rosemary London, Amelia Telese

SICK

Amelia Telese

LATELY DEAD

Rosemary London (nee Reid), Maurice Dearden

ANNIVERSARIES

Miles Fox, Brian Ashton

Live Simply Thought of the Week:

Have a look at [https://:ethicalconsumer.org](https://ethicalconsumer.org)

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@googlemail.com or Janet Clegg on 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.

ONLINE CHRISTIAN RETREATS via ZOOM

Offering a space for Christians to explore and deepen faith----Seek 'life in all its fullness'...

Created and led by Donna Worthington, all retreats are on invitation to be rejuvenated and affirmed in faith, to know Christ better and to open up sacred space in order to listen to the Holy Spirit and experience a living spirituality that consoles, challenges and inspires. Varied methods enable Christians to deepen their own discipleship and travel on in their faith journeys (presentation, theological discussion, stillness, prayer, creative sessions, images, music etc).

All retreats cost £20, unless otherwise stated. For bookings, please see the website or contact Donna Worthington:

drworthington@live.co.uk <https://christianretreats.live>

JULY – AUGUST 2021

PRACTISING THE PRESENCE OF GOD A very practical seeking out of the wisdom of the delightful Carmelite Brother Lawrence as we explore what it means to pray and experience God as the 'centre of rest'.

Fridays 6.30- 9pm, 9th, 16th, 23rd July (Cost £80)

GOD IN ALL THINGS We explore Ignation understandings of this and seek to see and find God in all things – in our homes, nature, the senses etc and our journey will incorporate visiting various wells of wisdom including Saint Ignatius' Suscipe ('Receive') prayer. The retreat will be a mix of discussion, prayer, paintings, music etc. *But I always think that the best way to love God is to love many things.* (Van Gogh).

Saturday 10th July 2-5pm or Monday 12th July 10am – 1pm

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

Saturday 24th July 10am – 1pm

SAINT JOSEPH helper of the Incarnation, Listener to dreams, Maker,

Embodier of Humility.... We walk alongside him to see what we can learn from him. The day will also include exploring the Jungian notion of the positive animus and how the qualities in Saint Joseph can shed light on this.

Saturday 14th August 2-5pm or Monday 16th August 10am – 1pm

WEEKEND RETREAT–BAREFOOT, WE ENTER HOLY GROUND

Walking in the cool of Eden’s evening, experiencing liminal spaces, seeking wisdom from the holy mountain, exploring the cave of humility and turning our gaze to the summit of transfiguration

A 3 hour retreat spread over the weekend with 3 x 1 hour sessions.

Saturday 28th August 11am – 12pm, then 4-5pm and

Sunday 29th August 4-5pm Cost £20

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CLITHEROE CHRISTIANS IN PARTNERSHIP

This month we pray for all those who have been affected by the Covid virus in our community:

- Those suffering with COVID infection
- Those helping to restore COVID sufferers to health
- Those working on the frontline maintaining essential services
- Those whose education has been severely disrupted over the past year
- Those caring for the vulnerable.

*Loving Lord, as we fight this new strain of Covid,
give us the strength to face whatever happens
and the sense to do what is right to keep us safe.*

*Help the young people see the right way that with patience we will win over
this nasty disease.*

*Enfold us in Your loving arms Lord,
for we know that with you by our side we can face anything.*

AMEN

A Psalm of lament and praise in a time of coronavirus

*How shall we praise you, Lord, our God?
When we are locked down,
how shall we praise you?
When the doors to your house are barred,
and your people cannot assemble?
When those desperately in need of money and
work
cannot even wait in the market-place?
When we have to circle round people in the
street,
and to queue for shops maintaining safe
distance?
When we can only communicate
by hearing on the phone,
or seeing on the screen;
or digitally messaging,
or even just waving through a window?
When we cannot meet our parents and children,
grandparents and grandchildren,
or other family members and friends?
When we cannot touch them in their flesh and blood,
to know they are really alive?
How shall we praise you?
How, like Thomas, shall we not see yet believe
that your son is raised among us?
How shall we praise you?*

*How can I praise you, Lord?
Are you plaguing us with this virus
to punish us because we have all done wrong,
or thought wrongly,
or felt wrongly,
or just been wrong?
If so, why do only some die,*



and those, apparently, the ones who are the least worst or most caring amongst us?

Or are you trying to teach us a lesson?

If so, why is it so hard to learn?

And how are we to find the answer when we do not even know the question?

Or are you still the same loving God, coming to us in our sufferings and opening up the way to new life in Jesus?

Lord, I will try to praise you.

Through gritted teeth,

I will try to praise you.

I will try to keep myself and others safe.

I will work to pray for them

and seek to help in whatever way I can.

Lord, when I cannot pray or worship

help me be aware of all your people

and your saints and angels

hovering around me,

lifting me up.

When I feel alone,

let me feel you near me,

even if only for a moment that enables me to go on.

Let me hear you say

“Peace be with you”.

Lord, I will praise you.

Let all the peoples praise you.

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