

Dear Parishioners

Radio Four's 7oclock news on Tuesday morning reported the unexpected death of Jack Duckworth. Later it broadcast his death scene. Vera, his wife who had died a few years ago, appeared in the room and asked Jack to go with her. Dilatory Jack didn't quite realise what was happening and so Vera called: "Come on, I'm waiting for you." Jack was later found dead in his chair. So, thumbs up, an acknowledgement in a soap that death is not the end of life. But now with some trepidation I await the funeral. Trepidation because I fear that it will be a 'celebration of life' and Frank Sinatra's "I did it my way" could well be played! The problem is: many TV viewers confuse soaps with reality and take the latest soap funeral as a model for a modern service. But fictional funerals do not provide the pattern for a Catholic service.

Celebrations of life look back. But while we do thank God for the life and the gift that a deceased was to family and friends, in Catholic liturgy our eyes are firmly fixed onwards and upwards, lifted by the wonderful promises of Jesus Christ that direct our gaze to eternity and everlasting life. Catholic liturgy supports the mourners by our shared faith, whilst accompanying the deceased with prayer.

Our practice of praying for our dead stretches back to the Old Testament and from its beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead with prayer, particularly during Mass. The first altars were the graves in the catacombs. The practice continued down the ages. On the eve of his execution St Thomas Moore wrote to his daughter Meg: "Farewell, my dear child, and pray for me, and I shall for you, and for all your friends, that we may merrily meet in heaven".

Is there a time limit to this prayer? No, our dead are outside of our world of space and time and so a prayer uttered 20 years after death is as relevant as a prayer offered at the moment of bereavement.

November is the month when traditionally we pray for our deceased relatives and friends, that with love purified they may enthusiastically enter God's embrace. Have you remembered to do so this month? Thomas Moore's prayer cannot be bettered: "that we may merrily meet in heaven".

Annually the priests of the deanery concelebrate a Requiem Mass, particularly for all deceased priests who have served the deanery. Please do join us, on Tuesday, here at 11am and prayer for them and your own intentions.

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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th November 2010**

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe

Saturday (13th November)

11am - 11.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation

11am - 11.55am Exposition 11.30am Rosary

Eucharistic Service at noon

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am

Monday, & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

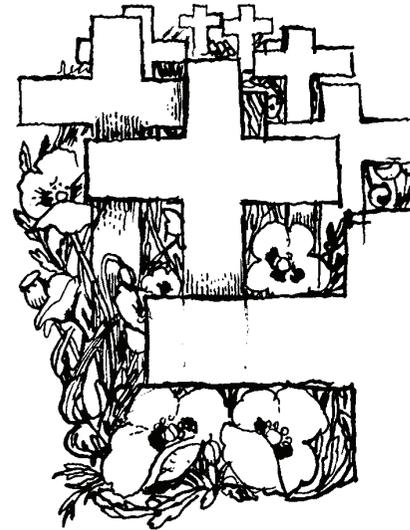
Deanery Requiem for deceased clergy 11am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9.15am (year6)



St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Freda Holt, John Concannon, Mrs Dooley

SICK

Vincenzo Ditri, Margaret McKenna, Margo Barlow

LATELY DEAD

Freda Holt, Cheryl Pearson,

ANNIVERSARIES

John Concannon,

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND READERS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - M.Roberts Sun - M.Swales & T.O'Donnell
Sat - M.Hughes Sun - Family mass group
Sat - R.Carter & B.Taylor
Sun - A.Marsden, A.Hickling & P.Sutcliffe
Christmas Fayre

TEA & COFFEE ROTA

OFFERTORY Clitheroe - £629.09 **Sabden** £308.70 Many thanks

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE

Opens after Mass on Saturday evening. Why not come in for a relaxing evening, re-ignite old friendships and make new ones. Don't forget Sunday evening is our regular Family Quiz Night between 8pm—10pm **BINGO** on Tuesday evenings.

MORRISONS 'LET'S GROW' vouchers are being collected by our primary school pop them into the parish communications box in the porch or hand them in at the presbytery or school.

PRO-LIFE DAY Following an appeal from Pope Benedict, Bishop Brain has requested all parishes in the diocese to mark the day with prayer and exposition on Saturday 27th November. Exposition from 11am - 6pm, Rosary 11.30am, Eucharistic service at noon.

UNITED ADVENT SERVICE Clitheroe Christians in Partnership cordially invite you to a United Advent Service at Trinity Methodist Church, Parson Lane, on Sunday 5th December at 6.30pm. As part of the service, Ribble Valley Choir will be performing the Christmas Cantata 'STAR' by Robin Nelson, telling the Christmas story with music, narration and dance. Tea and biscuits will be available after the service.

CRAFT STALL at Christmas Fayre. Final meeting Thursday 18 November 2pm - 4pm

SOCIAL CENTRE -TOP BAR

Saturday 20th November
MAMA MIA NITE

Saturday 4th December
SINGER - JOHNNY SOLO

Organised by Liz

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHNS PARISH CENTRE

have a vacancy for a cleaner to carry out weekend cleaning duties and provide cover for weekday cleaner for time-off for leave or illness.

To provide additional caretaking duties by arrangement.
Regular hours Saturday 9am - 12 noon,
Sunday morning 9am - 12 noon.
Rate of pay £6 per hour.
Additional hours by arrangement.
Rate £6 per hour.
To arrange an interview contact:
Mrs Evans on

01254 828820 during office hours or mobile 07970 783680 or contact the Steward Terry Peters in person or by phone on 01200 423073

for pricing and sorting. Bring along any finished articles and gift bags, wrapping paper, tissue paper etc you don't need. If you have a problem, ring Sheila on 01200 425274

LADIES GROUP TRIP The next trip is on Wednesday 8th December and is to Castle Howard. Coach leaves Interchange at 8.30am and the cost is £20. Only 2 seats left. See Janet or Daphne to book

THE GRAND Clitheroe Fair Trade Group present **FESTIVE FAIRTRADE** on Saturday 27th November from 10am - 3pm. Unique stalls selling products from around the world. Our primary school choir will be singing in the morning and our church choir at 2pm in the afternoon.

There will be a collection at both masses this weekend for The Bishops Administration Fund

CAFOD The CAFOD group will meet this Sunday Nov 14th at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

THE QUILT will be on view in church this weekend after Mass. One of our ladies will be on hand to show you the quilt and enter you in the draw if you so wish. Please take time to admire this exquisite piece of workmanship.

TAIZE SERVICE on Monday 6th December 7pm, at United Reformed Church

CATHOLIC COMPANION the November edition is now on sale at the back of church - still only £1

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES We have now received the leaflets but they are in short supply. If you are intending filling a Shoe Box then please see Janet as soon as possible.

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball winner is no 36 Peggy Fielding. Winners please collect winnings from Carol or Harry.

ST MARY'S PARISH HALL (SABDEN) The person you need to contact if you wish to book the hall is now Tony Hargan and his telephone number is 07711 635084

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL are collecting batteries and nestle cereal tokens. Please hand them in at school or in the container in the porch.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE (SABDEN) SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER commencing at 2pm. Father Christmas will be in attendance between 2pm-3pm. The fairy vacancy is now filled. We still need items for sale and these can be left in the box in the porch. New items please - we do not want bric a brac. Home made cakes, jams etc will be most welcome, also items suitable for a £1 stall.

GRAND DRAW tickets now available. Please sell as many as possible, our big prize - an X-Box360 and lots of other amazing stuff. Lets make this a special one **WREATHS** There is a list in the porch for ordering Christmas wreaths price £6. These can be collected at the Christmas Fayre.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE NEXT SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER



The Fayre this year will commence directly after Mass at 10.45am. Over the next couple of weeks, up to and including Saturday 20th November, goods will be accepted at the presbytery or they can be placed in the large

box provided at the back of church. Unfortunately no goods except for cakes will be accepted on the day of the event (Sunday). We will gratefully accept the following gifts - items suitable for tombola prizes (e.g. unwanted Xmas/Birthday presents etc) **BUT THEY MUST BE NEW!** Sweets and Toffees, Bottles of wines/spirits, boxes/tins of biscuits, chocolates GOOD QUALITY second hand Toys, Books, DVD's and Jewellery. We would be grateful for any home made cakes, jams and pickles.

Again this year **WE DO NOT WANT** - second hand goods except what is mentioned above, Tinned or Packet foods, Jam, Marmalade or pickles (unless home made), Bric a Brac or **Jumble** or **Clothes**

Refreshments this year will be Bacon/Sausage butties, Toasted Fruit Bread, Tea & Coffee

Entrance will be from Lowergate NOT THE BACK WAY