

Dear Parishioners,

At its inaugural meeting last Tuesday the Finance Committee considered and adopted a constitution after discussing the relevant canons of Church law. At its next meeting it will scrutinise last year's financial returns and this year's income and expenditure.

St Mary's Sabden is in the throes of redecoration and so Mass today will be celebrated in the parish hall. Work is scheduled for completion before next Sunday. In these days of parish amalgamations people wonder whether their church is marked for closure. Sabden proves that closure does not necessarily follow on amalgamation. Only lack of use and support occasion closure. The rule is: "Use it or lose it!" St Mary's is thriving!

SMSJ's new CCTV and alarm system is running and although a little tweaking remains our church is open during daylight hours. It has taken some time to commission the system simply because this is the first occasion that these state of the art cameras have been installed in a public building where there is no security personnel to monitor the cameras. But it has been worth the wait and the cost of £3,736 to keep the church open and secure for people to visit.

Another item of unavoidable expenditure is a new cooling system for the Parish Centre's beer cellar at a cost of £2,600. On the positive side, bookings for the hire of the Centre have increased. Hiring out premises is the only way that clubs survive in today's economic climate. So, if you have a celebration coming up or know of someone looking for a venue, then think 'Parish Centre'. And remember that you don't have to be a Catholic to hire it, as some believe!!!

As you know priests don't retire until the age of 75 and Salford diocese has around 20 parish priests above that age, still in harness. There are around 60 living in retirement and reliant on the diocese for financial support. Why are they reliant on the diocese? On retirement a priest loses his accommodation, and while a priest of my age receives his board, basic State pension and is paid £2,680 a year it doesn't leave any money for payment into a pension scheme! So to help provide for our retired priests there is a collection after Mass today.

The diocese is running a free online basics computer course. Interested? Email jconnor@stantonyscentre.org.uk Fr John

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd October 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

12 noon - Requiem Jeff Cowgill

Saturday (8th October)

11.15am - 11.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 - 11.55am Exposition 11.30am - Rosary

Noon—Eucharistic Service First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am **Friday** - 9.15am if decorating completed

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Jeff Cowgill, Norah Wellock, Marie McDonald, Special intention, Christine Blackledge

SICK

Betty Holgate

LATELY DEAD

Jeff Cowgill, Norah Wellock

ANNIVERSARIES

Marie McDonald, Christine Blackledge

This weekend at all masses, there will be a retiring collection for the Retired Priests Fund. Gift Aid envelopes are available and are included with the information leaflets on Retired Priests and can be found on the shelves at the back of church.

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £673.73 Sabden £127.71 Many thanks

Xaverian Mission Appeal Clitheroe £315.14 Sabden £85.79

SOCIAL CENTRE Committee. Please meet in the Presbytery on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm. **Future Events in the Top Lounge - Saturday 1st October** - Duo - Split the Difference. **October 29th** - Andy Ash - Singer. **Friday 11th November** - Race Nite. **Saturday 3rd December** Johnny Solo

Please note: the Social Centre is now open 7 days a week from 7pm and Sunday lunchtime from 12noon - 3pm

THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE a talk by Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB at St Gabreil's R.C. High School, Bury, on Wednesday 12 October at 7.30pm-9.30pm. Suggested Donation per person, to meet expenses, £5. See poster in porch

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION There's another petition going round regarding Religious Education in the EBacc since the P.M has now stated that they have an open mind about RE. Please take a couple of minutes to sign. <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/129>

H.C.P.T.SPONSORED WALK Will all please pay their sponsorship so a total can be published. Donations are still being accepted. If you wish you can put your money in an envelope - clearly marked with your name and for the attention of Arnold Marsden on the collection plate.

CATHOLIC SINGLES an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel: 0161 941 3498 or visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk Email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION Series of talks have been arranged. See poster in porch.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER October leaflets now available from porch

ST MARY'S COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENINGS - See poster in porch

CAFOD Next Friday Oct 7th is Harvest Fast Day, please return the envelopes next weekend. Thank you. Would you care to join CAFOD for a day? Or part of a day? It is a practical way by which you can help our sisters and brothers in real poverty. Next Sunday Oct 9th the CAFOD group will run a stall at the Flea Market in Hurst Green Village Memorial Hall. Open to the public 9am - 4pm, hot and cold food and drinks available all day. If you wish to give us a helping hand please contact Maureen 443499, go on, give it a go.

GERRY COATES (Catholic Singer/Songwriter in concert at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Bolton Saturday 8th Oct - in support of CAFOD see poster

R.C.I.A.MEETING an Introductory and Information meeting Sunday 16th October at 7.30pm in the presbytery. If you want to find our more about Catholics and our faith please feel welcome to come along. Contact Mary Sellers 01200 428653

STONYHURST COLLEGE Five St Francis Xavier Awards available for 2012 available to young people who may be potential candidates whose families are not able to pay full fees. See leaflets in porch

BIBLE READING anyone interested in forming a group to read the Bible? If so then please ring Elsie Thomson 01200 424714

A CALL TO SERVE
A day for Eucharistic Ministers & Readers led by the Carmelite Friars at Tabor in Preston.
SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER
10am - 4pm
Bring a packed lunch, drinks provided. Please car share as parking is limited. Booking essential. If you would like to go please put your name on the list in the porch. Enquiries to Teresa Mercer 429960

CLITHEROE

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND Sat M.Manning Sun - B.Parkinson & M.Maffia
READERS Saturday - M.Rigg Sunday - J.Hennigan
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Saturday - R.Carter & B.Taylor
Sunday - R.Embery, I.Parkes, P.Sutcliffe
M.Anwyl & G.Lambert

TEA AND COFFEE

APF MISSION BOXES Apologies but due to unforeseen circumstances the Red Boxes will not be emptied this quarter. Please collect current booklets if desired from the church porch.

PARISH ACTION GROUP Next meeting Thurs 27 Oct 7.30pm, in the presbytery

ROTA'S For Welcomers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers etc are now available. Please collect yours from the box which can be found on the table in the sacristy.

MODERN BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING in our Parish hall with bar to refresh you on Saturday 15th October and Saturday 12th November at 7.30pm. Cost £5

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass/Service each day this week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Thanks to those who attended our recent planning meeting. Any parish organisation/individual who have not already ordered a stall or informed us of what they are going to be doing please note that we need to know your requirements by the end of October. Anyone coming after that date or just turning up on the day cannot be accommodated.

PARISH DRAW - SEPTEMBER WINNERS. £100 - 228 J.Greatorex, £25 B.Brown, £10 - 188 S.Bailey, 99 F.Holgate, 50 T.O'Donnell, 138 E.Thomson, 129 S.Robinson. Agents can collect any prizes from Tuesday

ADVANCE NOTICE K.S.C. Jumble Sale Saturday November 5th

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 31 The Taylor family Please collect winnings from Carol or Harry. There are a numbers still available for this draw, please join in it's only £1 per week.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL collect batteries and Nestle cereal tokens. Please hand in at school or in the container in porch

FASHION SHOW Saturday 8th October starts at 7.30pm with bucks fizz and canapés reception, (soft drinks also available). Please join us for a fun evening and see the Sabden Super Models. Fashions by Pendle Village Mill. Tickets £5 - proceeds to Hall fund available from Janet at the presbytery, Susan 01282 4323455 or Suzanne 01282 771517 and after Mass today. All that's needed for a great night out is YOU

HALLS FOR HIRE

for

**Birthday's,
Celebrations,
Anniversaries
Funeral
Receptions
etc**

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