

Dear Parishioners,

Now that our security system is up and running and the church is open during daylight hours I must record our thanks to the 12 parishioners who's dedication kept the church open in the afternoons for these past two years.

Our grateful thanks also go to the three parishioners who paid for the new Altar Missals which have arrived and which are already in use. The print is larger than in the temporary booklet that I've been screwing my eyes at since September! The new translation will be fully introduced by the end of this month.

Parish Forum meets this Wednesday in Sabden at 7.30pm. You may recall that attendance at the last Forum was poor, possibly due to a change in date and a clash of meetings for those from Sabden. Forum did, however, adopt the proposed constitution but decided that the elections for the Chair and Secretary should be postponed until this Wednesday. So this will be an important Forum! Any parishioner may be nominated, with their prior consent, as Chair or Secretary even if they are unable to attend on this occasion. Any parishioner at the meeting may be nominated. Voting will be by ballot.

A bell enthusiast has inspected our church bell – did you know that we have one in Clitheroe? The bell's foundry mark indicates that it was cast between 1525 and 1558 by a George Heathcote of Chesterfield and is the largest he manufactured! The dates place it in the reign of Henry VIII and the Reformation. Described as a remarkable find, historians know nothing of its history. One can only surmise that Catholic Recusants hid it until our church was built. The possibility of bringing it back into service is being investigated.

You may remember that the cost of buttressing the sanctuary from below, to take the weight of a stone or marble permanent altar facing the congregation, put on hold the project of reordering the sanctuary. Now I'm exploring the feasibility of installing of a glass altar. This would be considerably lighter and wouldn't visually intrude on the stone high altar and marble reredos. Want to know more? Come to the Forum on Wednesday!

Fr John

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th November 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9.15am

Thursday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (12th November)

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 - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Winifred Barlow, Nora Hart, Eric Preedy, Norman Bromley x 2,
Ursula McHugh, Dot O'Neill

SICK

Mark Jezierski, Pat Pozzi, Marjorie Higgins

LATELY DEAD

Tina Mashiter, Doreen Carr

ANNIVERSARIES

Winifred Barlow, Nora Hart, Eric Preedy

**Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the
Bishops Administration Fund**

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £734.19 Sabden £121.70 Many thanks
SOCIAL CENTRE . Future Events in the Top Lounge - **Friday 11th November** - Race Nite. **Saturday 19th November** - Bernie Calvert (ex Hollies) and Friends entertain **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

H.C.P.T. SPONSORED WALK Some have still not paid their sponsorship money-Will please hand in to the presbytery or give to Arnold Marsden.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT Friday 11th November 7.30pm in St Philip's Parish Hall in Padiham Tickets £5 include Vegetable Hot-Pot supper (as the event takes place on Friday). Bring your own drinks. Tickets from Fred Uttley 01282 773032

TEA DANCE Wednesday 16th November in our Parish Hall 2pm-5pm. Traditional and Sequence dancing with excellent afternoon tea - all for £3.50! Everyone welcome to come along for a dance, a chat or just the afternoon tea.

WALSINGHAM Pilgrimage 2012 June 18th - 21st. Cost £185 + Insurance. Deposits of £20 cash will be collected at masses this weekend 5/6 November and next weekend 12/13 November. Enquiries 443499

CLITHEROE

CRAFT AFTERNOON PLEASE NOTE The meeting has been re-scheduled and is now NEXT Thursday Nov 10th 2pm - 4pm Last meeting before the Christmas Fayre!! If you have anything to contribute - ideas, support, crafts - please come along

WHALLEY & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB meet in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall and would welcome new members or visitors. Next meeting Thursday 10 November 7.30pm when Beryl Cotton will do a demo. All arrangements raffled afterwards Visitors £6, Annual Subs £30 for 10 meetings

LADIES GROUP have booked a stall at the Table Top Sale organised by Trinity Methodist Church next Saturday 12th November 10am - 4pm

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING Mon 14th Nov 7.30pm in the presbytery. Our **next trip** will be to Lancaster for shopping etc then on to Barton Grange to view their Christmas showroom and maybe have a bite to eat in their lovely café. Wednesday 7th December Cost £9 - 9.30am from Interchange

K.S.C. Council meeting next Tuesday November 8th in presbytery at 7.30pm

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES The last date for shoe boxes this year is November 18th. Please see Janet.

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

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

SCOUT & GUIDE HEADQUARTERS to celebrate the opening of St Michael & St John's Scout and Guide H.Q. there will be an open day with a display of past and present photos of Loyola Scout Group and 4th Clitheroe Guides and Brownies on Saturday 12th November 10am - 4pm and Sunday 13th November 1pm - 4pm at the Scout Headquarters, Lowergate - Everyone welcome

LITTLE CHURCH No one to take Little Church next Sunday November 13th - Any volunteers?

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND Sat - M.Valovin Sun - P.Dixon & E.Thomson
READERS Saturday - C.Carr Sunday - S.Shore
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Saturday - B.Worden & A.Southworth
Sunday - R.Embery, I.Parkes, P.Sutcliffe
J.Rigg

TEA AND COFFEE

BAKE A DIFFERENCE The cake stall in our Parish Hall last Sunday raised a magnificent £85 for Children in Need. Thankyou to all those who baked cakes and supported the stall so generously.

ROTA'S There are still some of the current 'Rotas' for Welcomers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Little Church etc left in the box in the sacristy. Please collect yours as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE commencing directly after Mass once it has been officially opened by Father Christmas (approx 10.45am). No goods (other than cakes) can be accepted on the day of the event (Sunday). Please bring any donations you have to Mass next Sunday 13 Nov and leave at the back of church - No books this year other than children's - but any old jewellery - Homemade Cakes - Pickles - Jams - Toys - Plants - and anything (as long as it is new) for the tombola's will be gratefully received. Alternatively you may drop them off at the presbytery on the week running up to the event (Mon 14th to Saturday 19th). Refreshments this year will be Bacon/Sausage Butties, Toasted Fruit Bread, Tea or Coffee. Please note the entrance will be from Lowergate NOT THE BACK ENTRANCE

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 45 John Shorter. There are some numbers still available for this draw, please join in it's only £1 per week.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 3rd December at 2pm in the Hall. Father Christmas will be available from 2pm - 3pm. The Grand Draw for the iPad will take place at this event. Come along and enjoy the fun and games.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS We will again be selling Christmas wreaths at the Christmas Fayre. If you wish to order one please put your name on the list in the porch. We will be making up the wreaths on Thursday 1 December from 9.30am - please come along and help. If you have any suitable greenery please leave by the hall during the week before.

CHRISTMAS DRAW tickets available after Mass - please take and sell. There will be a prize for the person selling most tickets. To take part just place all your monies and counterfoils in a sealed envelope, with your name on the front. There is also a list in the porch with suggestions for other prizes - please sponsor them if you can.

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

HALLS FOR HIRE

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