

Dear Parishioners,

Two weeks ago Archbishop Kelly preached at the funeral of Fr Michael Williams who had died suddenly aged only 42. After speaking of our sustaining belief in eternal life he offered a timely word of caution by referring back to the previous Sunday's Gospel of the five foolish bridesmaids who didn't take oil for their lamps. The underlining is mine.

"Michael was one of the priests who took long turns holding the bleep to summon a priest to patients in the Royal and Broadgreen Hospitals. In all honesty I must share with you a simple fact: it is increasingly difficult to guarantee a priest will always be on call. Allow me to sow a seed and rely on you to share it with others who rarely come to Mass and dangerously live in ignorance of our situation: a month ago someone phoned indignantly complaining that when he phoned a parish none of the priests were in: he did not know: the parish had more than one priest 15 years ago but for the past 5 has been served by only one priest who also has charge of a second parish.

Is it not time for us all to face the fact: Jesus consistently taught: 'Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour'. We are not meant to leave it to the last minute: to the five who left it to the last minute Jesus said 'I tell you solemnly, I do not know you'. Michael's sudden death is a wakeup call to us all. It really should not matter if we cannot promise a priest at any time of day or night.

And certainly such a promise is absolutely out of the question in Peru where Father Simon Cadwallader and Father Denis Parry serve thousands of people in huge parishes: but the people die well, at peace, surrounded by the prayer of family and friends."

I recommend two diocesan events which unfortunately share the same evening: this Tuesday, 22nd November! Take your choice.

St Alban's, Blackburn. Mass at 7.30pm followed a film Malana Papua. If you have a red mission box this will be of special interest to you, showing how your money helps in Papua New Guinea.

St Gabriel's High School, Bury. Scripture expert Fr Denis McBride will introduce St Mark's Gospel. It is the Gospel we follow on Sundays next year. Details of both on the notice board. Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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Christ the King - 20th November 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9.15am

Wednesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (26th 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

Alice & Joseph Fullalove, Deceased Nolan Family, Finnuala Dickinson,
Jim Monaghan, Audrey Hamerton, Nellie O'Loughlin, Simon Holt, Molly Walton x 2,

SICK

Audrey Hamerton, Mark Jezierski,

LATELY DEAD

Finnuala Dickinson, Jim Monaghan, Simon Holt,
Nellie O'Loughlin, Molly Walton

ANNIVERSARIES

Alice & Joseph Fullalove, John Brown

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £748.76 Sabden £129.97

Bishops Admin Clitheroe £202.47 Sabden £27.26 Many thanks

SOCIAL CENTRE Future Events in the Top Lounge - TONIGHT Saturday 19th November - Bernie Calvert (ex Hollies) and Friends entertain
Saturday 3rd Dec Johnny Solo

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

WALSINGHAM England's National Shrine of Our Lady in Norfolk. The official Parish of Our Lady of the Valley Pilgrimage in 2012 takes place from Monday June 18th to Thursday 21st. Cost £185 + Insurance. Deposits of £20 cash will be collected at Masses this weekend. Enquiries 443499

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL this year at The United Reformed Church 16 - 18 Dec. Theme this year is snowflakes. We would be grateful for donations of white, cream, silver or gold snowflakes to decorate our tree. Please place them in the box labelled at the back of church - both Clitheroe and Sabden before Sunday 5th Dec

LADYEWELL Lancashire's County Shrine. For the two Fast Days of Our Lady, Dec 8th - Immaculate Conception and Dec 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe, there will be a day of special devotions on Saturday December 10th. Starting with Mass at 12 noon at the Shrine, packed lunch, followed by the usual devotions. Come and visit Our Lady in her Fernyhalgh home.

CARITAS ANNUAL REVIEW BROCHURE now available from porch

CLITHEROE

LADIES GROUP TRIP 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

PHOTOGRAPH a couple of weeks ago a photograph 'appeared' on my (Janet's) desk. It looks like a school photo 1930's? of 12 girls 4 boys and a teacher. Would be grateful if the owner of the photograph would contact me (Janet) Thank you

CATHOLIC COMPANION November edition now on sale only £1

A SHORT HISTORY OF SANTA December 2nd - meet at St Mary Magdalene (Clitheroe Parish Church) at 5pm - share a free glass of mulled wine and minced pie

and find out the Secret History of Santa Claus with Simon Entwistle. Walk through the town to meet at the Town Crib for carols and prayers finishing at 6pm, then watch the East Lancashire Hospice Santa Dash. Hog-Roast - late night shopping - street entertainment - make St Nick's Night a night to remember. **Other ecumenical events** during Advent are - **Advent Carol Service** at ~St Mary's on 27 November, **The Pop Choir** at U.R.C. on Sunday 11 December, **Joy to the World** - Christmas Concert Saturday 17 December at Trinity. **Radio Lancashire Sings Christmas** on Thursday 22nd December at Low Moor Club, The Wagon and Horses and St Michael & St John's Social Centre

S.V.P. QUARTERLY COLLECTION

Next Sunday
26/27 November.
As this collection goes
towards the Christmas
gifts, please be as
generous as usual.

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND Sat - C.Harkin Sun - C.Riley & M.Marsden
READERS Saturday - C.McGuire Sunday - E.Lambert
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Saturday - L.Perrin & H.Mercer

Sunday - C.Morgan, T.Mercer, P.Donnolly
L & B.Collinson & R.Conti

TEA AND COFFEE

CHRISTMAS FAYRE TODAY SUNDAY after 9.30am Mass opened by Father Christmas (approx 10.45am). 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. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PARISH EVENT

GREENERY WANTED for decorating the church at Christmas. Please bring along anytime from 1-21 December

ADVENT LUNCHES Commence Tuesday 29 November for details see poster in porch

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 10 P.Clarkson 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. Items needed are toys, toiletries, candles, bottles, cakes and groceries anything saleable. Items can be left in sacristy or in box in porch. Help will be needed on the day - please volunteer. 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.

PREMIER LEAGUE TICKETS We have been given 4 tickets for any premier league football match at Bolton. We will have a competition for these starting at the Christmas Fayre with 100 bids at £5 per bid. We will need to sell all bids before winner will be disclosed.

FOR SALE Items for Advent on sale after Mass

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.

SABDEN VILLAGE SERVICE OF LIGHT Sunday 27th November 4pm at the Baptist Church

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



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