

Dear Parishioners,

It's been just over a week now since I got here and I'm enjoying my time with you all. Fr John's given me the opportunity to write a little bit about myself, so here goes. I'm Frankie Mulgrew, I'm a seminarian and I eat 3 shredded wheat a day – that's my name, rank and serial number. I'm from Rochdale originally...although both my parents are Irish... I guess that makes me half Irish/half Lancashire – which means I can do the Riverdance with clogs on. Rochdale is where I was raised along with my brother and two younger sisters. We grew up around an entertainment background as my dad is a stand-up comedian and that's what I did myself for a number of years before receiving my call. But for me, despite having a blessed upbringing, my faith went onto another level when I was about 18 years of age...I went through a particular bad patch, suffering with depression...I tell you how bad my depression was, I use to watch episodes of Eastenders as an antidepressant! But it was during that difficult time, I discovered God's unconditional love for me within the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Sometime after that, whilst on a retreat I also encountered a profound experience of Christ's love for me within the Eucharist. Which is summed up for me in a phrase the scripture expert Scott Hahn says 'When Jesus comes again He will not have a single drop more glory than he has right now upon the altars and tabernacles of our churches'.

It was over 6 years ago when I felt a gentle niggling at the back of my mind, with a desire to try my vocation to the Priesthood...so I left showbusiness and five and a half years later here I am. It's all been going really well, as that saying goes 'God's never outdone in his generosity.' During my formation years I've been blessed to travel to such illustrious and exotic places as Kenya to learn about the missionary church, to Australia and Spain for the World youth days – which I wholeheartedly recommend to any Catholic between the ages of 18 and 35. And when the times are hard... I try and keep praying and I'm inspired and encouraged by the lives and words of those that have gone before us, our brothers and sisters in Heaven, remembering that: 'God has created me to do him some definite service' Blessed John Henry Newman.  
Frankie Mulgrew

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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**The Baptism of the Lord (B) - 15th January 2012**

*St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe*

**Sunday**

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

**Monday & Friday**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

Mass at 9am

**Saturday (21st January)**

11am - 12 noon Exposition

11am - 11.45am Reconciliation

12 noon Eucharistic Service

6om - First Mass of Sunday



*St Mary's Church Sabden*

**Sunday - Mass at 11am Friday - Mass at 9.15am**

## **MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Patrick Dolan, Sadie Banks Musgrove, Kevin Mooney, Bryan Barlow, Ann Barlow, Mary Ragnall (2), Judy Masterman, Henry Thornber, Joan Wiggans,

## **SICK**

Anthony Cornwell

## **LATELY DEAD**

John Ratcliffe, Terence Nolan, Patrick Dolan, Emilio Conti

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Sadie Banks Musgrove, Bryan and Ann Barlow, Mary Ragnall, Judy Masterman, Henry Thornber, Joan Wiggans

***Our next Marriage Preparation Course is on Sunday 29th January and Sunday 5th February at 1.30pm in the presbytery. Couples planning to marry in Clitheroe or Sabden in the coming fourteen months, must attend this course***

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £857.21 Sabden £141.53 Many thanks  
**A.P.F RED BOX COLLECTION** £866.85 Many thanks

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

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** Memberships can be renewed on Monday 6th and Friday 10th February 2012 from 8.30pm and every following Monday or Friday.

**BALLROOM/LATIN AMERICAN DANCES** in our Parish Hall on the following dates - 21 January, 25 February and 28 April from 8pm - 11pm Price £5 Everyone welcome. Also on Saturday 24th March there will be a Samaritans fundraiser £10 including Supper. Tickets from Vicky 442987 or Linda 01254 665552 or pay on door.

**AFTERNOON TEA DANCE** New year's Afternoon Tea Dance this coming Wednesday 18th January in our Parish Hall from 2pm - 5pm. Make a New Year's resolution to 'give it a go' - no price increase - still only £3.50 including excellent afternoon tea.

**BIBLE READING GROUP** - please contact Elsie 01200 424714

**PARISH DINNER** this year will take place on Saturday 18th February. Cost will be £15 - please note no increase once again. Tickets will be on sale before and after both masses for the next two Sundays here in Clitheroe and also at Sabden before and after the 11am Mass. See poster in porch for menu options and who have tickets for sale.

**FLOWER DEMONSTRATION** by Jane Brown Thursday 19 January 7.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church Hall. Tickets £5 inc coffee and cake from Jane Brown 441949

**LADIES GROUP ANNUAL DINNER** next Friday 20 January - please meet on Lowergate Car Park (across from Social Centre) at 6.15pm.

**LADIES GROUP MEETING** Wednesday 25th January at 7.30pm - NOT TO BE MISSED a nostalgic look and Slide presentation of the Old Shops of Clitheroe by Sue Holden. £1.50 inc refreshments. EVERYONE WELCOME - OPEN TO ALL

***Fr Wareing wishes to express his gratitude for all the prayers and good wishes on the occasion of the recent illness, and is now making a good recovery.***

### **CLITHEROE**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** still two unclaimed raffle prize - 70 Yellow Cup and Saucer and 148 Green (very pale could be mistaken for grey/blue) Stole - please see Janet  
**The Bucket Raffle (£100)** has still not been claimed - please check if you have the winning ticket which is pink 110. See Janet at presbytery

**ROTA'S** New rota's running from January to December. They are available from the box on the table as you enter the sacristy. Please collect yours as soon as possible.

**CATHOLIC COMPANION** January edition now on sale - only £1 excellent value

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

**WELCOMERS** Sat - P.Hardwick

**READERS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Sun** - B.Barker & K.Peel

**Sat** - R.Carter **Sun** - Volunteer

**Sat** - B.Worden & A.Southworth

**Sun** - C. & J.Leeming

Embery Family

### **COFFEE ROTA**

**LENT LUNCHES** this year will begin on Saturday 25th February in our Parish Hall. Still no details of speakers yet - watch this space

**EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES** We would like few more volunteers to help with these services, which replace mass when a priest is not available. The services take about 20 minutes and consist of readings from Scripture and Holy Communion. Three people are needed at each service - a prayer leader, a reader and a Eucharistic Minister. At the moment we have a rota of about ten people helping with this work, which means that Holy Communion is available each day even when Fr John is not available. Most of us are aged 70 plus!. We would all love to have Mass every day as has been possible in the past, but at least with these services the Sacrament is available and the church open on a daily basis. Services are held at 9am on weekdays and 12 noon on Saturdays. At the moment, Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays are the regular days for them with other days when needed. Please contact Lily 01200 426949 to be included on the rota.

**LITTLE CHURCH** desperately need more volunteers to help out each Sunday. You would only be needed once every six weeks. You would need to be here about 10 minutes before Mass to help set up and you can be involved in planning Little Church sessions if you want to. Please contact Geraldine Hennigan 01200 425504

**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK** 18 - 24 January. For full **NEW** programme of events please see the list in the church porch.

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL (SABDEN)** The bonus ball this week is no 38 A.Dewhurst

**RED MISSION BOXES** It's time to empty these again. Please bring your 'full' one in and swap it for an empty one which you will find on the windowsill at the back of church. There are some spare boxes available - perhaps you could take one if you don't already have one - it's a very worthwhile cause doing good work all over the world.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK** Services in Sabden are as follows - Wednesday 18th 7pm Baptist Church, Thursday 19 January 7pm at St Mary's, Friday 20 January at St Nicholas - this will be followed by a hunger lunch. Please support.

**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 Contact**

**ST MICHAEL & JOHN'S**  
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**ST MARY'S SABDEN**  
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