

50 Years of Concern

This year of 2012 marks the 50th Anniversary of CAFOD coming into being. The Bishops of England and Wales officially set up CAFOD whose aim was to provide a focus for all the small charitable efforts which were already taking place and to promote Family Fast Day. This Lent Fast Day we have a unique and exciting opportunity to double the impact of donations received. The governments Department for International Development has created a pilot initiative called UK Aid March, and will match £ for £ all money given in any Lent collection and fund-raising activities for CAFOD that take place between 17th February and 17th May. Our target is to raise £2 million, nationally.

The focus of Lent Fast Day will be the newly launched water campaign "Thirst for change". One in eight of the world's population still can't access clean water. One child under the age of five dies every 20 SECONDS, because of dirty water. How many homes in our country do not have a tap? Without water there is No LIFE. You are invited to reflect how life would be for you if you did not have a water supply. CAFOD'S partnership scheme CONNECT 2 offers each Diocese the choice of two countries to support. Brazil and Ethiopia are Salford's countries. Our parish CAFOD group chose to support this partnership in Ethiopia. Other than Fast Days and Emergency Appeals funds raised and donations received go to a village in northern Ethiopia named Biera, pronounced Bee-er-a. The valley is an oasis of green now, amongst the arid, mountainous landscape. Irrigation work by local people and CAFOD partner Adigrat's Diocese Catholic Secretariat is keeping farming alive. The building of reservoirs has helped to triple the harvest. 65 years old Ato Alemayo has lived there all his life, he says "We used to get 60 days of rain in the dry season, now we get 2 or 3. We are at risk because of the climate, we must start fighting this change now." Wiozero Tiblets, 31, says "If we work, we get. If we farm, we eat, set up cooperatives, live different lives. Water is the key". Next Sunday February 19th the parish CAFOD supporters will be running a stall at the Flea Market in Hurst Green Village Memorial Hall. from 9am to 4pm. Proceeds will go towards Bieras hopes of building a dam in the mountains. Sincere thanks for all your support over the years.

The Cafod Group

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)
12th February 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 (18th February)

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

Kathleen Manhold, Special Intention

SICK

Bishop Brain, John Noonan

LATELY DEAD

Marjorie Wood

ANNIVERSARIES

Kathleen Manhold, Michael Pryle, Jim Holmes, Wilfred Clegg

Bisop Brain, after becoming unwell over the weekend, underwent a successful procedure on Monday in the Heart Care Unit of Salford Royal Hospital to have a permanent pacemaker fitted and that he has now returned home. His Consultant has advised that he will require a period of five week's recuperation. Please hold him in prayer during the coming few weeks of his recovery.

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £582.05 Sabden £182.96
CARITAS Clitheroe £249.26 Sabden £55.73 Many thanks

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

SUNDAY EVENING In addition to the usual Quiz on a Sunday evening is 'Play your Cards Right'. Please come along - Everyone welcome

SOCIAL CENTRE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Memberships can be renewed from 8.30pm every Monday or Friday evening

BALLROOM/LATIN AMERICAN DANCES in our Parish Hall on the following dates - 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.

BIBLE READING GROUP - please contact Elsie 01200 424714

PARISH DINNER Still a couple of days to buy a Parish Dinner ticket for NEXT Saturday 18th February. Deadline is 5pm Monday 13th February. Cost is £15 - please note no increase once again. Two course meal - **Main course** - Roast Beef, or Chicken, or Salmon Supreme or Vegetable Lasagne. **Sweet** - Fresh Fruit Salad or Pavlova or Profiteroles or Sherry Trifle. Please ring Janet if you would like a ticket - Monday morning 01200 423307 thereafter 01200 424657

LENT LUNCHESES Details of speakers now finalised - you will see these on the poster in the church porch. The theme this year is 'Stepping out in faith'. At the first of these Lunches on Saturday 25th February the speaker will be Norman Ivison who will speak on "Fresh Expressions of Church". Everyone Welcome

OUR DAY OUT a play by Willie Russell. Anyone who would like to take part in any way please come along to the first read through TODAY at 2pm Sunday 12th February in St Mary's Hall (Sabden). The play has a cast of mainly young people but adult input will also be required. We are looking for young people from 11+ if you are interested, but unable to attend please let us know - contact 01282 433455. Performance dates possibly 12th - 14th April.

WALK WITH ME booklets for Lent 2012 now on sale at back of church £1.

PARISH FORUM gather on Wednesday in our Parish Hall (Clitheroe) at 7.30pm. The Forum is our parish council, which every parishioner has a right to attend, speak and vote.

CLITHEROE

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE meets 8.15pm Tuesday.

ROTA'S Still some people to collect their rota - collect from table in sacristy

NEXT WEEKEND ROTA

	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Bentley	S.Shore & M.Rogers
Readers	A.Southworth	School
Eucharistic Ministers	R.Carter & B.Taylor	G.Lambert, E.Lambert, A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee Rota		Fellows Family

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting on Monday 13th February at 7.30pm in the presbytery

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE Wednesday 15th February in our Parish Hall from 2pm-5pm. This month we have the "winter warmer" of pie and peas for the refreshments. Admission is just the same at £3.50. Bring along your Valentine and dance to your heart's content.

K.S.C. Council meeting this Tuesday 14th February at 7.30pm in the presbytery

BAPTISM We welcome Holly Gudgeon who was baptised last Sunday

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 46 Pauline Hindle.

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. Further information from Jane Davies

WILD FLOWER GARDEN The daffodils appearing in the garden. As spring approaches we will be re-seeding, this time with perennials which may not be a showy, but will return year on year and will only need topping up. There's a box at the back if anyone would like to donate towards the purchase of seeds. We'll be back out in the garden when the better weather is here - look out for dates for working parties. Don't get rid of those unwanted gifts - we are having a stall and a raffle during Coffee on Sunday 18th March. Proceed towards the flower garden. Bring anything you may have for selling with a price clearly marked.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Fr Birmingham will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee and would like Mass at St Mary's on Wednesday 13th June.

LENT STATIONS on Tuesdays during Lent at 7.30pm.

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

PARISH DINNER TICKETS are on sale £15 from Christine Cartwright on 01282 772237 or Janet 01200 423307/424657. Deadline Monday 13th February 5pm

HALLS FOR HIRE

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

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ST MARY'S SABDEN
Suzanne Brown