

Dear Parishioners,

Today we welcome back Fr Jan Klaver who will preach in both Churches to encourage parishioners to take a Red Mission box. These boxes have been a feature of Catholic homes for decades and support two vital Catholic charities. There will be no collection.!

The first is the APF which recently was internationally renamed as *Missio*, the Latin word for Mission. It is the only charity which supports each and every Catholic Mission diocese in the world. The simple truth is that without APF support the Gospel would not have been heard in many countries. No wonder that the Pope said that if Missio did not exist, he would have to invent it!

The second is England's own mission society, which last year ordained five missionary priests.

I think I may have mentioned this briefly in the past. For the last nine years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year, eight internships are on offer. They will run from September 2012 - July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. But hurry, the closing date is this Wednesday. Details

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns>

For the past two years Clitheroe's Churches have run a Barbecue called **On the Move**. The idea behind it is for the churches together to move out and meet the many in our town who have no contact whatsoever with any church. The BBQ is free and will include such entertainment as a magic show, a drama group, Punch & Judy and face painting. This year it will run on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th of May. If you can suggest or can help provide entertainment then please see me or Lily Perrin. Donations to help cover costs may be given in cash or by cheque payable to 'Clitheroe Churches in Partnership'.

A few Lenten reminders. On Thursdays join the Lent course in the Hall at 7.30pm when with film we'll look at how ordinary people in the past lived out their faith and became saints in the process. Then on Friday, Stations of the Cross at 7.30. During Stations The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available. On Saturdays in the Hall at 11am Lent talks followed by Lenten lunch at 12noon. In Sabden Stations are on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

So, what are you doing for Lent?

Fr John

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First Sunday in Lent (B) 26th February 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9.15am

Wednesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am
7.30pm Stations of the Cross
& Sacrament of Reconciliation



Saturday (3rd March)

11am - 12 noon Exposition 11am - 11.45am Reconciliation
12 noon Eucharistic Service 6pm - First Mass of Sunday

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Tuesday - 7.30pm Stations of the Cross **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Marie Thornber, Nellie Cross, Sadie French, Special intention

SICK

Sally Hickling, Nellie Cross, Carol Turner

ANNIVERSARIES

Marie Thornber, Sadie French

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £834.30 Sabden £144.77 Many thanks

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

SOCIAL CENTRE Friday March 9th Quiz Night for Teenage Cancer Charity. Tickets £5 inc Pie & Peas (vegetarian option). Starts 7.30pm maximum 6 a team. Contact Geryl Lambert 07919 151408 or 01200 444285 or available from Kevin in the Social Centre. ALSO '**SELFLESS LOVE**', an evening of Easter readings, songs and hymns telling the Easter story, by the School Choir and children of Years 5 & 6. Wednesday 4th April 7pm in our Social Centre. Tickets £3 (children free) available through school or contact Geryl Lambert 07919 151408 or 01200 444285

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

LENT LUNCHES In our Parish Hall every Saturday during Lent. Theme this year is 'Stepping out in Faith'. NEXT Saturday 3rd March the speaker will be Hilary Murphy who will speak on "Stepping out in South Africa". Lunch of assorted bread and cheeses with Tea or Coffee is £2. Everyone Welcome

OUR DAY OUT a play by Willie Russell - going well with a lot of interest, but must cast this week. Rehearsal 1.30pm (note earlier) today Sunday St Mary's Hall. Still looking for man and woman late 30's early 40's for some of the teachers.

STONYHURST Our Lenten Series this year is being offered to young people of Stonyhurst and local schools and colleges. The young at heart are also most welcome to attend. Come and join us in a random but interesting selection of events during Lent. See poster in porch or pick up one of the flyers available.

HOME PASCAL CANDLES - traditional Pascal candle for use within your home. Candle & Stand £11 per set. To order sign the form at the back of church

FOSTERING FOR CARITAS As the days grow longer, we see parents and carers spending time in the park with their children, having picnics, exploring and generally enjoying the time together. Have you ever thought about fostering a child and bringing the sunshine into their life? Caritas is recruiting carers and would be delighted to meet with you. More info 0161 817 2250 or visit their website www.caritassalford.org.uk/fostering

LADIES GROUP TRIP Tues 13th March to Manchester. Leaves Interchange 8.45am. Cost £7. Optional Tour of Manchester Town Hall available at £5, but the maximum number for the tour is 25 people. Money will be taken at the meeting next Wednesday. Anyone wishing to go on the optional tour (first come first served basis), should book as soon as possible. Ring Janet 01200 423307/424657 or Daphne on 01200 427912

CAFOD Thank you for the support given to our stall at Hurst Green last Sunday £136.20 was raised plus another £136.20 in the £ for £ government scheme giving us a total of £272.40 towards the dam in Biera, Ethiopia. Next Friday March 2nd is **LENT FAST DAY**, envelopes distributed this weekend, please return them next weekend, thank you. **FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT** "Take a step", this year if from Monday 27th February to Sunday 11th March. F.T. sales broke £1bn in the UK last year. Look for the F.T. logo when you shop and buy. How far will you go for F.T.?

WORTH WATCHING Catholics this Thursday BBC4 at 9pm. Chipping First Communicants feature this Thursday

PLEASE NOTE ANY CHEQUES SHOULD NOW BE MADE PAYABLE TO OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH A/C

PARISH DINNER Many thanks to all those who supported this event from both Clitheroe and Sabden last Saturday. It was a great success and anyone who didn't come missed a reet good do! Unclaimed raffle prize White ticket number 76. Please collect prize from presbytery.

CLITHEROE

NEXT WEEKEND	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Illingworth	A & J Marsden
Readers	A.McGuire	C.Morgan
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & A.Southworth	R.Embery, I.Parkes, P.Sutcliffe
Tea & Coffee Rota		C.James, M.Tomlinson, A.Pritchard

CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL featuring Blackburn People's Choir at The Grand, Clitheroe Friday 2nd March 7.30pm. Tickets adults £10, under 18's £5. All proceeds to support this year's group of children coming to Clitheroe from Belarus

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE VOUCHERS are being collected by St Michael & St John's Primary school. Please pop in Red Communications Box in porch.

LADIES GROUP NEXT Wednesday 29th February 'What's in a Name'. This history and meaning of surnames - speaker Pat Morris. Cost £1.50 inc refreshments. Everyone Welcome Open to all

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at St Paul's, Low Moor on Friday 2 March at 7.30pm. 'Let Justice Prevail' written by the Christian Women of Malaysia. Speaker Rev'd Anne Hardacre

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER leaflets for March now available free from porch.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 24 Ushi Muller.

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. Last call this week

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. Raffle tickets available after Mass next Sunday.

LENT STATIONS We have been invited to lead the Stations at St Michael & St John's NEXT Friday 2nd March. Please come along and support. There will also be stations each Tuesday at St Mary's at 7.30pm throughout Lent.

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,
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