

Dear Parishioners, The Coalition for Marriage (C4M) is an umbrella body, backed by the Catholic Church, representing faith groups, both Christian and non-Christian, MPs, peers, academics, lawyers, pro-family organisations and grassroots supporters in the UK who uphold support traditional marriage and oppose any plans by the Government to redefine it.

This isn't a homophobic initiative. The rights and financial security of gay partners are protected by Civil Partnerships. It is simply and purely a determined effort to defend the unique importance of marriage in our society.

There is a petition at the back of the church which reads "I support the legal definition of marriage which is the voluntary union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. I oppose any attempt to redefine it". Please consider signing it.

The Government is here out of step with public opinion. A recent survey found that 86 per cent of people support the proposition that it is "possible to be tolerant of the rights of others and protective of traditional marriage at the same time".

The cash till in the Social Centre was growing old and in need of a few new parts. So we have replaced it with one that reads swipe cards. Members will be issued with new membership/swipe cards that will allow them to continue to pay reduced rates for their drinks while higher prices will apply to casual users. So what better reason could you have to renew your membership or become a new member?

During the eight weeks leading up to the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in June, there will be continuous 24 hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in churches across the diocese. Here in Clitheroe Exposition will begin at 9am on Saturday 24th of this month until 9am Sunday morning. Two ensure that here will be parishioners in church over the 24 hours, please sign up on the 'watching list' is at the back of the church and particularly consider attending one of the night periods.

Following suggestions last year a book is available at the back of the church for the names of those who have died and are dear to you. You are asked to donate £3, for each name inscribed, towards providing a magnificent display of lilies to enhance our Easter celebrations.

Fr John

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Second Sunday in Lent (B) 4th March 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Mass at 9am

Tuesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Wednesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am



Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am 11.30am Funeral Service - Carol Turner
7.30pm Stations of the Cross & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday (10th 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

Bert Bywater, Joseph Galea, Carol Turner

SICK

Sally Hickling, Nellie Cross, Mary Burke

LATELY DEAD

Carol Turner

ANNIVERSARIES

Bert Bywater, Joseph Galea, Hugh Hutchinson

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £745.56 Sabden £108.84 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 10th March the speaker will be Andy Silver "Pop Connection" - reaching out to children and families. Lunch of assorted bread and cheeses with Tea or Coffee is £2. Everyone Welcome

OUR DAY OUT next rehearsal this Sunday 4th March at 2pm St Mary's. Still looking for people to play adult teachers. Give it a go - we might discover some hidden talent. It's not too late to be involved.

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

CARITAS VACANCY for a Team Manager (Fostering) - see poster in porch

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. 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 Lenten Stations of the Cross will be led by CAFOD supporters next Friday March 9th at 7.30pm in church. There will be a meeting of the CAFOD group on Thursday March 8th at 10am in the presbytery. Newcomers welcome. Fairtrade Fortnight still running until Sunday March 11th. What's in your basket?

LENT COURSE This week it is a day earlier on Wednesday instead of Thursday, when we take a look at the life and times of St Francis of Assisi and his relevance for today.

FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting postponed from Tuesday 6th to Tuesday 13th

CLITHEROE

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass/Service each morning this week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

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

NEXT WEEKEND	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	M.Swales & T.O'Donnell
Readers	J.Byrne	M.Donnolly
Eucharistic Ministers	R.Carter & B.Taylor	J.Hall, S.Hall, A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee Rota		E.Davies & M.Valovin

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

BEAVER SCOUTS are wanting to do their Air Activity Badge and need to speak with someone who has flown an aeroplane, hot air balloon or helicopter. Can you help? If so please contact Julia Kennedy 01200 538793 or julia_kennedy83@hotmail.com

EASTER REMEMBRANCE BOOK A Remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is being compiled and will be placed at the back of church. We are asking for a donation of £3 for a white calla lily, which will decorate the church at Easter time. Teresa Mercer will be collecting the money after Sunday morning mass up to Easter.

PARISH DRAW February winners £100 43 L.Marsden, £25 171 L.Collinson, £10 96 M.Hargreaves, 120 V.Murray, 134 Mrs Spackman, 91 M.Fitzpatrick, 7 D.Hutchinson. Please collect money Thursday or Friday of next week.

WHALLEY FLOWER CLUB Hand crafted floral bag workshop with Jane Brown in our Parish Hall Wednesday 21 March 7.30pm £7 (£6 for NAFAS members)

K.S.C DANCE NEXT Saturday 10th March at 7.30pm. Dancing (Modern Sequence & Ballroom) to John Lancaster. Tickets £6 inc Hot Supper. Tel 427029 or 427096

THERE WILL BE A S.V.P. QUARTERY COLLECTION AT BOTH MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 33 The Turner family.

RED MISSION BOXES The total collected this quarter is £82.45. Many thanks to you all and to all the new people who responded to Fr Klaver last weekend and signed up for a box.

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.

SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS Our Primary school are collecting Active Vouchers **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,
Funeral Receptions
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Kevin Shepherd
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