

Dear Parishioners,
When I came to the parish quite a number approached me with the same request: please don't close the parish club. The cause of their anxiety soon became apparent: the club was losing money and there was a disastrous relationship between the club and the parish hall. Well it has taken over three years of hard effort, a tremendous amount of good will and compromise by the various stake holding groups to reach the present position where we can speak of one Parish Centre that is run by one committee and that houses both a club and a hall that are available for both parish and ecumenical events and that may be hired by individuals and organisations. (And no, you don't have to be a Catholic either to join the club or to hire the hall). The club no longer loses money and the whole enterprise has been put on a sound financial footing. None of this would have been achieved, indeed the club would probably have closed, without the tireless effort and expertise that Aileen Evans has brought to bear, though Aileen would be the first to highlight at least a dozen other parishioners who have generously cooperated in the venture. I should also mention the invaluable time and advice given by our voluntary surveyor, Tony Hargan from Sabden The parish is indebted to them all.

However, there is a big BUT! You can't but notice the number of pubs closing and also clubs of all descriptions that have gone to the wall. To continue along the road to recovery our Parish Centre needs your support. So when next you are looking for a venue to celebrate a baptism, a birthday, a graduation, a funeral reception or other occasion, then please make our centre your first port of enquiry. The building has been refurbished; it is warm and welcoming and now offers cask beers!

Our gratitude goes also to recent supporters: Bill Barker who donated and fitted the giant screen in the hall, Francis Howard who fitted vinyl floor covering to the kitchen storage, our ladies group who donated the new cutlery dinner plates, tea plates, milk jugs, dessert and sugar bowls and the hot water boiler.

Finally on a more spiritual plane, I hope you approve of the new altar and background lighting.

Fr John

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4th Sunday of Easter (B) 29th April 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am (sung) followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (5th May)

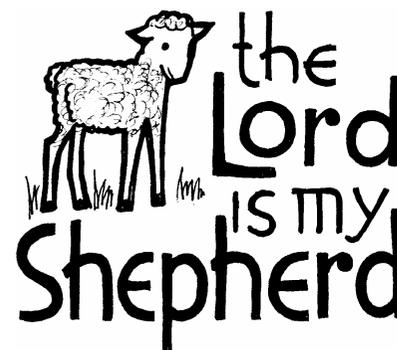
11am - 12noon Exposition

11am - 11.45am Reconciliation

11.30am - Rosary

12noon Eucharistic Service

6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)



St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am (sung)

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Brian Balshaw x 2, Hilda Dewhurst

SICK

Sally Hickling, Margaret Cross (nee O'Donnell) Australia

LATELY DEAD

Brian Balshaw, Nello Luciani

ANNIVERSARIES

Hubert Jackson,

*There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend for
The Ecclesiastical Education Fund (Priest's training fund)*

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £799.83 Sabden £176.72 Many thanks

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

SOCIAL CENTRE 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

LADIES GROUP TRIP our next day out will be on Wednesday May 9th to Southport. Set off from Interchange 8.45am. Still a few seats left on coach. Ring Daphne 427912 or Janet 424657 to book

VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOL for both Tesco and Sainsbury's are being collected by St Michael & John's school. Please pop in Red Communications Box in porch.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel 0161 941 3498, website www.catholicssingles.org.uk or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE & BISCUITS in the Ribble Valley Mayors Parlour on Saturday 12th May 10am - 12noon. Admission £1. Bring and Buy Stall

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Mass in preparation for the will take place in Salford Cathedral at 7.30pm Friday 25th May. See poster in porch

MAY PROCESSION A May procession in honour of Our Lady at St Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn on Sunday 13th May at 1.15pm ending with a moment of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

CARITAS have a vacancy in Didsbury for a Domestic. See poster in porch

CLITHEROE

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK runs from 13th - 19th May. Would the loyal band of helpers be willing to help again this year? then please let Janet know. We need someone to **COLLECT ONLY** the envelopes (which will have already been delivered) on the following - Henthorn Road, Faraday Avenue, The Crescent, Seedall Avenue and Bayley Fold, Riverlea Gardens, Walker St, Holden St, Bright St and Taylor St. If you would be willing to do so again let Janet know.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Tues June 5th 7.30pm as St Mary Magdalene's a special service of thanksgiving to mark the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

PRO-LIFE DAY OF PRAYER will be held on Saturday 12th May. Exposition from 9am - 5.45pm, with Mass at noon. List of times for 'watchers' before the Blessed Sacrament can be found at the back of church. Please try to come for half an hour. See poster in porch for more details.

PARISH DRAW WINNERS APRIL £100 86 E.Davies, £25 6 P.Worswick, £10 68 J.Balshaw, 200 L.Quinton, 197 B.Calvert, 225 P.Ryan, 188 S.Bailey.

LADIES GROUP The Ladies Group would like to thank everyone who supported their Coffee Morning last Saturday 21st April, by donating prizes for raffle, tombola, cakes, buying a ticket and coming to the event. We made £409 for Derian House Children's Hospice.

Please note: Please collect 2012/2013 Gift Aid envelopes from the sacristy. Thankyou

NEXT WEEKEND	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Illingworth	S.Shore & M.Rogers
Readers	M.Taylforth	E.Lambert
Eucharistic Ministers	L.Perrin & H.Mercer	A.Marsden, C & J Leeming
Tea & Coffee Rota		M.Anwyl & G.Lambert

CAFOD Many thanks for the response to signing the Water Campaign cards, just over 100 cards were sent to the Prime Minister. A gentle reminder that the £ for £ scheme runs until May 17th. £2 million was the target. As at March 23rd £2.5million had been raised - so it is looking hopeful! The more that is collected - the more people can be helped.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION CARDS at very reasonable priced are on sale at the back of church - hurry, they are selling fast

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 30 - Carol and Harry

VOUCHERS Our Primary school are collecting both Tesco & Sainsburys vouchers. Please note Sainsbury's scheme has now finished. Can you please hand in the vouchers as soon as possible so that we can add them up. Each year we waste 100's of tokens that are handed in too late.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP will start in St Mary's Hall on Monday 11th June at 9.30am. £1 including Tea or Coffee and snacks for the children. We would however be grateful for any donations of Toys and Books.

BLACKBURN PEOPLE'S CHOIR 7.30pm NEXT Saturday 5th May in St Mary's Church. Tickets £6 available from St Mary's, Uschi Mueller 01282 774324, Susan White 01282 433455 or Janet at St Michael & St John's 01200 423307, after masses and also available on the door. Please support this event, it will be an evening not to be missed, with a good and varied programme. Something to suit everyone

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

OUR DAY OUT Sadly there has not been enough interest in the end to make this viable. Would like to thank everyone who did join in and make rehearsals such fun. Sorry it didn't work out. Thanks!

GARDEN PARTY there will be a meeting on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30pm in the hall to organise this event and ALSO Fr Birmingham's Jubilee, as well as other fund raising ideas. Please come along or pass on any ideas you have, this may be also a good time to discuss the idea of a bell.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING May 12th from 10am - 12noon in St Mary's Hall, Sabden. Entry £1.50 per head - Raffle, Tombola and Cake stall

HALLS FOR HIRE

for Birthday's,
Celebrations,
Funeral
Receptions,
Anniversaries etc
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