

Dear Parishioners,

Going by the number of unsolicited comments regarding the new altar, it has met with considerable approval. Though one parishioner commented, 'I need an eye test, I can't see it!' (I am realist enough, however, to recognise that there will be some who disagree and tastes differ) The two candle sticks on either side of the altar were, I suspect, part of the 'big six' that decorated the pre-1950's reredos of the original altar.

The illumination behind the altar's arches is particularly appreciated. Thanks to modern lighting technology the four florescent lights in total burn only 27 watts so they can be left lit the day long for very little cost. An electrician, not a catholic, who spent a day working around the church, commented as he left: "You get a lot of people quietly coming into your church, don't you Father". People, no matter their denomination, are taking advantage of our open church. Hopefully, following three years of requests, the Council will provide clear road signs pointing to the Church and more may then visit our little Gem.

As you know, the old pulpit was intended only for preaching (long sermons in those days) and the book rest was designed to hold sermon notes and not to support large lectionaries, so in a couple of weeks the book rest will be extended and a more sensitive microphone will be installed.

We need more readers and particularly from the younger end of the parish. So, volunteers, please and especially teenagers.

St Mary's Sabden have voted for a bell that has been offered at a reasonable price and permission to install it within the conservation area has been applied for.

I wonder how many of you look at the parish website. It is growing and improving but is always in need of up to the minute news, stories and photographs. Go to www.olotv.org.uk and checkout your society or group. Does your page need updating?

You may remember last year's splendid Weld Day celebration. This being Lancashire we can't again rely on wall to wall sunshine but whatever the weather the day will be celebrated on Sunday 1st July beginning with open-air Mass at 10am on the field. This one Mass will replace the two usual Sunday masses in Clitheroe and Sabden

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6th Sunday of Easter (B) 13th May 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am (sung)
followed by Coffee

**Monday, Tuesday
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**
Eucharistic Service at 9am

Saturday (19th May)

11am-11.55am - Exposition
No Reconciliation 11.30am - Rosary
12noon Eucharistic Service
6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am (sung)

Friday - No Mass today

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special intention, Private intention, Special birthday

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Nello Luciani

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Hutchinson, Thomas Tresnan,

***There will be a Mission Appeal at all masses next weekend
by Comboni Missionaries***

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £737.24 Sabden £193.80 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

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.catholicingles.org.uk or email info@catholicingles.org.uk

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

ALSO there will be a Service of Prayer for the Eucharistic Congress at St Albans Blackburn on Tuesday 22nd May at 7pm - see poster in porch.

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

RWANDA GROUP TRUST Annual get-together on Sunday 20th May at Alston Lane Church Hall, Grimsargh at 2pm. Jacob's Join. Everyone welcome

CARITAS Annual Garden Party on Saturday 9th June at The Barlow RC High School, Didsbury 1pm - 4pm. There are some Raffle tickets £1 each, available from the Parish office.

CYCLE CHALLENGE Geraldine Hennigan and Jane Miller are taking part in the Women for Women Cycle Challenge in Sri Lanka in September 2013. This is a 400km bike ride in aid of the Genesis Research Trust (promoting science for the health of women and babies). To raise money for this we are holding a Coffee Morning with homemade cakes and a Bring and Buy book sale. We hope you will join us on Friday 18th May 10am - 12.30pm at Hetton House, Eastham St, Clitheroe. Everyone welcome. Further details ring 07813 782130

CATHOLIC COMPANION May issue now on sale only £1 - excellent value

CLITHEROE

TEA DANCE Wednesday 16th May in our Parish Hall. Dancing 2pm - 5pm. Admission £3.50 including delicious afternoon tea. Everyone welcome

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Monday evening at 7.30pm in presbytery

CAFOD A date for your diary - Sunday 24th June. Bishop Brain has given permission for a special Mass to be offered for CAFOD's 50th Anniversary at St Wilfrid's Church, Longridge at 11am followed by refreshments at Lee House near Chipping - sorry not the famous Bar-B-Q on this occasion. The Mass will be attended by both Bishops, Bishop Brain of Salford and Bishop Campbell of Lancaster. Come and celebrate!

NEXT WEEKEND	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	P.Hardwick	A & J Marsden
Readers	A.Southworth	School
Eucharistic Ministers	R.Carter & B.Taylor	J.Hall, S.Hall, A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee Rota		S.V.P.

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

FOOD BANK Clitheroe Christians in Partnership propose that we look into the setting up of a food bank and would like to form a committee composed of representatives from each of the churches to explore the feasibility of such an enterprise as there is a local need. More information from Rita Heyes on 01200 443834 or rita@hayesr.plus.com

DIAMOND JUBILEE - a special service of thanksgiving to mark the Diamond Jubilee H.M. Queen Elizabeth II at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th June at St Mary Magdalene

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 36 Peggy Fielding

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.

FR BIRMINGHAM'S JUBILEE is organised for Wednesday 13th June at 7.30pm. There will be a list on the noticeboard next week for anyone wishing to contribute to the refreshments afterwards, cakes and savouries

GARDEN PARTY will be on Saturday 16th June 2pm-4pm all usual stalls. We would like to make this a memorable event. Again there will be a list at the back next week for people to help with stalls.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - an Olympic Quiz on Saturday 30th June and Bingo on Wednesday 11th July.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP will start in St Mary's Hall tomorrow 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. Please contact Katy Collins on 01282 680617 or Suzanne Brown on 01282 771517

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

BLACKBURN PEOPLE'S CHOIR Many thanks to all those who supported this event last Saturday it was a great night and we raised £611.

HALLS FOR HIRE

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



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