

Dear Parishioners

Today, Home Mission Sunday, we are invited to pray for the mission of the Church in our country. There is also a retiring collection to support evangelisation. The money collected last year enabled a million faith cards to be distributed to every parish in England and Wales and to hold training days in major cities to train volunteers to reach out to Catholics who no longer go to church, as well as a number of other projects. To learn more, go to www.catholicnews.org.uk/home-missionsunday-2012

The town's ecumenical body, Clitheroe Christians in Partnership, of which we are members, has sponsored an initiative to provide accommodation and support for homeless 16 - 25 years olds here in Clitheroe. In partnership with another charity a two bedroomed house has been purchased. It is hoped to have the home ready for occupation before the end of October but it needs to be decorated and furnished. If you would like to support this venture you could consider a donation, help with the decorating or provide furniture. For details contact Nigel Rix ☎ 01200 447057

The Parish Forum meets again after the summer break in the Hall on Wednesday at 7.30pm with a full and interesting agenda. The Forum is your parish council to which every parishioner is invited, has a right to speak and to vote. Do come. Please give any further agenda items to Margaret Donnelly ☎ 01200 441081 or to me.

Finance committee please meet on Thursday at 7.30 in the Presbytery.

You may have noticed the newly trained Special Ministers of Holy Communion who now assist at Mass and take Holy Communion to our sick. A date for a public commissioning of all Special Ministers will be arranged at the Forum.

Last week I appealed for volunteers from the younger end of the parish to become readers. Four responded, which is an excellent start. But we need more – of any age!

Moira Billinge of Right to Life has written in appreciation of the kindness and care afforded the sponsored walkers by “your lovely parishioners”, the refreshments along the way and the “absolutely superb food” at the end. Well done, Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 16th Sept 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Evening Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday (22nd September)

11am-11.55am - Exposition

11am - 11.45am Reconciliation (Confession)

11.30am - Rosary 12noon Eucharistic Service

6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Tuesday - 1.30pm Requiem Mass - Raymond Waling

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Carol Anwyl x 2, Bob Smith, Raymond Waling

SICK

Sally Hickling, Mary Shepherd,

LATELY DEAD

Carol Anwyl, Bob Smith, Raymond Waling

ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin Fitzpatrick

There will be a retiring collection after all masses this weekend for Home Mission Day

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Retired Clergy Fund

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £816.16 Sabden £207.71 Many thanks

RACIAL JUSTICE Clitheroe £204.55 Sabden £33.51 Many thanks

Please note: the Social Centre is now open 7 days a week from 7pm and Sunday lunchtime from 12noon - 3pm Take a look at the newsletter on the porch notice board to see a full programme of events

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

BAR STAFF required for the Parish Centre - please contact Kevin 423073

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

BINGO every Tuesday in our Parish Centre every Tuesday at 7.30pm

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

CARITAS - FAITH IN PEOPLE at Holy Cross Sixth Form College Bury Saturday 13th October 9.30am - 4.30pm see poster in porch of pick up a flyer.

TABOR SCHOOL OF PRAYER September 2012 - May 2013 - Sharing the journey of prayer with others. The School of Prayer is for those who realise the importance of personal prayer in their lives and are seeking a deeper relationship with God. The course is intended to be experiential. Participants will be invited to take an active part in spiritual conversation, workshops and small group sharing. Please contact us for a brochure and application form.

FIRST CHOICE CREDIT UNION at the Citizens Advice Bureau, 19-21 Parson Lane, Clitheroe 01200 428966 on Fridays 2pm and 3pm. See poster in porch

HALLS FOR HIRE for Birthdays, Celebrations, Funeral receptions, Anniversaries etc. For St Michael & St John's contact Kevin Shepherd 01200 428915 and for St Mary's, Sabden contact Suzanne Brown 01282 771517

PRO-LIFE WALK Could anyone with unpaid sponsor money please put it in an envelope marked with details and put in the offertory basket

JUSTICE AND PEACE ASSOCIATION at Holy cross College, Bury on 30th September. See poster in porch

CYCLE CHALLENGE QUIZ NIGHT Geraldine Hennigan and Jane Miller are taking part in the Women for Women Cycle Challenge in Sri Lanka in Sept 2013 - a 400km bike ride in aid of the Genesis Research Trust (promoting science for the health of women and babies). To raise money we are holding a Quiz Night in our Parish Hall 7.30pm Friday 21st September. Teams of 4 - £5 per person which includes a Pie and Peas supper.

CARITAS of Salford wishes to recruit a registered Social Worker to the Fostering team, full time (37 hours per week), twelve month fixed term contract. SCP26-36 £22,221 - £30,011. The post will be based in Salford. For more information and to apply, please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/jobs. See poster in porch. A Autumn newsletter from Caritas is now available from the porch both in Clitheroe and Sabden.

APOSTLESHIP OR PRAYER leaflets for September available from porch

CAFOD The parish CAFOD group wish to offer sincere thanks on receiving generous donations for the work of CAFOD in memory of Thomas Bernard Lawton. May God Bless you all.

TEA DANCE Wednesday 19th September 2pm - 5pm in our Parish Hall. Come and enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea - still only £3.50

DUNSOP BRIDGE St Hubert's are holding a Quiz Night in Newton Village Hall, on Friday 5th October 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tables of 4 £7.50 oer head - Supper included and Bar available. Ring Marie 01200 446630 or Christina 01200 448231

WORD IN ACTION Summer edition of the Bible Society Magazine. Now available from the porch both in Clitheroe and Sabden free.

NEXT WEEKEND ROTA	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	R & F Holgate
Readers	M.Taylforth	J.Hennigan
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & B.Taylor	P.Donnely, E.Thomson, I.Parkes
Tea & Coffee Rota		E.Davies & M.Valovin

CLITHEREOE

LADIES GROUP Our next big event will be on Wednesday 3rd October when Simon Entwistle will be giving a talk - Local Heroes and Villains. Tickets will be on sale 22/23 and 29/30 September £5. Proceeds in aid of Scouts and Guides Headquarters. Prior to this event we will be holding our monthly meeting on 26th September when Steve Thorpe will give an amusing talk on school and local gardening - 7.30pm cost £1.50

PARISH DRAW *Still time to join - a couple of weeks before the first draw* We are now compiling the new list for 2012/2013. You should be receiving your tickets in the next couple of weeks. If you have not been in the draw before you can still join - put your name on the list available at the back of church. Janet will be collecting money next weekend before and after mass on both Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

CATHOLIC COMPANION September edition now on sale - still only £1

CHRISTMAS FAIR There has been a suggestion that we change the day and time of our Annual Christmas Fair this year. This will be discussed after the next Parish Forum which will be here in Clitheroe a week NEXT Wednesday - September 19th in our Parish Hall. Please come along and give us your views..

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this week no 29 Michael Firth

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

MEETING FOR ALL PARISHIONERS Wednesday October 3rd at 7.30pm