

*Dear Parishioners*

The Government has cut the subsidy paid to Local Councils in support of Council Tax by 10%. So Ribble Valley Borough Council has lost £228,000. To make up the shortfall it proposes to increase the Council Tax on second homes by £114,000 and recover the remaining £114,000 from the 1,100 local benefit claimants who at present do not pay Council Tax. This will affect those in part-time work, low paid jobs, or who have retired early and are living on small private pensions, or are living on state benefits. It will not affect pensioners. This could mean a family in a Band A property paying £2.23 a week (£118 a year) or a single person paying £1.71 a week (£89 a year). Failure to pay incurs a £60 legal fee!

Our SVP and Parish Forum have discussed this issue and agree it would be much fairer and more just for the 25,000 Council Tax payers in the Ribble Valley area to share the burden and on average pay a £5 a year increase on their Council Tax to make up the £114,000 shortfall.

The Council is currently carrying out a consultation so if you agree with the SVP and Forum's suggestion then please go to the Council Offices or logon to **ribblevalley.gov.uk** and support the proposal that all Council Tax payers share this burden. Consider: could this could be the cup of cold water that Christ asks us to give in his name?

Our ecumenical body, Clitheroe Christians in Partnership is organising a meeting with Local Councillors to discuss this issue at St Paul's, Low Moor on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm to which all are invited.

A Prayer Intentions book has been placed at the back of each church. Visitors and parishioners should enter any intentions (petition or thanksgiving) they wish us to join with them in praying.

Five teenage parishioners and two adults have volunteered to become readers but we need more. Age is no bar!

The newly trained Special Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) along with current ministers will be commissioned in both churches on the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November. I would be grateful if retired ministers would return their pyx to me.

*Fr John*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

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**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 23rd Sept 2012**

*St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe*

**Sunday**

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**Thursday & Friday**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

**Saturday (29th 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** - No Mass

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Special intention x 2, Giovanni Marchese, George & Mary Smith,  
Jeff Cowgill, Bernard Gilroy

**SICK**

Sally Hickling, Mary Shepherd,

**LATELY DEAD**

Raymond Waling

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Giovanni Marchese, Jeff Cowgill

**There will be a retiring collection for the Retired Clergy Fund  
at all masses this weekend**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £715.38 Sabden £213.60 Many thanks  
**HOME MISSION SUNDAY** Clitheroe £220.54 Sabden £49.37 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](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicssingles.org.uk](mailto: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

**GIFT AID STATEMENTS** are now available from the temporary card table that can be found on the right hand side as you enter the sacristy. They are in alphabetical order.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Saturday Nov 3rd K.S.C. Jumble Sale in the Hall

**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

**K.S.C.DANCE** Friday 12th October at 7.30pm. Dancing to John Lancaster. Tickets £6 including supper. Tel 01200 427029 or 01200 427096

**CAFOD** As harvest time approaches in our country take a look at the pictures of crops and harvest in Biera, the village we are supporting in Ethiopia, can be seen on the CAFOD notice board in our church main porch.

**LOYOLA CUBS/SCOUT/GUIDES** Bernadette Worden (nee Marsden) is organising a reunion for anyone in Loyola Scouts/Guides/Cubs or Brownies in the 70's/80's. This will be at Clitheroe Rugby Club on Saturday 13th October at 7.30pm. Cost is £6 which includes a supper of Meat and Potato Pie or Cheese and Onion Pie. Please let Bernadette know if you wish to attend on 01200 427345 or 07732265863 or [Bernadette.worden@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Bernadette.worden@tiscali.co.uk)

NEXT WEEKEND ROTA	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	T.Wilkinson	P.Dixon & E.Thomson
Readers	C.Carr	G.Lambert
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Southworth & M.Illingworth	P.Sutcliffe, G.Lambert,
Tea & Coffee Rota		M.Marsden,/J.Marsden /E.Thomson

## **CLITHEROE**

**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 a week to join the 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.

The first draw will be made on the first weekend of October

## **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this week no 33 the Turner family

**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