

Dear Parishioners

In response to a number of requests, handrails have been fitted beside the Presbytery steps, the steps within the side entrance porch and on the spiral stone staircase leading up to the Choir loft. Handrails have also been fixed to the steps to the stage in the parish hall and by the steps from the entrance lobby to the bar area.

A survey conducted when I arrived in Clitheroe four years ago warned that the green floor tiles in the sacristy contained asbestos and that the 160 year old ceiling was in danger of collapse. The tiles didn't pose a health threat but I was advised that they should be removed and also that the ceiling should be replaced before it fell on my head! With urgent work on the church, presbytery and social centre completed, attention has turned to the sacristy. So three weeks ago work began to first remove the tiles, in accordance with government requirements, and then to renew the blown plaster on the sacristy walls and take down or pin back where possible the collapsing ceiling. Coinciding with this, partitions have been removed and rebuilt to improve work areas and increase storage space. Now after three weeks of eating dust the construction work is completed allowing the decorator to begin work this week. And what a relief that is – the fine plaster dust has penetrated every corner of the presbytery and church keeping our voluntary and dedicated team of cleaners on their toes. I'm grateful to them not only for the work but also for their patience!

At the last Forum it was decided that the Special Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) who recently completed their training will be commissioned along with the current Ministers who will be recommissioned at the Vigil and Sunday Masses on 3rd and 4th November.

Following the Forum I met in Sabden with a good number of parishioners to discuss matters of specific interest to the Sabden community. It was an excellent meeting that confirmed that the Catholic community of St Mary's is flourishing.

Next week I'll report on the Year of Faith activities both within our parish and the deanery at large.

Tuesday 7.30pm YOUCAT planning in Presbytery.

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 21st October 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday (27th October)

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

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Tina Mashiter, Edward Worswick, Special Intention

SICK

Mary Shepherd, Sally Hickling, Cecilia Brown, Brigid Hardwick

ANNIVERSARIES

Tina Mashiter, Edward Worswick

***There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend
for World Mission Day***

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £747.68 Sabden £154.09 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

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

H.C.P.T.WALK Thankyou to all those who walked last Sunday. Any sponsorship money still to be handed in can be placed on the offertory plate at masses this weekend - please make sure it is in an envelope with your name on.

CAFOD members of the parish CAFOD group will be running a stall at the Flea Market in Hurst Green memorial Hall next Sunday October 28th from 9am-4pm. Hot and cold refreshments available all day. Come and have a browse, spot a bargain. Many thanks for a further £45 from Harvest Fast Day envelopes making a total fo £748

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Saturday 17th November at Salford Cathedral special day to celebrate 50th Anniversary of CAFOD - see poster in porch

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT Friday 9th November at 7.30pm St Philip's Parish Hall, Padiham. Tickets £5 in Hot-Pot supper. Bring your own drinks. Information Fred Uttley 01282 773032

ST MARY MAGDALENE are advertising for a Parish Administrator - See poster in porch. Job description available from presbytery.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS/GIFT AID STATEMENTS are now available from the shelf on the corridor outside the parish office

LITTLE CHURCH New members needed to help run groups. No need to be a parent or even have children - just enthusiasm and a willingness to teach young children about the gospel. Contact Geraldine Hennigan 01200 425504.

CATHOLIC COMPANION October edition now on sale only £1

LADIES GROUP This month's meeting is on Wednesday 31st October - our A.G.M. followed by Martin Wrench of Burnley who will give a talk on Being a Pantomime Dame. Please note entrance fee has been increased to £2

LADIES GROUP TRIP our next trip will be on Wednesday 5th December leaves Interchange at 8.45am for Leeds for Shopping and German Christmas Market. Returns from Leeds 4.15-4.30pm. Cost £8. Names and money will be taken at our next meeting on Wednesday 31st October

JUMBLE SALE Saturday 3rd November at 2pm. Jumble can be collected the night before 2nd November. Details Les 427029 or Arnold 427096

K.S.C. DANCE the next dance will be on Saturday 10th November

Next weekend rota	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	M.Swales & T O'Donnell
Readers	J.Byrne	C.Morgan
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & B.Taylor	E.Thomson, P.Sutcliffe, I.Parkes
Tea & Coffee Rota		Sims Family

LADIES GROUP We invite ladies of all ages to come and join us at our meetings; beside our charity events we do have fun - well organised trips and excellent speakers. You will be made very welcome. Do come and join a friendly group. Our group are appealing to your generosity in donating Gifts, cakes, jams and Homemade produce for this years Christmas Fayre. All Ladies are welcome, no membership required - just take a look at the notice board at the back of church and see what we get up to!

PARISH SUPPER a date for your diary Saturday 9th February 2013. As last years event was so enjoyable we are hoping to replicate it. More details later

CHRISTMAS FAYRE This year will be held on Saturday 24th November from 11am - 2pm. The change of date is to offer more people the opportunity to attend, purchase craft items, cakes, plants, toys, have a go on the different Tombola stalls and partake in bacon or sausage sandwich. Lets all pull together to make this event a huge success. All proceeds will go towards the redecoration of our church.

UNWANTED TOYS an appeal for unwanted toys for the Christmas Fair. Please bring to presbytery

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this week no 15 H.Dewhurst

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING Saturday 17th November in the Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £6 including light supper. Ideally this will centre around a short drama. The first meeting was disappointing - we need some male input please. Remember we are having this event to raise money for the Grand Prize in the draw. We need to make this a fun social evening. Please consider joining in - come along to the Hall on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 1st December 2pm-4pm. To include the Grand Draw. After Mass today Raffle tickets will be on sale to help with the Christmas Fayre expenses. Also carrier bags for donations of items for sale.

SOUL NIGHT 'Sabden Live' are holding a 'Soul Night' TONIGHT Saturday 20th October in St Mary's Hall. Live music from Soul band 'Rambunkshus' and Soul Disco. Licenced bar. Doors open 7.30pm and tickets available from Lisa or Kevan Lingard Tel: 07738 904270 or 07512 032051. All proceeds to Sabden Live 2013

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