

Dear Parishioners

Congratulations to our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (to give our Eucharistic Ministers their full title) who are commissioned today. In taking the Lord to those unable to attend Mass their invaluable service offers great joy and comfort to the sixty or so housebound members of our parish community.

On Wednesday the Parish Forum meets in Clitheroe at 7.30pm in the Social Centre. The Forum is our Parish Council to which all parishioners have a right to propose agenda items, to speak and to vote on all proposals. It is the decision making body of the parish. A parish priest once told me that he would find such an open body too difficult to handle but I assured him that if he did start a Forum then initially it would create a certain amount of interest but after a while most parishioners wouldn't bother attending the meetings! But maybe I was a little pessimistic for 37 attended our last Form. If you have any items for discussion on Wednesday then please hand them to me or Margaret Donnelly or drop them through the Presbytery letter box.

I have received a cheque for £8,214.25, the Gift Aid reclaim for the past financial year. The whole parish community is grateful to those who support the parish in this manner. However, the next post brought an invoice for £9,802.42 the insurance premium for the parish properties both in Sabden and Clitheroe, including the graveyard on Waddington Rd. The premium is high because all our properties are either listed buildings or in a conservation area and so if anything untoward were to happen them, they would have to be rebuilt as is!

The Diocese organises an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes on which the sick and disabled occupy a central place. However they are only able to join the pilgrimage because of the doctors, nurses, health care specialists and general volunteers who take care of them. The organisers have appealed particularly for doctors, nurses and trained carers to join next year's pilgrimage from 30th July to 5th August. There is a bursary fund to assist those who face financial difficulty in volunteering. For information www.salfordlourdes.co.uk on ☎ 0161 817 2209.

Sabden's bell will be hung this week!

Fr John

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 4th November 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 (10th November)

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

Jack Walsh, Eric Preedy, Lily Mary Jackson, Maria Middleton, Ann Aspinall, Holy Souls, Elizabeth Teasdale, Kathleen Berry, John Wiggans, Norman Bromley, Holy Souls x 2
James Livesey, Karen Keville, Theresa Hegarty, Elsie Thomson, Winifred Barlow

SICK

Mary Shepherd, Sally Hickling, Cecilia Brown, Brigid Hardwick, Maria Middleton

LATELY DEAD

Jack Walsh, Karen Keville, Theresa Hegarty, Margaret Cross (nee O'Donnell, Australia)

ANNIVERSARIES

James Livesey, Eric Preedy, Lily Mary Jackson, Winifred Barlow

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £801.43 Sabden £147.94 Many thanks
A.P.F. MISSIONS Quarterly collection amounted to £691.20. Many thanks. The next collection will be at the end of January. Thanks to all donors and collectors. We saw a further increase in Gift Aid this quarter.

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

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 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 WORLD GIFTS Christmas Gift Catalogues now available from the porch

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

CAFOD Saturday 17th November Salford Cathedral - special day to celebrate 50th Anniversary of CAFOD - see poster in porch

CLITHEROE HOSPITAL Interested in sharing your skills and time to provide recreational activities for elderly patients? Volunteers with various skills expertise and interests to lead/facilitate a social activity for patients on a regular basis for 1 hour in the afternoon. Singing - Music - Art - Painting - Bingo - Card Making - Scrapbooking etc or simply reminiscing. Contact Janice Atkinson or Susan Abraham-Jones 01282 804485 or email janice.atkinson@elht.nhs.uk or susan.abraham-jones@elht.nhs.uk

YEAR OF FAITH A complete list of events, at St Gabriel's High School Bury, now available - see the three posters in the porch.

GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT IN CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE workshops at various venues in Lancashire starting Tuesday 20th November - Cost 114 per person per workshop. email info@jilleastham.co.uk for more information or see Janet for a booking form

TABOR Carmelite Retreat House, Preston on Saturday November 24th (10am -4 pm) for a day of prayer and quiet, reflecting on some of the most beautiful words in the pre-Christmas liturgy. Give yourself this day at the beginning of Advent for contemplation, as we anticipate the coming of Christ into our world. Suggested offering £12. Ring 01772 717122 or email tabor@carmelite.net to book

CLITHEROE

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.

LADIES GROUP TRIP our next trip will be on Wednesday 5th December and 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 to either Janet 424657 or Daphne 427912

PARISH DRAW WINNERS OCTOBER £100 44 M.Berry, £25 34 A.M.Williams, £10 66 L.Dixon, 201 N.Dudman, 169 S.Pinder, 235 B.Warren, 151 M.Wrigley. Please collect your winnings from your agent.

Next weekend rota	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	A.Harkin	P.Drews & R.Conti
Readers	C.Astin	School
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Southworth, M.Illingworth	C & J Leeming, R.Embery
Tea & Coffee Rota		B.Barker & K.Peel

CLITHEROE CHURCHES IN PARTNERSHIP Forthcoming events - Sunday 2nd December - Advent Service at St Mary's, Friday 7th December - Clitheroe Nativity Evening, 4th, 11th & 18th December - Advent Lunches at The United Reformed Church, Saturday 15th December - Joy to the World at Trinity. More details later

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 24th November from 11am - 2pm. Lets all pull together to make this event a huge success. All proceeds will go towards the redecoration of our church. To boost these funds this year we are having a raffle leading up to the fayre. Please bring any goods prior to the event to the presbytery. The prize, a child's rocking horse (donated anonymously). Tickets on sale after mass on Saturdays & Sundays leading up to November 24th.

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

SHOEBOX APPEAL - Operation Christmas Child. Leaflets for this years appeal which can be collected from the presbytery. Boxes will be collected this year on Tuesday 13th November which is earlier than usual. When you have filled your shoebox you may leave it either at school or at the presbytery.

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass/service each day next week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

K.S.C. DANCE the next dance will be on Saturday 10th November. Dancing to John Lancaster (Modern Sequence & Ballroom) Tickets £6 inc Hot Pot Supper. Tel 01200 427029 or 01200 427096

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this week no 27 Ann Barker

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING Friday 16th November at 7.30pm - admission £6 to include Pie and Peas. Bring your own drinks. The format has been slightly changed and will be more of a quiz centered around murder mysteries. Please join us as funds raised from this event will be used to purchase a major prize for Grand Draw. There is a list in the porch for people who wish to donate prizes for the Grand Draw

GRAND DRAW Tickets now available - please take some to sell, to make this as successful as last year.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Wednesday 5th December Christmas Bingo.

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. Toys in good condition wanted too.

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