

Dear Parishioners

The week of prayer for Christian Unity was marked by a well-attended service in St Michael and John's that attracted 95 representatives from all the churches in Clitheroe. My thanks go to everyone who helped make it a success and the ladies who provided refreshments afterwards.

A new Year of Faith prayer and study group will meet this Tuesday in the Presbytery at 2.30pm. We hope that this is a convenient time for parents and others coming to collect children from the school. Mr Murray's comments in his weekly newsletter are worth reprinting. *There is nothing high-brow about these meetings, they are simply a forum in which to discuss what faith means (or doesn't mean) to you. The session is open to everyone irrespective of the strength or otherwise of your faith and might just provide an opportunity for thoughtful reflection. If you have nothing else on, why not give it a go? You have nothing to lose and perhaps much to gain. There are a number of such meetings during the Year of Faith and you can attend some, all or none as you please.*

You are welcome also to the Monday group which meets at Bernard Warren's, 10 Claremont Avenue tomorrow at 2pm or to the group that meets at 8pm after Mass on Thursday, 14th Feb in the Presbytery or also Sabden's group which will meet in St Mary's church on Saturday 9th Feb at 10am.

Also for the Year of Faith the diocese has arranged a number of evening lectures at St Gabriel's High School Bury.

Wednesday 20th Feb. 'Restoring unity among Christians - have we been faithful to Vatican II's promise?' with Mgr Peter Fleetwood.

'Jewish-Christian relations in the light of Vatican II' with Dr Edward Kessler MBE on 6th March.

'The 2012 Synod on the New Evangelisation - where do we go from here?' with Archbishop Bernard Longley on 22nd April.

Finally the day I advertised last week: 'Crossing the Threshold,' this Saturday 2nd Feb at St Mary's Leyland.

Full details of all are on the notice board.

Please remember that the **Parish Forum** meets in Sabden at 7.30pm this Wednesday

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden
Lowergate, Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 1AG

3rd Sunday in Ordinary time (C)
27th January 2013

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday and Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday and Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday 2nd February

11am - 11.55am Exposition

11am - 11.45am Reconciliation (Confession)

11.30am Rosary 12noon - Eucharistic Service

6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)

St Mary's, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am Friday - No Mass

MASSED RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Margaret McKenna, Maria Middleton, Eileen Livesey, Molly Hartley,

SICK

Margaret McKenna, Sally Hickling, Bernadette Malone, Peter Hardwick

LATELY DEAD

William Walmsley, Stuart Greenwood

ANNIVERSARIES

Molly Hartley

***There will be a retiring collection at all masses
next weekend for Caritas***

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £770.48 Sabden £190.15 Many thanks
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, visit the website www.catholic singles.org or email info@catholic singles.org

DAY OF RENEWAL at St Clare's Parish Hall, Fulwood, Preston Saturday 16th Feb from 10am - 4pm - see poster in porch

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD How can we reach non churchgoing Catholics? A resource day for parishes on February 2nd at St Mary's, Leyland. Speaker: Archbishop Kelly. For more details see poster in porch or if interested please see Fr John.

PARISH DINNER - February 9th 2013. Price £17.50 due to increased costs but still good value for money. Entertainment - we welcome back Jason Ashton after who so ably entertained us last year. The menu choices are as follows: **Main Course** - Fish Pie topped with crushed new potatoes and Lancashire cheese or Lamb Casserole with apricots and rosemary or Roast Bowland Beef with Yorkshire pudding, all served with two vegetables. **Sweet** - Trifle or Fresh Fruit meringue or Fruit Pie or Chocolate Fudge Cake. Tea or Coffee. Tickets are now on sale after Mass on Saturday and Sunday's both at Clitheroe and Sabden and are also available on Monday, Thursday and Friday morning from the Parish Office. See poster in porch for more details.

CAFOD Are you looking for an idea for your Summer break this year? Yes. Then would you like to consider walking part of the CAMINO to SANTIAGO de COMPOSTELA in Spain. Have a read of the poster on our notice board in our church main porch - we will support you!

GRAB 2013 TALENT SHOW - the annual inter-school talent competition between the local areas secondary schools takes place this coming Wednesday January 30th at 7.30pm at 'The Grand'. The St Augustine's pupils taking part are Tom Muldoon, Lizzie Burgess, Zophia Slater and Jared Cramsie. Your votes are needed to get them through to the Grand final which takes place on Feb 18th. Tickets £6/£4 OAPs and under 18's. Proceeds to The Stroke Assoc, Paqrkinson's Disease & Solomon Project. Contact Caroline Muldoon 01282 778989/07810 790771 or caroline@mmuldoon.wanadoo.co.uk

CARITAS Vacancies for Residential Care Workers - see poster in porch

CLITHEROE

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

CEILIDH Saturday 16th March 'Dogs Body Bank' (6 piece with caller) Tickets £10 inc Light Supper. Ring Kevin for tickets

ROTARY CLUB CLITHEROE - Swing Band Night in St Mary's Parish Hall 2nd March - See poster in porch

ROTAS NEXT WK	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Roberts	B.Parkinson & M.Maffia
Readers	L.Perrin	M.Donnelly
Euch Ministers	A.Southworth, M.Illingworth	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee		Sims Family

The Social Centre is now open through from 12noon on Saturdays and Sundays

PARISH DRAW January winners £100 216 E.Birtwell, £25 - 55 A.Carpanini, £10 - 232 R.Moore, 165 M.Roberts, 175 B.Parkinson, 23 E.Walker, 109 M.Manning. Still one uncollected prize from December draw - no 160 C.Scott. Please collect from the shelf outside the Parish office.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHARITY a total of £2,170 was raised and has been divided up equally between Cancer Research UK and Brain Tumour Research

LADIES GROUP MEETING This coming Wednesday 30th January at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. 'Lady Biker' a talk by Kate Townsend Poole. Admission £2 inc refreshments

SECOND HAND BOOK SALE At our Ladies Group meeting 27th February. We would be grateful for any donations of books. They may be left at the presbytery with Janet or you may bring them along to our January 30th meeting

CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY 'Clitheroe Then and Now' a slide show of postcard views of Clitheroe how it used to be, together with views of the same locations in 2012. Venue - Ribble Valley Council Chambers on Monday 4th February at 7.30pm. All welcome. Visitors £3

FLOWER CLUB Thursday 14th February at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall - Valentine Day Flower Demonstration with Jane Brown. £6 including refreshments. See poster in porch

TASTER EVENING Unfortunately this event, has been postponed and is re-scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22nd May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Ladies Group Coffee Morning Saturday April 20th and Rossendale Male Voice Choir on Saturday 22nd June

SABDEN

BONUS BALL 11 - A & C Brown

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

BAPTISM We welcome Joshua James McGuinness who was baptised last Sunday

K.S.C. DANCE



in our Parish Hall
NEXT SATURDAY
 February 3rd
 at 7.30pm

Dancing to John Lancaster

Tickets £6 (including supper)
 available from

Les Collinson 01200 427029 or
 Arnold Marsden 01200 427096

WANTED

Volunteer cleaners
 for St Mary's Church
 and Hall in Sabden.

There a number of teams and so the work is spread. We are



looking for more volunteers to help, especially as one of our teams is retiring at Easter. If you could spare a couple of hours once a month please contact Jennifer Mead 01282 770702