

Dear Parishioners

Thirteen altar servers signed up for a diocesan training day that our parish agreed to host on Saturday, 9th March. Regrettably servers from other parishes opted to attend the alternative Manchester event and so we had little choice but to cancel the Clitheroe venue. It would appear that to most tastes Clitheroe is too far to the north of the diocese! So the Bishop will not be here to celebrate Mass on 9th March but will confer Confirmations on Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm.

I'm afraid that we are short of collectors to open some Red Mission Boxes and particularly we need a volunteer to cover a couple of houses on Whalley Road and another to do the same near Edisford Bridge. It is a simple service that really helps the Church in the missions. If by chance your box isn't opened by a week on Sunday, would you bring it along to the church or the presbytery. For further details please contact Sion or Janet Hall ☎428949.

A week tomorrow a bench will disappear from the back of the church to be dismantled planed and polished -- free of charge! This will enable Ormsby's, a reputable Lancashire Catholic firm of church furnishers, to give a price for the refurbishment of all the benches. Watch this space.

At a meeting with the Bishop last week I mentioned the wish of parishioners to attend Deacon Frankie's ordination, along with another deacon Nathan Horne in Salford Cathedral on Saturday 13th July at 12noon. The Bishop agreed to us bringing a coach. So if you wish to go, please sign the list at either church. We shall then book a coach and share the cost. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Rev Andy Froud is to be inducted as Vicar of St Mary's during a 10am service next Sunday during which the Bishop of Burnley will also re-dedicate the church's re-built spire. As it is a Sunday morning I am unable to attend. Would anyone wish to represent St Michael and St John's at the ceremony?

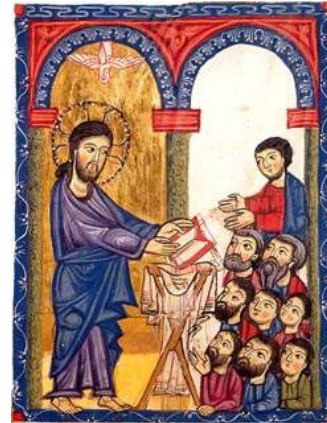
Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary time (C) 3rd February 2013

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am
Reception of Margaret McKenna 5.30pm

Tuesday

Mass at 1.30pm - Requiem Margaret McKenna

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 11am - Requiem Mildred O'Neill

Saturday 9th 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

M.McGeough, Mary Cushion, Ann Wharton, Harriet Foulker, Ralph Pascarella,
Monica & Harry Wiggan, Bill Walmsley x 2, Margaret McKenna x 8,

SICK

Sally Hickling, Bernadette Malone, Peter Hardwick

LATELY DEAD

Margaret McKenna, Ralph Pascarella, Bill Walmsley, Mildred O'Neill, M.McGeough

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Cushion, Ann Wharton, Harriet Foulker, Monica & Harry Wiggans, Edith Turner

**There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend
for Caritas - Gift Aid envelopes available from the back of church**

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £719.37 Sabden £158.77 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

PARISH DINNER - NEXT SATURDAY February 9th -- still a few tickets left. 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. If you decide you would like a ticket then please ring Janet 424657 or Carol 426769. We must have the final numbers by tomorrow (Monday) night

CAFOD Do you enjoy working with children and want to help bring about God's Kingdom of justice and compassion? CAFOD is seeking EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS for a range of ages (4-18 years) to work in schools across the Diocese. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Ged Edwards or Mary Clark at CAFOD: 0161 705 0605 or Salford@cafod.org.uk

CARITAS Vacancies for Residential Care Workers - see poster in porch

HARVESTERS MEN'S DAY 'Finding God in the Ordinary' - A Lent Reflection Day for Men Saturday 23rd February 10am - 4pm, at Holy Family RC Church, Ingol, Preston. No booking required just come along. Speakers - Fr Daniel O'Leary and Brian Kelly. More info from/or book contact Dave Yates on 01253 735061 or Greg McCrave 01772 733338 (day)

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

K.S.C. Dance tonight (Saturday) 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. Cost £6. Dancing to John Lancaster.

ROTAS NEXT WK	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Illingworth	D.Marsden & J.Byrne
Readers	M.Taylforth	J.Hennigan
Euch Ministers	A.Southworth, M.Illingworth	J.Hall, S.Hall, T.Mercer
Tea & Coffee		Embery family

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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 1st March 7.30pm at Trinity Methodist. Service last about 1 hour. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian Women of France. Everyone Welcome including men, women and young people but not suitable for children. All the Christian Churches in Clitheroe will take part in the service.

LADIES GROUP TRIP Our next trip is on Wednesday 1st May to The National Arboretum in Staffordshire followed (time permitting) for a visit to Lichfield. Departs 8.20am from Interchange. Cost approx £25 which includes Coach fare, Guided tour around Arboretum and Lunch (Roast of the day plus a sweet) and a tip for the driver. Names to Janet or Daphne please. We have also booked another trip for Wednesday December 4th for a tour of The BBC studios in Salford (which has proved very popular, hence the early booking) and the Manchester Christmas Market. Again names to Janet or Daphne. This trip is booking up fast, so if you wish to go hurry up and book.

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

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

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Next Wednesday 6th February 2.50pm - 3.15pm in church. A service especially for children of pre-school age and upwards. Theme: 'Jesus and the twelve disciples'

MEETING there will be a meeting on Tuesday 12th February at 7.30pm to discuss fundraising and to formulate a plan to increase hall bookings. Please try to attend if you have any input at all

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