

Dear Parishioners

Congratulations to our children both in Clitheroe and Sabden who took the first step towards making their First Holy Communion in June when they received the sacrament of Reconciliation this week. The next step will be the sacrament of Confirmation, to be conferred by the Bishop in St Michael and St John's on Thursday 25th April at 7pm.

Also parishioners young or old who haven't been confirmed may join them. As Holy Week begins in a fortnight, followed by Easter and school holidays, parishioners (other than the First Communion children) who wish to be confirmed must contact me this week so that adequate preparation may be arranged.

Last year a number of parishioners ordered a family Paschal candle. There is a poster at the back of the church picturing a candle and list for those who wish to order one. They cost £10 and I must place the order by the end of the week!

A sufficient number of parishioners have signed up to fill a coach and attend Deacon Frankie's ordination to the priesthood on Saturday 13th July. Daphne Marsden is investigating coach prices and when the cost is known Teresa Mercer will collect the fares in advance. Entrance to the ordination is by ticket only.

So far the parish has contributed £676 towards a Defibrillator, so we are well on the way towards purchasing one machine but hopefully we'll end with one in the school and another in the church and possibly a third in the Social Centre. When a Defibrillator is needed then time is of the essence! On the school side, Anne-Marie Williams is organising a huge raffle with prizes donated by businesses in town. So that will be well worth a flutter.

The BBQ organised by the CCP (Clitheroe Christians in Partnership) will be held again this year on the afternoons of 14th and 15th June. We are in need of a parishioner to represent the parish on the BBQ committee. Please do consider volunteering. Contact me for further details.

Finance Committee please meet on Tuesday in the Presbytery at 7.15pm.

Finally, a note for next week: Forum meets on Wednesday 20th at 7.30pm in the Social Centre.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

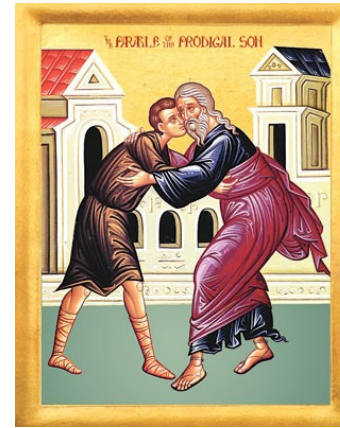
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4th Sunday in Lent (C) - 10th March 2013

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9.15am

Thursday

Funeral Service 11.45am Martin Peel

Mass at 7.30pm

Friday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Saturday (16th March) - Pro-Life Day of Prayer

9am - 12noon Exposition 11am - 11.45am Reconciliation

11.30am Rosary 12noon Mass 12.30pm - 5.45pm Exposition

6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)

St Mary's, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Tuesday - 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special intentions, Yecia Wroblowsky, Angelo Mottillo

SICK

Sally Hickling, Maria Middleton,

LATELY DEAD

Angelo Mottillo, Martin Peel

Quarterly collection for S.V.P. at both masses this weekend. Gift Aid envelopes are available from the shelves at the back of church

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £783.92 Sabden £131.94 Many thanks
CAFOD Many thanks for a further £117 from Lent Fast Day envelopes bringing the total to £706. The group will meet on Tuesday 12th March at 10am in the presbytery and will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday 15th March at 7.30pm in church. Fairtrade Fortnight ends to-day March 10th though you are encouraged to be conscious of your 'buying power' by choosing F.T.items, all year round.
DAY OF RENEWAL 'Faith & Unity' with Barbara Mason at St Clare's, Preston on Saturday 6th April - see poster in porch

Home Pascal Candles are available this year. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you wish to order one. They are £10 including the stand.

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

CEILIDH Saturday 16th March 'Dogsbody Band' - (6 piece with caller) Tickets £10 inc Light Supper. Ring Kevin at Social Centre for tickets
RAE CARTER The S.V.P. would like to thank everyone for donations in memory of Rae Carter with a total of £775 to date.

BROWNIES St Michael & St John's 4th Clitheroe Brownies are looking for Unit leaders to take over from Easter. The unit has 24 little girls who are all fabulous! The little ladies enjoy meeting up during term time on Tuesday evenings in Clitheroe. If you would like to know more about becoming a unit leader or helper please email Rachel@gofirebird.co.uk

LENT TALKS Next Saturday 16th March in our Parish Hall at 11am (Tea/Coffee served at 10.30am) subject - 'Leading a Christian school' with Vincent Murray. Lenten talks also at Stonyhurst to which we are all welcome - see flyers in porch

YEAR OF FAITH Monday 11th March at 2pm 10 Claremont Avenue, Tuesday 12th March at 2.30pm in the presbytery

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS Our Primary School are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers. Hand into school or pop in the Parish Communications box in porch

EASTER REMEMBRANCE BOOK a remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is being compiled and will be placed at the back of church. We are asking for a donation of £3 for a lily, which will decorate the church at Easter time. Jane Brown (Saturday) and Teresa Mercer (Sunday) will be collecting money after mass on the table in front of the War Memorial

CARDS The greeting card stocks have been replenished. Easter cards are now on sale as are Confirmation cards

DEFIBRILLATOR Anyone wanting to donate to the Degribrillator (Heart Start Machine) may do so by putting money in an envelope and popping in the collection. Please mark envelope 'Defibrillator'

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting tomorrow Monday 7.30pm in presbytery
K.S.C. Council meeting Tuesday 12th at 7.30pm in presbytery

ROTAS NEXT WK	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	A & J Marsden
Reader	C.Riley	School
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & M.Preedy	J.Hall, S.Hall. T.Mercer
Tea & Coffee		Fellows family

PRO-LIFE DAY OF PRAYER will be held Next Saturday 16th March. Exposition from 9am - 5.45pm, with Mass at noon. List of times for 'watchers' before the Blessed Sacrament can be found at the back of church. Please try to come for half an hour. During Mass at 12noon children who have died at an early age or before birth will be included in the special intentions. Please use the slips of paper provided on which to write the Christian name of your child, then place it in the basket provided, situated on the table where repository items are for sale.

CLITHEROE & DISTRICT BIBLE SOCIETY Our next Action Group meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 18th April 7.30pm in the United Reformed Church. All interested are welcome to attend. Would anyone like to represent St Michael & John's
WANTED Ribblesdale School is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to help a young Polish boy with his English. The role is for school hours only but other than that the days and hours are fully flexible to fit in with the volunteer/s. No teaching experience is necessary. If interested please call Gill Humphreys 01200 443471/07596994415

TEA DANCE Wednesday 20th March in our Parish Hall 2pm - 5pm. Come along and enjoy a delicious tea - still only £3.50

ST AUGUSTINES QUIZ NIGHT Friday 15th March 7pm for 7.30pm. Licenced bar, soft drinks and raffle. Tables can be booked through school office or tickets available on the night £5 inc supper (vegetarian option available).

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. They are also collecting Sainsburys vouchers

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 21st March - Bingo in the Hall at 7.30pm. Admission £5 inc book of tickets and refreshments. **ST GEORGE'S DAY** Celebration in memory of Raymond who would have been 80 on 20th April. **Details to follow.** **ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES DAY** Sat 13th April. An expert from a local auction house will value items at the cost of £1 per item. This promises to be an exciting and fun event. If anyone has any prizes to donate for the events please contact Margaret or Jean

RED BOXES (APF MISSIONS) Please bring next time you come to church, making sure your name and address is written on the label on the box. We are in need of someone to take over from Jane Davies who is the contact for the Red Boxes - there is no house to house collection or having to go to the bank, just counting the money from the boxes. Please ring Jane on 01282 680013