

Dear Parishioners

Father John has invited me to use the newsletter to inform you that I will be leaving my position of Headteacher at the end of the summer term, following eighteen happy, fulfilling years at St Michael & John's. From the reaction of parents and others I realise that this has come as something of a surprise and in all honesty, I have managed to surprise myself a little bit this time!

I took up the post at Easter 1995 and knew instinctively that I had arrived 'home'. Two years later when my family moved into the Ribble Valley I realised how fortunate we were to be welcomed into a close and supportive community in such a beautiful setting and I still feel that today. The eighteen years have flown by and, like so many others, I had assumed that I would see my time out at St Michael & John's and would have been happy to do so.

In recent years, some of my work has been with Salford Diocese and this has involved visiting and working with other schools. In some respects, I was forced (or permitted) to look over the parapet of my own school and two thoughts struck me. The first was that remaining in the same post for so many years, although very comfortable for me, may not always be the best thing for the school. The second was that maybe I had something else to give before retirement! It was no more than a gentle nudge every so often and one which I was usually able to dismiss and ignore. However, having grown up with the mantra which echoes in most Catholic households, *'everything happens for a reason'*, when the position of 'Head of the Federation of Our Lady and St Hubert with St Wulstan's' was advertised, I took a great leap of faith – and was offered the post.

I will remain a Parishioner and will continue to be part of this wonderful community. I simply wanted to tell the Parish Family of my news and to thank you for the wonderful support you have always given to the school. Please pray for the Governors as they seek to appoint a new Headteacher and perhaps say one for me as I embark on Missionary Work in Great Harwood.

Thank you,

Vincent Murray

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Second Sunday of Easter - 7th April 2013

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Friday

Requiem Mass 10am
Margaret Maden

Saturday (13th April)

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

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Millie & Caitlin, Margaret Maden x 2, Marjorie & Joe Plat, Norman Bromley x 2,
Patricia & Mike Stansby, Eileen Twiddy, Norman Hull, Betty Brown x 3,
Lillie Marchese, Joseph Dewhurst

SICK

Harry & Margot Barlow, Eileen Twiddy, Maria Middleton, Mary Haslam, Olive Bromley

LATELY DEAD

Betty Brown, Margaret Maden, Norman Hull

ANNIVERSARIES

Millie & Caitlin, Lillie Marchese, Joseph Dewhurst

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £1284.70 Sabden £227.64 Many thanks

GOOD FRIDAY Collection for Shrines of Palestine £297.93

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE A Catholic Conference for all ages 7/8/9 June at Hope University Liverpool. Speakers include Lord David Alton. Please see poster in porch

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS St Joseph's Church, Blackburn **TODAY** Sunday 7th April starting at 2pm. See poster in porch for more details. **PLEASE NOTE** There is also a Divine Mercy Sunday at St Wilfrid's, Longridge today. Devotions start at 2pm followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass at 3pm

GIFT AID ENVELOPES for 2013/2014 are now available for you to collect from Clitheroe (on the table near to the entrance to sacristy) and Sabden

CAFOD SYRIA The appeal in our parish will close next weekend. Please let us reach out to these struggling people in their time of great need and remember them in our prayers. Thank you

CARITAS Job vacancies for Social Workers - see poster in porch

A.P.F.MISSIONS - What comes out of your RED MISSION BOX? Fr Jan Klaver MHM invites APF-Mill Hill members, and anyone interested, to attend the Deanery Mission Evening which will be held at St Albans Parish Centre, Lark Hill, Blackburn this coming Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm - see the notice in the porch. There will be a talk on 'Understanding Mission' followed by a short mission film focused on missionary work in Pakistan. Refreshments will be provided. Here is a chance to find out how your contributions are transformed into deeds and to celebrate your 'vocation to be a missionary'. I encourage you to attend.

THE SALVATION ARMY are now collecting food for people in emergency situations. You can either drop any donations you may have into the Salvation Army shop or place in the box that has been provided at the back of church. A list of suggested food can be found in the porch.

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.catholicssingles.org.uk or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

JESUIT MISSIONS We still collect used stamps for Jesuit Missions - see poster in porch. Please put in an envelope and hand them to Janet or pop them in the parish communications box in the porch. Please remember to leave around a quarter of an inch border around the stamp - it helps if you cut round the stamps rather than tear the stamp off the envelope

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

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

DEFIBRILLATOR Anyone wanting to donate to the Defibrillator (Heart Start Machine) may do so by putting money in an envelope and popping it in the collection. Please mark envelope 'Defibrillator'. **RAFFLE TICKETS at £1 each** to raise funds for the Defibrillator are now on sale from school or from Janet at the presbytery. List of prizes is in the porch.

	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Illingworth	J.Clegg & E.Davies
Readers	M.Taylforth	P.Lambert
Eucharistic Min	A.Harkin & H Addy	G.Lambert, P.Donnelly, A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee		R & C Conti & E.Thomson

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

BBQ Friday 14th & Saturday 15th June organised by CCP. Would anyone like to volunteer to help, cater, or distribute leaflets, set up etc. Please give your names in to Janet at the presbytery.

UNWANTED GIFTS or donations wanted by our Ladies Group for their forthcoming Coffee Morning on April 20th - these can be left at the presbytery. Tickets for the Coffee Morning (£1) will be on sale after masses on the next two weekends.

ADVANCE NOTICE K.S.C. Jumble Sale Sat 27th April

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting this coming Monday evening at 7.30pm in the presbytery

ROTAS Please collect your rota from the box on the table in front of the sacristy door unless you have an email address in which case you should have received yours.

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

FLOWER CLUB 'Spring' Flower demonstration next Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL 33 The Turner family
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
BINGO The Bingo evening raised £136 a really good effort, many thanks

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY **ST GEORGE'S DAY** Celebration in memory of Raymond who would have been 80 on 20th April. Details to follow. at the cost of £1 per item. This promises to be an exciting and fun event.. Donations for this event will be gratefully received. Contact Margaret or Jean

K.S.C. DANCE

Friday 12th April

Dancing to
John Lancaster.
£6 inc supper



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ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

SATURDAY 13th APRIL in
St Mary's (Sabden) Parish Hall
from 10am - 4pm

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.

Donations of prizes would be very much appreciated.

Please contact
Margaret or Jean

