

## Dear Parishioners

As you are aware, since last year our church together with the other churches in Clitheroe and The Grand (Clitheroe Christians in Partnership) has been working to set up a foodbank in Clitheroe to meet the needs of struggling families in the Ribble Valley. It was decided that the foodbank should link with the Trussell Trust, a national charity which has already established over 300 foodbanks nationwide.

The Trussell Trust is a Christian organisation that works to empower local communities to combat poverty and exclusion, providing practical help and enabling each person to realise that they are valued. It helps any in need regardless of background or belief, turning faith into practical action by living out God's love for the poor.

### So at this stage

We are establishing a registered charity to oversee the project  
Trinity Methodist Church have agreed to host the foodbank  
Local businesses have already donated the wood and shelving to construct a room for the foodbank to use  
A manager, Ruth Haldane, has been appointed  
A steering group is in place  
Training is planned  
Fundraising has started  
We plan to open on 1<sup>st</sup> July!

### What can you do?

Consider whether you can give time regularly – three hours on either Monday, Wednesday or Friday – to volunteer at the foodbank or occasionally, for example, to help with supermarket food collections

Bring food to Mass in the mornings or at the weekends, which for the time being is passed to the Salvation Army who are covering emergencies until the foodbank opens. There is a list of suggested foods at the back of both churches

Become a foodbank ambassador – someone who will carry the message of what foodbank is about, and help fundraise for the project

Pray for the project: it needs to be founded on prayer and centred on the love of God

At the next Forum on 15<sup>th</sup> May a couple of members from the steering group will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Though centred on Clitheroe the foodbank will serve the Ribble Valley and so St Mary's and ecumenical links in Sabden are welcome to join,

*Fr John*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter - 28th April 2013**

*St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe*



### **Sunday**

Mass at 9.30am  
followed by coffee

**Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday  
Friday**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

### **Saturday (5th May)**

11am - 11.55am Exposition    11am - 11.45am Reconciliation (Confession)  
11.30am Rosary    12noon Eucharistic Service    6pm First Mass of Sunday

## *St Mary's, Sabden*

**Sunday** - Mass at 11am    **Friday** - No Mass

### **MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEKS**

Sr Ignatius Julie SND, Philip Lawton, Jane McIvor, Mr Bland, Special intention,  
Denis Cook, Albert Blockeel, Jack Thornton, Ted Sanderson, Nellie Ansbro

### **SICK**

Sally Hickling, Winifred Taylor, Matthew Gallagher

### **LATELY DEAD**

Albert Blockeel, Jane McIvor, Denis Cook, Jack Thornton,  
Ted Sanderson, Nellie Ansbro

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Hubert Jackson, Sr Ignatius Julie SND, Philip Lawton

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £704.80 Sabden £199.51 Many thanks

**Ecclesiastical Education Fund** Clitheroe £359.27

**FOOD BANK** the Clitheroe Christians in Partnership plan to open the Clitheroe Foodbank on Monday 1st July. Until the foodbank is set up the Salvation Army is preparing food parcels and would welcome food donations. There are a list of suggested foods on the notice board in the porch and a box has been provided at the back of church for anything you wish to donate.

**CAFOD** On behalf of the people of SYRIA a sincere thanks for the sum of £592.68 (£220 given directly to CAFOD and £372.68 from church boxes) collected for the appeal, much appreciated.

**CRB CHECK** We have received the revised forms for new volunteers who need to apply for a CRB (now renamed 'safeguarding' check). These can be collected after masses this coming Saturday and Sunday. Newly commissioned Special Ministers (Eucharistic Ministers) do need to apply.

**LADYEWELL** Why not visit the Shrine of Our Lady and the Martyrs at Ladyewell - a Place of Pilgrimage, Prayer and Peace. You can gain a Plenary Indulgence when you visit the shrine in this year of Faith 2013. Pick up a leaflet from the back of church and read the information relating to the plenary indulgence on the notice in the porch.

**LADIES GROUP TRIP** to the Arboretum on Wed 1st May. Coach leaves the Interchange at **8.20am prompt**. Coffee and biscuits will be served during the journey at 50p each. **We have had one person cancel - anyone like to go, then ring Daphne or Janet. Cost £25 which includes coach and lunch**

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Saturday 22nd June the welcome return of Rossendale Male Voice Choir. More details later

**ST ANTHONY'S CENTRE FOR CHURCH & INDUSTRY.** Unemployed? Facing Redundancy? - we may be able to help! See poster in porch

**INVOCATION IN THE NORTH** as part of Year of Faith - Catechesis - Discernment - Fellowship - Encountering Christ. 14-16 June at Ampleforth Abbey. See poster in porch

**CIVIC SOCIETY** next meeting at Ribble Valley Mayors Parlour on Monday 13th May at 7.30pm - 'The History of Whalley Abbey', an illustrated talk by Nigel Neil.

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER LEAFLETS** May prayer leaflets now available from 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

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

**JESUIT MISSIONS** Quarterly collection amounted to £211.70 Many thanks

***This weekend Raffle Tickets for the Defibrillators will be on sale outside church after all masses both in Clitheroe and Sabden. Tickets are £1 each.***

	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Bentley	D.Marsden & J.Byrne
Readers	F.Bird	J.Smith
Eucharistic Min	B.Worden & M.Preedy	E.Thomson, P.Sutcliffe, I.Parkes
Tea & Coffee		M.Geddes, P.Curphey, P.Holgate

**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.

## **PARISH DRAW WINNERS - APRIL**

£100 - 121 S.Robinson, £25 - 38 P.Cattermole, £10 - 175 B.Parkinson, 251 M.Nutter, 141 J.Trattles, 299 K.Duckworth, 105 H.McGhie

**'A TASTY EVENING'** back by popular demand. The Friends of St Michael & St John's are holding their taster evening on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. We are looking for volunteer chefs and musicians and of course people to come and eat all the tasty dishes. Tickets are priced at £6 each and can be bought from Janet at the Presbytery. Bar will be open. More info Geraldine Hennigan 01200 425504

**BOOK SALE** There will be second hand book sale in our Parish Hall after mass today (Sun)

**CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING** Saturday 11th May 10am - 12noon at United Reformed Church, Castlegate. Traidcraft & Bring & Buy Stall

**LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR JUNE 26** Names are now being taken for this outing. Please give your names to Janet or Daphne

## **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** No 14 Christine Cartwright **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

**LOST PROPERTY** Several items of lost property have accumulated. If you think anything may be yours please collect from the Sacristy. If not claimed we will have to dispose of them.

**RED MISSION BOXES** There are some receipts on the notice board for people who had their mission boxes emptied - please collect.

**CHRISTIAN AID** Coffee Morning on Saturday 4th May in St Mary's Hall (Sabden) from 10am - 12noon. Please support

## **HAVE YOU READ THIS NOTICE?**

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