

Dear Parishioners

This is the text of the letter read in churches of the Deanery last week

Dear Parishioners,

I write to you on behalf of the priests of our deanery who met recently to discuss how best we may meet the challenges that the increasing age and decreasing number of clergy presents to the parishes of the deanery, especially those in rural areas situated miles from neighbouring parishes.

Particularly we looked at what could be done if a parish priest unexpectedly fell seriously ill at a weekend when all priests are busy in their own churches and no visiting priest is available to help.

We decided that the only option is to look to the resources available within the parish community.

Most parishes already have experience, on some weekdays, of a service of Word and Communion, known to most of us as a Eucharistic Service. We propose to select and train a small number of parishioners from each parish as Prayer Leaders who with existing Readers and Eucharistic Ministers would be prepared to lead services of Word and Communion at the Saturday Vigil or Sunday Masses in emergencies where a priest is not available.

I stress that this arrangement is intended to cover emergency situations only, where a priest cannot be had to celebrate Sunday Mass.

Training sessions will be held in Sacred Heart and St. Edward's Darwen on Thursday 19th September and at St. Mary's Langho on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30 in the evening.

In the Lord
(Mgr) John Corcoran
Dean

This is intended to cover emergency situations only but emergencies do happen and as you probably know we very nearly had one here a fortnight ago!*Fr John*

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16th Sunday in Ordinary time - 21st July 2013

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am

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

Eucharistic Service 9am

Saturday (27th July)

No Reconciliation

Exposition 11am - 11.55am

Rosary 11.30am

Eucharistic Service 12 noon

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Friday - No Mass

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Jean & Maurice Dearden, Philo Hannon, Peter Tomlinson (2),
In thanksgiving, Bob Driver

SICK

Sally Hickling, Peter Wright, Barbara Muller, George Weld-Blundell

LATELY DEAD

Peter Tomlinson

ANNIVERSARY

Sheila Shepherd, Jeanne Calvert, Richard Turner, Bob Driver

There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for Day for Life

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £687.72 Sabden £194.78 Many thanks
APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA Clitheroe £336.59 Sabden £64.92 Many thanks
PRO LIFE WALK Please hand in any sponsorship money in for the Pro-Life Walk held on Bank Holiday Monday to Arnold Marsden as soon as possible or put it on the collection plate in an envelope clearly marked - Pro-Life Walk with your name inside. Many thanks to the K.S.C. for the generous donation of £200
MARYVALE INSTITUTE CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA IN CATECHESIS A two-year, part time, collaborative-learning course in Salford Cathedral commencing October 2013. Like to know more - see notice in porch or ask Janet for application form.

ILLUMINATION a play by Donna Worthington will take place at Blackburn Cathedral NEXT Sunday 28th July, Tabor Carmelite Retreat House on 31st July and Whalley Parish Church on Thursday 1st August (other venues on poster in porch) This play has been created to celebrate the return of the Lindisfarne Gospels' to Durham this summer. Illumination weaves visual images from the Gospels around a contemporary story. More information and tickets (for Whalley venue) from Shaun Smith 01254 823249 or office@whalleypc.org.uk

JESUITS & FRIENDS Summer edition now available FREE from porch

CLITHEROE

TEA AND COFFEE ROTA The area under the stairs in the PARISH kitchen is no longer available to us for the storage of Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Cordial etc that are used for Sunday morning refreshments after mass or Seedlings on Wednesdays. The cupboard that was used previously is only small and limits the storage to a minimum. We will in future have to store the bulk of the supplies over in the presbytery. Janet will try and see all those on both the Tea and Coffee rota and Seedlings individually in the next few weeks.

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

DEFIBRILLATORS have now arrived and distributed to the appropriate areas within our parish. An evening of tuition on how to operate a defibrillator and some First Aid basics has been arranged with Mark Evans from The North West Ambulance Service for Tuesday 6th August in our Parish Hal. More details hopefully next week.

SOCIAL CENTRE As a result of what Father has explained on the back page of the newsletter recently, regarding the Social Centre, there will be many small but significant changes over the next few months. I hope that our customers will understand the need for these. During the summer we have decided that the centre will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings until late August or early September.

Rota 27th/28th July	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	B.Parkinson & M.Maffia
Readers	A.Southworth	J.Hennigan
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & H.Addy	P.Donnely, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee		M.Geddes, L.Curphey, P.Holgate

LADIES GROUP Next outing is Thursday 19th September to Kendal for shopping or whatever you want to do until lunchtime, and then onto Leighton Hall (Historic seat of the Gillow family) in the afternoon. The price is £15 which includes the coach fare, entrance and tour of the Hall, Birds of Prey display and all tip for the driver. Names to Daphne 01200 427912 or Janet 01200 423307. Our Annual Treasure Hunt and Supper will be on Wednesday 28th August - more details next week

NEW ROTA'S If ready you can find them on the table in front of the sacristy door

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 32 - Margaret Waling

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL A big thank you to everyone who handed their vouchers in. We collected 1650 for this years scheme.

BONUS BALL ALERT We have 5 numbers available. The format being:- Pay £1 weekly, monthly or annually. On Saturday's Lotto Draw should your number match the Bonus Ball you win £20. **'IT COULD BE YOU'**. All proceeds to Parish Funds. Please contact Harry or Carol on 01254 823748

PARISH RECORDS with a view to bringing Parish records up to date. The parish record list will be available again after Mass today - please make sure your details are correct. If you are not on the list, but regard St Mary's as your parish please add your details on the slips provided, An email address may also be useful.

SUMMER FUN QUIZ Quiz sheets are available after Mass today at the cost of £1. Test your knowledge whilst the sun shines. Return completed sheets any time - leave in porch, or give to Peter or Susan. Closing date 11am Mass 25th August. Prize will be a bottle of Bubbly. Join in, it could be you and the money will help with the garden work. Clitheroe parishioners are also invited to take part. Entry forms also available from Janet in the Parish Office (Clitheroe)

BEACH PARTY - UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES No 334 Blue - Voucher, No 888 Cream - Photo Voucher, No 303 Blue - Photo Voucher