

## Dear Parishioners

Today we welcome Fr Frankie Mulgrew no longer as a visitor but as a member of our community and pray for the success of his ministry in Our Lady of the Valley parish and our schools. His appointment here is for the coming three years.

The Parish Form meets at 7.30pm on Wednesday evening in Sabden. We last met in May so we shall have a full and interesting agenda. The Forum is our Parish Council, is open to all parishioners and alternates between Clitheroe and Sabden.

Lilly Perrin attended an important interfaith meeting that was held in the Clitheroe Mosque a couple of weeks ago and writes: at the invitation of local Muslims over 50 people gathered recently at the mosque on Lowergate, including many Muslim women and children, people from various churches and many Catholics! We were welcomed by Sheraz Arshad, a trustee of the mosque and the new Imam, Ashraf, a young man raised in Blackburn who is very friendly and answered questions we put to him.

Work on the building is progressing very slowly but exactly as the Mosque committee intended. No money for the work has come from abroad and efforts have been made to keep as many of the features of the original Methodist chapel as possible. After a short talk and welcome by the Imam followed delicious food and drink we wandered round the building and we all admired the lovely prayer hall.

Later another trustee Farouk Hussain wrote to say that he is always very keen to point out that it was only with the support of many local people and the churches in Clitheroe that the Muslim community was able to get planning permission to build the mosque in Dec. 2006. "We, a small Muslim community will forever be indebted to all those good minded people and regard them as our closest friends. Many thanks to everyone who attended and let us hope this will be the first of many gatherings where we can share common values."

Anybody is welcome to visit the mosque when the doors at the rear of the building are open but be prepared to remove your shoes!

Important dates for you diaries this month.

Friday 27th Parish Social in appreciation of Vincent Murray and celebration of Fr Frankie's ordination.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Parish sponsored walk for HCPT which takes disabled children to Lourdes and on holiday. Well worth supporting. *Fr John*

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

Lowergate, Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 1AG

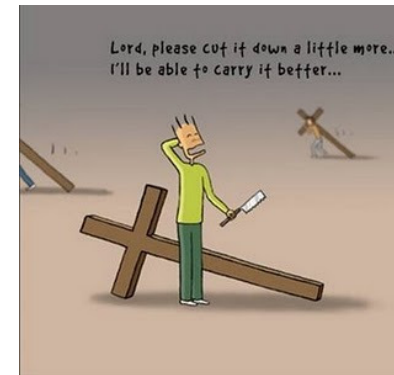
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Assistant Priest: Fr Frankie Mulgrew

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time - 8th September 2013

## St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

### Monday

Mass at 9am

6pm Reception Mary Bishop

### Tuesday

Mary Bishop Requiem at 10am

### Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

### Saturday (14th September)

Reconciliation (Confession) 11am - 11.45am Exposition 11am - 11.55am

Rosary 11.30am Eucharistic Service 12noon First Mass of Sunday 6pm

## St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Bernadette Flanagan, Helena Thompson, Bill Southworth,

Raymond Waling x 3, Teresa Tomlinson, Mary Bishop

### SICK

Sally Hickling, Peter Wright, George Weld-Blundell, Pat Pozzi, Ken Carden,

Mary Shepherd, Breda Powell, Teresa Tomlinson

### ANNIVERSARIES

Vincent Long, Helena Thompson, Bill Southworth, Raymond Edward Waling

**There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend for Racial Justice  
Next weekend there will be a quarterly collection for the S.V.P.**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £636.08 Sabden £154.44 Many thanks


**FOOD BANK** Thanks to everyone who have donated food to the foodbank. In the first 5 weeks we have fed 140 people with 1226 meals! Some of our warehouse stocks are getting low, and we are urgently in need of UHT milk, sugar (preferable 500g packets), packets of rice (500g) and tinned sponge pudding. If you can help us by donating food at the St Michael & St John's collection point, or bringing it to the foodbank at Trinity Church on one of the days we are open (Mon, Wed, Fri 11am - 1.30pm) or to one of the collection points in town e.g. Ribble Valley Homes, Library, Barclays and Skipton Building Society then that would be great.

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER** September leaflets FREE available from porch

**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** The feast will be celebrated in Salford Cathedral on Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm (Rosary & Confession 7pm). Celebrant: Canon McBride. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All welcome

**2nd ROSSENDALE SCOUT CONCERT BAND** An evening of Music at Waddington Methodist Church Saturday 21st September. Please see poster in porch for more details.

**SALFORD DIOCESE LADYEWELL PILGRIMAGE** NEXT Saturday 14th September. Starts at 12noon led by Canon McBride. Mass, Eucharistic procession, Rosary Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Benediction, finishing around 4pm. Bring along a packed lunch. See poster in porch **PLEASE NOTE there are two free places in the cars if you need transport. Tel: Teresa 429960**



**H.C.P.T.SPONSORED WALK**

This year our annual sponsored walk will take place on **SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER**. It will start at 1.30pm from church. As a result of the terrible floods in Lourdes earlier in the year much of the equipment used by H.C.P.T. and stored in the cellars there were destroyed. This equipment will need to be replaced and so we are asking you this year and help us raise even more money. Both Fr John and Fr Frankie will be walking. Sponsorship forms will be available from next weekend from Arnold Marsden.

**PRESENTATION EVENING & PARISH SOCIAL**

All parishioners are invited to come along to welcome Fr Frankie and to say goodbye to Vincent at this special event on **Friday 27th September at 7.30pm** in our Parish Hall.

Our Ladies Group are catering and would be grateful of donations of cakes or desserts - trifle, cheesecake, fruit pies etc for this event



Thankyou

Rota 14/15th Sept	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	A & J Marsden
Readers	C.Riley	Martha Barrett
Euch Min	T.Woodhead & B.Taylor	P.Sutcliffe, G.Lambert, P.Donnely
Tea & Coffee		P Byrne & Family

*Please note: the rota above does not take into account any changes made by individuals*

**LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING** Monday 9th September 7.30pm in the presbytery.

**ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S CUB PACK** are needing new cub leaders to have adventures with our young people from September. Full support from current leaders will be given. Contact: Julia Kennedy 01200 538793 or email julia\_kennedy83@hotmail.com

**APF MISSION** Please note the new Mission magazines are ready to collect from the church porch

**CAFOD** PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME OF 11am for the meeting of the parish CAFOD supporters this Tuesday September 10th in the presbytery. Would you care to come along and "give us a try"?

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

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** at St Paul's, Low Moor Saturday 28 September 10am - 12noon. Contact Christine Willman 01200 423573 for more details and donations

**SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 48 Jennifer Mead

**FLOWER FESTIVAL** To celebrate the re-opening of St Nicholas Church, - Friday 11th October Preview Evening and Earby Brass Band Concert. Tickets £10. The Festival on 12/13 October plus Local Arts & Crafts 11am - 5pm. Admission £4 - Home Made Refreshments. We have been asked to contribute to the Flower Festival. There will be a box in the porch for any donations. Please help if you can.

**SUPER SAUSAGE SIZZLING SUPPER** Wednesday September 25th in St Mary's Hall Bangers and Mash supper from Burnley sausage supremo George Heys. Who has created sausages for royalty, football clubs and special events, and he will be creating one just for us. The jolly butcher and his boys will then entertain with his sausage making skills and amusing anecdotes. Tickets £6 on sale at the back of church or from Margaret Waling, Margaret Parsons, Kay Galea or Jean Haythornthwaite. Starts 7pm for 7.15pm Tickets also from Janet at Clitheroe

**CLITHEROE**

**K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm in the presbytery

**LADIES GROUP** Kendal trip 19th Sept. THIS TRIP IS NOW FULLY BOOKED. Coach leaves Interchange 8.45am and will arrive back in Clitheroe 5.30pm - 6pm.

**SUPER SAUSAGE SIZZLING SUPPER (SABDEN)** tickets available from Janet

**YEAR OF FAITH** next meeting in the presbytery at 8pm (after Mass) on Thursday 12th September

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - VARIETY CONCERT** with the 50 Something Theatre Company, Thursday November 14th at 7.30pm. All types of songs from popular tunes to operatic arias along with comedy sketches and much more. More details later.