

*The following is an edited version of a letter from Mgr Keith Newton who was appointed by Pope Benedict to lead the Anglican Ordinariate in England & Wales and which is read in all Catholic Churches today. Fr John*

Next Tuesday, the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, is an opportune moment to be invited to write to you about the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Pope Benedict XVI established this new structure to help groups of Anglicans, who wished to bring with them some of the traditions and beauty of the Anglican heritage in which they were nurtured, the ability to enter into full communion of the Catholic Church. Since then more than eighty former Anglican clergy have been ordained as Catholic priests of the Ordinariate in England and Wales. They lead about 40 groups of former Anglican lay people, as well as serving the wider Catholic Church as chaplains in hospitals, prisons or schools or as diocesan priests. In London two churches have been entrusted to us. Elsewhere, our groups celebrate Ordinariate Masses in diocesan Catholic churches. We now have our own Ordinariate rite, which draws on those elements of the Anglican tradition which are consistent with Catholic teaching.

Already, one of the jewels of the Anglican tradition, choral Evensong, is being regularly celebrated by the Ordinariate in some Catholic churches. The Ordinariate adds to the rich diversity of the Catholic Church. Any Catholic is free to take part in the life and liturgy of the Ordinariate and receive the Sacraments from its clergy. Our priests are just like any other Catholic priests. By attending an Ordinariate Mass, you are fulfilling your obligation, just as you would by going to any Catholic church in the world. Members of the Ordinariate are likewise free to attend Mass in any Catholic church, being truly and fully members of the Catholic Church. People coming to our Masses have spoken positively about the conviction of our preaching, our strong musical tradition and hymn singing, our pastoral outreach and the welcoming nature of our gatherings afterwards. This puts us in a strong position to play a full part, with the whole Church, in the urgent task of the New Evangelisation.

Like many members of the Church of England, I longed and prayed for union with the Catholic Church and the Ordinariate was a personal fulfilment of those prayers. You may ask why we did not become Catholics in the usual way. It is a reasonable question but misses the most important point about the Ordinariate, that it is "a prophetic gesture that can contribute positively to the developing relations between Anglicans and Catholics" and "It helps us to set our sights on the ultimate goal of all ecumenical activity: the restoration of full ecclesial communion in the context of which the mutual exchange of gifts from our respective spiritual patrimonies serves as an enrichment to us all." (Benedict XVI, Address to the Bishops, Oscott College, September 2010).

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham has begun in a small way but it is a concrete expression of the Church's desire to fulfil our Lord's command that 'they may all be one'.

*Monsignor Keith Newton*

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

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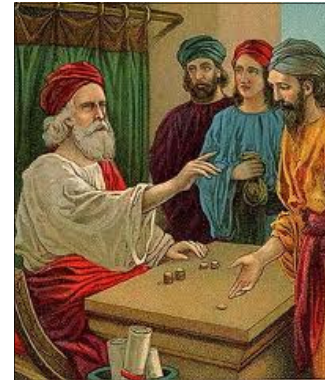
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Assistant Priest: Fr Frankie Mulgrew

**25th Sunday in Ordinary time - 22nd September 2013**

### St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

#### Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

#### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

#### Friday

7.30pm Mass of thanksgiving for Mr Murray & Fr Frankie followed by Social and refreshments in Parish Social Centre

#### Saturday (28th 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 followed by coffee **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

#### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Karen Keville, Lily Prendergast, Delle Monachie, Giovanni Marchese,  
Betty Penny, Jeff Cowgill, Ken Carden

#### SICK

Sally Hickling, Peter Wright, George Weld-Blundell, Karen Keville, Teresa Tomlinson,  
Mary Shepherd, Breda Powell, Monica Hargreaves, Fr Tony McLoughlin, Pat Pozzi,

#### LATELY DEAD

Ken Carden, Peter Holgate, Lily Prendergast, Delle Monache

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Giovanni Marchese, Betty Penny

**There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend for Home Mission Sunday (we missed it last week!)  
Next weekend there will be a collection for the Retired Clergy fund**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £664.71 Sabden £109.34 Many thanks  
**S.V.P.** Quarterly collection last weekend £185373 Many thanks

**R.C.I.A.** New programme begins Thursday at 8pm after 7.30pm Mass in the presbytery. Sessions will last for one hour only. It caters for those who wish to learn more about their faith, for those thinking of joining the Church and for any who are simply interested. It will be run by both Fr John and Fr Frankie.

**FOOD BANK** We are always grateful for donations of dry and tinned goods - see list in porch. 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. Please see the notice board.

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

**LADYEWELL** Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham, Tuesday 24th September. Devotions begin with Mass at 12noon

**SOCIAL CENTRE COMMITTEE** Meet on Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm in the presbytery. **Please note change of date**

**THREE WITNESSES** - a modern retelling of the Gospel of Luke written & produced by Saltmine and UCCF (Universities & Colleges Christian Fellowship), and performed by Tuesday 15th October 7.30pm at The Grand. £5 to book call 01200 421599 and see poster in porch



### 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 this 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 28/29 Sept	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Bentley	J.Clegg/E.Davies
Readers	A.Harkin	P.Sutcliffe
Euch Min	F.Ellis & S Kerr	G.Lambert,P.Donnolly,A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee		R & C Conti & E Thomson

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

**YEAR OF FAITH** Wednesday 2nd October - an evening with Canon Dr Jeremy Duff - 'An introduction to the Book of Revelation' and Tuesday 8th October an evening with Fr Denis McBride - 'The Power of Parables'. Venue - St Gabriel's RC High School Bury. More details on poster in porch

### CLITHEROE

**SUPER SAUSAGE SIZZLING SUPPER (SABDEN)** tickets available from Janet  
**LADIES GROUP** next meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 25th September - CRYSTAL POWER - FACT OR FICTION? A talk with Mr Robert W Wood. £2 including refreshments.

**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 See poster

**HELP!!!** We need help to clip the hedge and tidy up behind the Social Centre and Church next Saturday morning 28th September from 9am

**LADIES GROUP** this coming Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm Crystal Power - Fact of Fiction? A talk with Mr Robert W Wood. £2 inc Refreshments. At this meeting we will be collecting money - £15 - for all those who have booked for the Media City Tour on December 4th

### SABDEN

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 15 Jane Hindle

**FLOWER FESTIVAL** To celebrate the re-opening of St Nicholas Church, - Friday 11th October Preview Evening and Earby Brass Band Concert. Tickets £10. 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 or Janet at Clitheroe. Starts 7pm for 7.15pm

**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.

**APF RED MISSION BOXES** are due to for emptying - please leave full box in porch and take away an empty one. Thanks