

Dear Parishioners, What a great night we had on Friday! I thought that the days of good old parish functions, those we remember from 30 or more years ago were a thing of the past. But no; given a reason for celebration we are still able to come together as a community and celebrate. May we dream up more reasons in the near future!

Friday night also demonstrated the potential of the refurbished Parish Centre. Wait until the new pictures are hung!

Even before I arrived in Clitheroe, I received an email listing the problems facing the "parish club" and requesting my immediate attention. On my arrival individual parishioners pleaded that I keep the club open. Since then the separate entities of parish club and hall have been amicably and successfully amalgamated into one Parish Centre and the buildings have been refurbished. But despite much hard work it is still unable to pay its way. So some months ago when the debt reached £30,000 the Parish Centre Committee was faced with a stark choice: closure or expansion to a professionally run commercial venture. We chose the latter. On Tuesday we took a further step of joining a consortium of Catholic parish centres and clubs that have already demonstrated that this option can work.

As you leave church today you will be asked to take a publicity leaflet that lists some of the Party Packages on offer. We have a range of similar options including family receptions following funerals.

But, but, but, to succeed we need your support. Spread the word, share these leaflets with friends and please do consider hosting your own celebrations or receptions here in your own Parish Centre. I doubt you will find better deals elsewhere.

Last Friday's celebration fell on the feast of St Vincent de Paul and at the Mass I mentioned the need for volunteers to join our SVP group who quietly do so much good in the parish helping people in need even if that need is simply for a visit. Sadly two of our very active members, Rae Carter and Peter Tomlinson died recently, and infirmity has curtailed the action two others. We need volunteers to continue this vital Christian work. Do consider volunteering – you decide how much time you can give.

A similar problem faces our great cohort of church cleaners. Can you replace for example, Betty Brown, by offering one hour on Monday mornings?

We are a parish community, we all live busy lives but we cannot afford to wait around while others do or do not volunteer in our stead.

Fr John

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27th Sunday in Ordinary time - 6th October 2013

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday (12th October)

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

Holy Souls, Special Intention, Oliver Moore, Olive Healey, Eileen Duggan,
Kathleen MacHale, Teresa Embery, Bill Tattersall x 2,

SICK

Sally Hickling, Teresa Tomlinson, Monica Hargreaves, Fr Tony McLoughlin, Pat Pozzi
Peter Wright, Eileen Duggan, Kathleen MacHale, Mary Shepherd, Trevor Wilson

LATELY DEAD

Oliver Moore, Olive Healey, Margaret Adams

ANNIVERSARIES

Rosa Barnowski, Bill Tattersall, Teresa Embery, John Hillary,

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £730.88 Sabden £162.55 Many thanks
RETIRED PRIESTS FUND Clitheroe £204.23 Sabden £66.92
APF MISSIONS QUARTERLY COLLECTION - CLITHEROE £567.65 Many thanks

R.C.I.A. The R.C.I.A. programme continues on Thursdays 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.

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

LADIES GROUP Could all those ladies booked on the next trip - BBC Media City on Wednesday 4th December £15 -please pay Daphne or Janet S.A.P.

H.C.P.T. A big thankyou to all who walked (about 100), or sponsored anyone on the walk last Sunday. A special thanks to our well behaved children who walked to aid those less fortunate. Any sponsorship money can be handed in to Arnold Marsden, Mrs Susan Kerr over at school, or popped on the collection plate in an envelope clearly marked H.C.P.T. with your name on. Total will be published S.A.P.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES anyone out there have a Kodak printer that uses 10C and 10B Cartridges ?, then please give Janet a ring

ST AUGUSTINES 50th ANNIVERSARY MASS This coming Wednesday October 9th. The Bishop will be celebrating Mass in school to mark the 50th anniversary. We wish to extend an invitation to past staff and anyone with links to school to join us. Places are limited. Please email info@sarchs.com if you wish to attend with your name and the number of people in your party.

Rota 12/13 Oct	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	B.Parkinson/M.Maffia
Readers	M.Taylforth	C.Morgan
Euch Min	A.Southworth/Volunteer	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, P.Donnely
Tea & Coffee		E.Davies & M.Valovin

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

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

ROTA'S are now available for collection from the table in front of the sacristy door. Those of you who have email should have received yours.

PARISH DRAW Agents will be collecting your parish draw money over the next few weeks (the first of the draws will take place in about 2 weeks time). If you have not been in the draw in previous years, here is a little more about it. It costs £10 and you are given an individual number which is yours for the year. A draw takes place each month, and first prize is £100, the second £25 and there are 5 prizes of £10. If you wish to 'join' then give your name in at the presbytery or contact one of the agents (see notice in porch).

BIBLE SOCIETY are holding a Coffee Morning NEXT Saturday 12th October at The United Reformed Church. See poster in porch

FOUND a ring under a bench at the back of church. Please claim from lost property in sacristy

K.S.C.JUMBLE SALE Saturday 2nd November at 2pm. Please let either Les 427029 or Arnold 427096 if you want any Jumble collecting the evening before

K.S.C. Council meeting Tuesday 8th October at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

K.S.C.DANCE The next Dance will be on Saturday 9th November.

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after all masses this week for all Pro-life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

Please note: The cards for sale at the back of church have been topped up

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 31 The Taylor family.

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.

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

FUND RAISING MEETING there will be a meeting on Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm, mainly to arrange Christmas Fayre and Grand Raffle. Also any other events through Winter to Spring. Please bring along your ideas.



THE CLIMB
A fundraising event in memory of Martin Peel.

All proceeds from this event will go to the
Great North Air Ambulance and
Cockermouth Mountain Rescue.

There is an excellent live band playing for free with a mixture of music from 60's & 70's to now.

Tickets £10
including supper.
There will be a bucket raffle.
Doors open 7.15pm



**S.V.P.
BLACKBURN
DC FESTIVAL**

**St Michael & St John's
on Sunday 13th October
2pm - 4pm**

Programme to include
Benediction, refreshments,
and a short talk by

The Rev.Gill Mack
Vicar of Hurst Green & Mitton.
**Accrington, Burnley, Blackburn
Conferences are invited.**