

Dear Parishioners

For quite some time I have noticed that while many people, mostly Catholics but also a number of non-Catholics, make short visits to church between Monday and Saturday, hardly a soul crosses the threshold on Sunday after the morning Mass. So I had wondered whether we should close the church early on Sundays only. That decision has been made for me. Two weeks ago over a two hour period all the boxes at the back of the church and the candle box in Lady Chapel were raided. Fortunately no damage was done but money was taken. Then last Sunday afternoon I interrupted another thief. So, I am afraid that the church will now be closed on Sundays after Mass or the midday Baptism services.

Some parishioners have found the lock on the inner sacristy door rather irksome as they wait to gain entrance to the Presbytery. I apologise for this, but nowadays nobody leaves their front door open and insurance requires that unrestricted access to the Presbytery be controlled. Also may I remind again, that groups meeting in the Presbytery must never leave the front door on the latch.

In the relatively small community of Sabden the annual Remembrance Sunday service is an important village occasion. Since our amalgamation, the 11 o'clock Sunday Mass in St Mary's has prevented the Catholic community joining with the village for the traditional 11am Remembrance service. So this year, Mass on the 10th November, Remembrance Sunday, will be delayed until 11.30am.

As a result of a major housing development in Sabden, parking cars has become a problem and many residents have taken to leaving their cars on the church car park. The result is that there is less space for parking during services or when the hall is in use, as happened during the last Parish Forum. Letters have been left on windcreens politely requesting drivers not to park but recently this has increased! So now we are left with no option but to install a gate and planning permission has been applied for. (There used to be gates before Fr Leon Morris removed them to widen the drive)

In response to my recent appeals one lady has joined the church cleaning team but we still need two more volunteers. And no one has offered to help the SVP. So I ask again: please, please do consider offering an hour a week to one or other of these two vital parish services

Fr John

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29th Sunday in Ordinary time - 20th October 2013

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday

Mass at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday (26th 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

Antonio Lo Presti, Giuseppe Lo Presti, Tina Mashiter, Special intention,

Annie Metcalf, Edward Worswick, Carol Turner x 4

SICK

Sally Hickling, Teresa Tomlinson, Peter Wright, Trevor Wilson, Anthony Cornwell

LATELY DEAD

Annie Metcalf

ANNIVERSARIES

Antonio Lo Presti, Giuseppe Lo Presti, Tina Mashiter, Edward Worswick

Today is World Mission Sunday and there will be a retiring collection at all masses for Missio

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £827.58 Sabden £156.84 S/Orders £201 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.

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 Anyone with any sponsorship money still to hand over please place it on the collection plate in an envelope clearly marked with your name and for the attention of Arnold Marsden. Thankyou

LADIES GROUP The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th October at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. Norman Harris will talk on trekking in the High Andes entitled 'Machu Picchu the Hard Way'. This is an open meeting - everyone, male or female welcome.

CAFOD Many thanks for a further £44 for Harvest Fast Day making the total £657.35. The parish CAFOD group will be running a stall at the Flea Market in Hurst Green Memorial Hall next Sunday, October 27th 9am - 4pm. Refreshments available all day. See if you can find a bargain or two!

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.

THANKYOU The Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Paul's several weeks ago raised £1,655 - a big thankyou you to everyone for their support.

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

BAPTISM We welcome Joseph William Joyce who was baptised last Sunday

CASTLEGATE PROJECT A year ago under the umbrella of Clitheroe Christians in Partnership a house was opened for homeless and vulnerable teenagers in Clitheroe. We are now looking for volunteers to befriend and support the residents and also anyone who can help with maintenance and minor repairs. For information please email castlegate.clitheroe@gmail.com or tel 07746 592700

<p style="text-align: center;">K.S.C. DANCE with JOHN LANCASTER (Modern Sequence & Ballroom) on SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER at 7.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St Michael & St John's Parish Hall, Lowergate</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tickets £6 inc Hot Supper</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tel 427029/427096</p>	
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Rota 26/27 Oct	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Illingworth	R & F Holgate
Readers	A.Southworth	J.Hennigan
Euch Min	B.Worden & M.Preedy	J.Hall, S.Hall, R.Embery
Tea & Coffee		B.Barker & K.Peel

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

PARISH DRAW Agents are in the process of collecting Parish Draw money. 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). Janet will be collecting money after mass today (Sunday). The first draw will take place at the end of the month

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Christmas Fayre Saturday 1st December in our Parish Hall 11.30am - 1.30pm. More details next week

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 35 M.Parsons

CHRISTMAS FAYRE will be on 7th December - yes it's that time again. We are having a really grand Grand Draw with 2 splendid prizes. Again we are asking for your support. There is a list in the porch with suggested items for the draw. If you feel you can donate please put your name next to it. If there is something else you would rather donate just add it on the end. We are also looking for pledges towards the two major prizes - an iPad mini and a Kindle Fire. We need donations of items to sell - after Mass please collect a plastic bag for any donations you may have. There will be a teddy tombola so any decent teddies for this. Monica is collecting toys and we need items for the main tombola. Christmas wreaths are again available, at the knock down price of £6. Please make your order on the list in the porch.

SAUSAGE SIZZLER NIGHT was a great success and raised £490 for church funds. Butcher George Heys has invited parishioners to help name a new sausage - he is currently creating by choosing a name from a list of 100 at a cost of £1 a time. The result will be the sausage will have a new name, St Mary's will have another £100 in the coffers and the lucky winner will have a voucher to spend at Mr Heys's butcher's shop. The sheet of names will be available at St Mary's on Sunday morning if you wish to have a go.

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 still a few to come in - please leave full box in porch and take away an empty one. Thanks