

Dear Parishioners

I want to start out by thanking you all for your kind welcome since my arrival as assistant Priest and particularly for your very kind financial gift and your Spiritual bouquet of prayers. I was overwhelmed by your kindness and the number of Masses and prayers that had been said upon my Ordination to the Priesthood.

The journey to the Priesthood has felt long on occasions. The path began for me back in 2001 – I'll never forget the date – it was the 9th of September at 3pm, when I had my first meeting with the Vocation Director (Line manager for student Priests). I came out of the meeting only to be told of the devastation that had hit New York City that morning.

That meeting was the beginning of a process that would take me on a long journey and it would be another 5 years before I entered Seminary. There were a few things the Diocese required before I could be accepted for Priestly formation – one was a concern for my lack of academic qualifications. I had left school early at 16 to go into showbusiness and there was a doubt to whether I would be able to cope with the studies. So I embarked on an English A-level at night school and surprised myself by actually liking parts of the course and passing it in one year. My tactics were simple - I would pray hard and work hard, totally reliant on God's grace. I ended up passing my theology degrees in Seminary. They also needed to see some discipline in my life. In showbusiness you work your own hours, often through the night, going to bed at dawn. So I got a part time job as an auxiliary nurse, I enjoyed it and always found that a smile was a welcome sight to patients on a hospital ward.

During those long 5 years I often wondered whether I would be accepted for Seminary training. So I thought I might as well go back into Showbusiness and comedy and give it a really good go. I'm so glad I did, I went professional, and had some fantastic experiences and gigs. In the process I got into some really powerful conversations with some of my contemporary's about God and His great love for them. At that time as well things really started to take off for me, but it was also then that I felt God's call in my heart to the Priesthood. I applied again, I was accepted and began another chapter in my life that would last 7 years during which I studied in Spain, Ushaw and Oscott before I was Ordained on 13 July this year. I look forward to spending the next 3 years with you all in Our Lady of the Valley Parish.

Fr Frankie

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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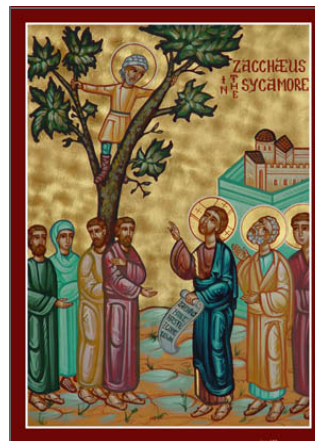
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31st Sunday in Ordinary time - 3rd November 2013

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 (9th November)

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 - Friday** Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Margaret Kerr, Eric Preedy, Fr John's intentions, Lily Jackson

Jack & Marjorie Higgins, James Livesey

SICK

Sally Hickling, Teresa Tomlinson, Peter Wright,
Anthony Cornwell, Mary & Pat Shepherd, Ann Fox

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Kerr, Eric Preedy, Lily Jackson, Jack & Marjorie Higgins, James Livesey

There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for the Bishops Administration Fund

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £700.57 Sabden £153.94 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.

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

CAFOD There will be a meeting of the group 10am Tuesday 12th Nov in presbytery

CLITHEROE

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

PARISH DRAW Sorry First Draw will take place next weekend.

S.V.P. There will be an appeal for new members at all masses this weekend 2nd/3rd November

THANKYOU Trevor and Linda Wilson thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers which have helped with Trevor's recuperation and recovery to better health.

BAPTISM We welcome Coby Royston Warburton who was baptised last Sunday

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER leaflets for November now available from porch.

PARISHIONERS ADDRESSES in readiness for delivering Christmas Cards this year we are in the process of updating our address records, and we need your help. If you are new to the parish, have moved address, or you know of anyone, a neighbour perhaps who is new to the parish please inform one of the priests or write the name, address, telephone number and email address on one of the green forms which can be found on the shelves at the back of church. Pop it in at the presbytery or in the red Parish Communications Box in the porch.

WANTED

FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER

We are making an appeal this weekend for goods in good time for this event

Home made cakes - jams - pickles etc

Items for our two Tombola stalls e.g. Bottles of Spirits, Wine, Chocolates, Boxes of Biscuits, Unwanted presents

Jewellery, House plants, Raffle prizes
Children's books, Sweets, Toys

Donations may be left at the presbytery from now until the day before Friday 29th November

Please note: no clothes or tins

More details of the event next week

K.S.C. DANCE
with
JOHN LANCASTER
(Modern Sequence & Ballroom)
NEXT SATURDAY
9TH NOVEMBER
at 7.30pm

St Michael & St John's
Parish Hall, Lowergate



Tickets £6 inc
Hot Supper

Tel 427029/427096

Rota 9/10 Nov	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	A.Harkin	S.Shore/M.Rogers
Readers	C.McGuire	P.Donnelly
Euch Min	M.Illingworth & A.Southworth	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee		P & A Geldard/T.O'Donnell

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

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said each morning after Mass this coming week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

CASTLEGATE HOUSING PROJECT an Open Event for anyone interesting in volunteering their help will be held at St James Church at 6.30pm on Wednesday 6th Nov

CHRISTIAN AID a note for your diary - Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon at U.R.C. on Saturday 30th November. There will be a meeting

CLITHEROE FOOD FESTIVAL a meeting to review this years festival and to plan for next years event, will be held in the Choir Vestry at St Mary's at 4.30pm on Friday 15th November. Contact Rev Andrew Whitehead 01200 444734

YEAR OF FAITH Tuesday 12th November at St Gabriel's High School, Bury see poster in porch

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Anyone wishing to fill a shoebox this year please see Janet.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 9
L.Holmes & family

CHRISTMAS FAYRE will be on Saturday 7th December - yes it's that time again. Monica is collecting toys and we need items for the main tombola. Decent Teddies are wanted for the Teddies Tombola. Please take one of the plastic bags available and put in any donations you may have.

GRAND DRAW We are looking for pledges towards the two major prizes - an iPad mini and a Kindle Fire. There is a list in the porch of suggested raffle prizes - please put your name alongside the one you wish to donate or if you wish to donate something else just write it on the bottom of the list. Raffle tickets now available after Mass £5 per book -

CHRISTMAS WREATHS available again at the knock down price of £6. Please order - list in porch

APF RED MISSION BOXES a further amount received of £38.30. The grand total is therefore £69.36

VARIETY CONCERT

An Autumn Concert is being presented by the 50 Something Theatre Company in St Mary's Hall Sabden, on Thursday November 14th at 7.15pm. There will be songs from the musicals such as 'Climb Every Mountain', 'The Sound of Music', to 'Oh what a Beautiful Morning' from 'Oklahoma' and 'I'm Gonna Wash that Man' from South Pacific and numbers from 'Singin in the Rain'. There will also be popular songs such as 'Love Changes Everything' and lots more, even a Christmas medley, poems and sketches. Admission is £6 on the door including supper, or tickets from here at St Mary's or Janet at St Michael & St John's.

*Your support would be
very much appreciated*