

Dear Parishioners

You may remember that in early summer a letter was read in all parishes of the deanery explaining the procedures to be followed in the event of a Parish Priest unexpectedly falling ill on Saturday evening or Sunday morning with no priest in the area available to celebrate Sunday Mass. To cope with such an emergency situation, Deanery proposed to train a few people in each parish whose task would be to inform the congregation of the situation and lead them in a Service of Word and Sacrament. This service would follow the liturgy of the day, as printed on the Sunday Mass sheet, but omit the Offertory and the Eucharistic Prayer, which are reserved for a priest alone. So the liturgy would move directly from the Bidding prayers to the Our Father and Holy Communion which would be distrusted by a minister of Holy Communion. Those responsible have been trained and are being commissioned in their parishes. In our parish they are Arnold Marsden and Teresa Mercer. I stress that this arrangement is for an emergency situation only. I pray and don't envisage that it will occur in Clitheroe – but Fr Frankie is here for three years and when he leaves I shall be 72!

St Michael and St John's church doesn't accommodate wheelchairs very well, with users somewhat isolated when parked at the back of the church or to the far sides at the front. So, the front benches on either side of the centre aisle have adapted to accommodate wheelchairs and are being refurbished at a cost of £1584. Already £620 has been donated to bench renovation fund which remains open. These benches will be the first to have fitted cushioned seating.

The parish website is to be revamped. A small committee looks after the site but they need more parishioners to share the task and help add sparkle. We meet a week on Wednesday 27th November and will welcome volunteers.

These and other issues will be discussed at the Parish Form which meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm in Clitheroe Parish Centre and to which all parishioners are invited.

In response to the dreadful disaster in the Philippines there will be a retiring collection after all Masses today. Your donations will be sent to Cafod, a founding member of the Disasters Emergency Committee which is coordinating the UK voluntary response. For those who wish, Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back. During the week, donations may be posted through the Presbytery letter box.

Reminder: www.catholicnews.org.uk and then click family questionnaire.

Fr John

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary time - 17th November 2013

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Reception of Anthony Cornwell 7pm

Thursday

Requiem Mass (in Latin) 10am - Anthony Cornwell

Mass at 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday (23rd 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** - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

S.Considine, Isabelle Naismith, Ann Marie Murray, Nigel Winnard

SICK

Sally Hickling, Teresa Tomlinson, Peter Wright,
Nigel Winnard, Mary & Pat Shepherd, Ann Fox

LATELY DEAD

Anthony Cornwell

There will be a retiring collection today for the Philippines disaster

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £763.97 Sabden £150.97 S/Orders £201 Many thanks
BISHOPS ADMINISTRATION FUND Clitheroe £172.59 Sabden £24.51

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 WALK A big thankyou to all who helped in any way with the Sponsored Walk in September. The cheque for £2,444 will be handed over at the Christmas Fun Quiz on Friday 27th December to which you are all invited.

CLITHEROE

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

PARISHIONERS ADDRESSES in readiness for delivering Christmas Cards this year we are in the process of updating our name and 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 slips which can be found on the shelves at the back of the two centre aisles. Pop it in at the presbytery or in the red Parish Communications Box in the porch.

LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm. If you can donate anything for the Christmas Fayre would you please bring it along to this meeting. We will also be taking names and money for our Annual Xmas Meal at Waddow Hall on 17th January 2014. Cost £21. Also taking names and money for the Opera on February 19th - Jekyll & Hyde £12

**CHRISTMAS CARDS, ADVENT CALENDARS, DIOCESAN ALMANACS ETC
 NOW ON SALE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH**

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 Friday 29th November

Please note: no clothes or tins

**ECUMENICAL EVENTS
 DURING ADVENT**

- ◆ Advent Service at St Mary Magdalene Sunday 1st December
- ◆ Advent Lunches at URC on Tuesday 3rd, 10th & 17th December
- ◆ Clitheroe St Nicholas's Night Friday December 6th
- ◆ Joy to the World - Christmas Concert at Trinity Methodist church Saturday 14th December at 7.30pm.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Rota 23/24 Nov	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Bentley	C.Riley/Volunteer
Readers	C.Astin	L.Embery
Euch Min	B.Worden & M.Preedy	P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, T.Mercer
Tea & Coffee		Fellows family

CHRISTIAN AID Coffee Morning at Clitheroe United Reformed Church on Saturday 30th November from 10am - 12noon.

RAFFLE TICKETS for St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge will be on sale outside church on the next two weekends

TEA DANCE next Wednesday 20th November 2pm - 5pm, still only £3.50 including refreshments

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 13 G.Lambert

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 7th December 2pm, now fast approaching. This is the single largest fundraiser of the year. Please get behind it and give your support. Put your name down to help. Give us your ideas. We need good quality items to sell particularly for the tombola. In addition this year there will be a stall selling Christmas cards at very reasonable prices and Fr Frankie will be doing a 'book signing' of his recent publication 'Does God LOL'

GRAND DRAW please take as many tickets as possible. We have some wonderful prizes, a mini iPad, a Kindle fire, a wonderful hamper and much more. Don't miss out, tickets available after Mass. We are still looking for pledges towards the major prizes please help if you are able. Tickets also on sale at St Michael & St John's - see Janet

ADVENT CALENDARS now available to buy - please see Susan White

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

SERVICE OF LIGHT St Mary's parishioners are invited to Sabden's Annual Service of Light on Sunday December 1st at 4pm at St Nicholas's Church. The service is aimed at children and families. It has been organised by Sabden Christian Council.

NAME THE SAUSAGE 'Let's Be Havin' 'Em' is the name of the new Sabden sausage created by Burnley butcher, George Heys. After his very entertaining Sizzling Sausage Night back in September, George offered a competition to name his latest creation. The winners were Jean and Dave Grimshaw of Sabden, who won a bag of assorted varieties of sausages donated by the butcher. St Mary's Church is very grateful to Mr Heys for his latest effort which raised £100 for the Hall funds - on top of the £490 from the Sausage Night.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE
 Saturday 30th November
 11.30am - 1.30pm

Tombola - Raffle - Toys & Children's books - Sweets
 Jewellery - Bucket Raffle - Home made cakes -
 Festive plants & bulbs - Fr Christmas Grotto
 Refreshments available
 Bacon/Sausage Butties, Toasted Fruit Bread
 Tea & Coffee

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