

Dear Parishioners

Today is Youth Sunday, a day of prayer for our young people. Fr Frankie will speak of his experience of World Youth days at all Masses.

Advent begins next Sunday and this year it will last for only three weeks and two days, so we should make the best of every day as we prepare spiritually for Christmas amidst the frenetic round of planning, shopping and parties. Please do consider a **Walk with me** booklet available for only £1 at the back of church. These offer a thought and suggestion for prayer on each day of Advent. Similar booklets for infants and for juniors are also available at 50p each.

Last Wednesday Parish Forum and the Little Church leadership team discussed the challenge that the excellent attendance at Little Church presents each week. It was agreed that all children who have made their first Holy Communion should remain in the congregation to join in the Mass, unless they are junior helpers with Little Church.

On Sunday's when there is a large number of children those below 4 years of age should use the large meeting room and the over 4's will use the smaller room. We appreciate that some children will not attend Little Church without a parent but we do ask that only one parent accompany a child and that parents slowly encourage their children to come alone, as they do at nursery and school. Finally, we are always ready to welcome mums or dads to join our teams of leaders.

And so to grandparents! Speaking recently Pope Francis said: "We live in a time when the elderly do not count. It's awful to say, but they are discarded – often because they are a nuisance to us. The elderly are those who carry history, who carry values, who carry the faith and give it to us as an inheritance. They are like a good vintage wine who have this strength from within to give us a noble heritage." He recalled a story he heard as a child. A family: father, mother, children and grandfather were gathered around the table. The father, annoyed by the mess the grandfather made as he ate, threatened to buy a separate table for the grandfather to eat at by himself. A few days later he returned home from work to find his son playing with blocks wood. When Dad asked him what he was building, he replied, 'A table for you Dad, when you become old like grandpa.' "This story has done me so much good, all my life," the Pope said. "Grandparents are a treasure." The Parish Website committee meets this Wednesday at 7.30pm in the presbytery. Any parishioner interested in communication is welcome to join us.

Fr John

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Christ the King - 24th November 2013

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday

Mass at 9.15am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday (30th 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

Mike Barsby, Ronald Aspin, Frank Wrigley, Mariangelo Telese, Magdalene Molloy, Anthony Cornwell

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Mike Barsby, Ronald Aspin, Mariangelo Telese, Magdalene Molloy, Anthony Cornwell

ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Wrigley

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £659.79 Sabden £210.67 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.

CLITHEROE

SOCIAL CENTRE Sunday In addition to the usual Quiz on a Sunday evening is 'Play your Cards Right'. Please come along - Everyone welcome. There will be a Christmas Carol concert again this year in the main hall on Thursday 19th December when Slaidburn Silver Band will be with us again playing. It starts at 7.30pm when you will be welcomed with Mulled Wine and Mince pies. All donations to charity.

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. The BBC Media City trip on Wednesday 4th December will leave the Clitheroe Interchange at 8.45am prompt. We have had two cancellations for this trip - anyone interested? Ring Janet at the presbytery 01200 423307 or Daphne 01200 427912

**S.V.P. COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 30TH NOVEMBER/1ST DECEMBER.
AS THIS COLLECTION GOES TOWARDS THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS PLEASE
BE AS GENEROUS AS USUAL**

WANTED

FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE NEXT SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER

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 TINS, CLOTHES
BRIC A BRAC or JUMBLE**

- ◆ You can find a list of all the Ecumenical services to be held in December in the porch
- ◆ Copies of Fr Frankie's book, DOES GOD LOL? will be on sale £7.99 at both the Clitheroe and Sabden Christmas Fayre's. And Fr Frankie will be there to sign the copy if you wish.
- ◆ Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Diocesan Almanacs etc are now on sale at back of church. Diaries will be available next weekend.

Rota 30 Nov/1 Dec	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	A & J Marsden
Readers	J.Byrne	S.Shore
Euch Min	A.Harkin	J.Hall, S.Hall, R.Embery
Tea & Coffee		Volunteers

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

LADIES GROUP FUND RAISING EVENT on Friday 24th January 2014 - Watch this space

CHRISTMAS CARDS help will be needed to distribute Christmas Cards again this year. Please let Janet know if you are willing to help.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 38 E.Robson

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.

There will be short reflective services on Tuesday 3rd, 10th & 17th December at 7.30pm. Please come along and prepare for Christmas



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

DOES GOD LOL? FOR SALE AT £7.99 - FR FRANKIE WILL

Could all items to be included in next week-ends newsletter please be in for Thursday morning. Thankyou