

Dear Parishioners

Pope Francis wrote recently: "Commitment to ecumenism responds to the prayer of the Lord Jesus that "they may all be one". The credibility of the Christian message would be much greater if Christians could overcome their divisions and the Church could realize "the fullness of catholicity proper to her in those of her children who, though joined to her by baptism, are yet separated from full communion with her" (2nd Vatican Council). We must never forget that we are pilgrims journeying alongside one another. This means that we must have sincere trust in our fellow pilgrims, putting aside all suspicion or mistrust, and turn our gaze to what we are all seeking: the radiant peace of God's face. Trusting others is an art and peace is an art. Jesus told us: "Blessed are the peacemakers". In taking up this task, also among ourselves, we fulfil Isaiah's prophecy: "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares" (Is2:4).

In this perspective, ecumenism can be seen as a contribution to the unity of the human family. At the Synod on Evangelisation, the presence of the Patriarch of Constantinople, His Holiness Bartholomaios, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, His Grace Rowan Williams, was a true gift from God and a precious Christian witness.

If we concentrate on the convictions we share, and if we keep in mind the principle of the hierarchy of truths, we will be able to progress decidedly towards common expressions of proclamation, service and witness."

The annual week of prayer for Christian Unity begins this Saturday, the highlight of which will be the special United Service which this year will be held in Trinity Methodist at 6.30pm on Sunday. Special daily morning services in our Clitheroe churches are listed below.

Saturday 18th January, 9 30 am at the Community Church. Prayer meeting led jointly with the Salvation Army

Sunday 19th January, 6 30 pm United Service at Trinity Methodist Church

Monday 20th January, 9 00 am at St. Michael and St. John's. Mass

Tues 21st January, 12 30pm at the United Reformed Church.

Wed 22nd January, 10 30 am at St. James'. Holy Communion service led jointly with St. Paul's

Thurs 23rd January, 10 30 am at Trinity Methodist Church in the Wesley room

Fri 24th January, 10 30 am at St. Mary Magdalene's. Holy Communion service

Please, follow Pope Francis' lead and at least make time to join the Unity service at Trinity next Sunday at 6.30pm.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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The Baptism of the Lord - 12th January 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

7.30pm

Friday

Requiem Mass 10.15pm Kathryn Peel

Saturday 18th January

11am – 11.55am Exposition
11am – 11.45am Reconciliation
12noon – Eucharistic Service
6pm – First mass of Sunday

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Emilio Conti, Mary Ragnall, Betty Brown x 2, Henry Thornber,
Christopher Hollis, Betty Cornwell x 2, Kathryn Peel

SICK

Sally Hickling, Teresa Tomlinson, Peter Wright, Nigel Winnard,
Mary & Pat Shepherd, Bob Morrison, Margaret Nutter

LATELY DEAD

Betty Cornwell, Christopher Hollis, Kathryn Peel

ANNIVERSARIES

Emilio Conti, Mary Ragnall, Henry Thornber

OFFERTOR Clitheroe £847.16 Sabden £180.14 S/Orders £201 Many thanks

R.C.I.A.

This coming Thursday in the presbytery after the 7.30pm Mass

2014 DIARIES still some diaries for sale from the back of church at both Clitheroe & Sabden, cost is 50p Please put money in C.T.S. box

TABOR Programmes for January to July 2014 now available.

CAFOD The group will meet on Thursday January 16th at 10am in the presbytery.

FOOD BANK Thanks to everyone for your generosity over the past months. Items that are currently in short supply are Baby products and Fruit Juice. Thankyou for your continued support.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY TALKS to be held at St Gabriel's High School, Bury on Tuesday 21st January at 7.30pm. There will be two speakers - Canon Radcliffe 'The Shoah and the Problem of Evil', and David Arnold 'Legacy, Memory & Mission - a response to the Holocaust'. See poster

DIOCESAN VISIT to Auschwitz-Birkenau, Krakow, Czestochowa & Zakopane 23rd - 30th May 2014. See poster in porch

CLITHEROE

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

LADIES GROUP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER those who have booked for Waddow Hall next Friday please ALL meet on the Lower-gate Car park at 6.45pm.

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING Monday 13th January at 7.30pm in the presbytery

VACANCY for a Headteacher at Holy Infant & St Anthony RC Primary School, Bolton. See poster in porch

DIOCESAN PRIMARY TEACHING POOL required for 1st September 2014. See poster in porch

ROTA'S still some rotas to collect from the box near sacristy door.

LADIES GROUP Our new programme of events for 2014 is now available from the back of church.

Rota Jan 18/19	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Roberts	B.Barker/C.Riley
Readers	C.Carr	M.Donnely
Euch Min	F.Ellis & S.Kerr	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea/Coffee		Sims family

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Please meet in the presbytery on Wednesday at 7.30pm

The Jimmy Cricket Laughter Show

Friday 24th January at 8pm (doors open 7pm) St Michael & StJohn's Parish Hall. Bar will be open. Tickets: £7.50 (inc light refreshments) available after mass this weekend 11/12th January and next weekend 18/19th January or from Daphne 01200 427912, Patsy 01200 441792, Carol 01200 426769 or the presbytery 01200 423307 ext 3



Proceeds from this event to 'Mary's Meals, a charity which feed and help educate over 800,000 children in over 16 countries in the developing world - 93p out of every £1 donated goes directly on the charity.

Come along have a laugh and relax whilst donating to a worth while charity.

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 14th January at 7.30pm in the presbytery

TEA DANCE Wednesday 15th January in our Parish Hall 2pm - 5pm. Come and enjoy meeting up with friends and enjoy an afternoon of dancing, a lovely tea with homemade cakes - still only £3.50

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK - for details see back page or poster in the porch for details and times of services.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 8 H & C Waterworth

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE at St Nicholas' at 4pm Sunday 19th January. All welcome

HALL KEY the key is missing from the keypad. It's the one with the orange keyring. Will regular hall users please search their pockets etc to see if it can be found.