

Dear Parishioners

First things first. On the last Sunday of 2013, Pope Francis posed a question to the Church: "As the year reaches the end we ask ourselves honestly how we have lived the time that God has given to us. Have we used it above all for ourselves, for our own interests, or have we used it also for others? And what of God? How much time have we set aside to 'be with Him' in prayer and in silence?" So, how about giving a little time each evening this week to mull over this question and then perhaps make a belated new year's resolution?

The front three benches on either side of the church's centre aisle have been cushioned. In the past Catholic Churches had padded kneelers while non-Catholic churches had padded seats but now we are looking to have both. So, why not try out our padded benches and let me know what you think?

"She was in hospital for a month, I was told, and the priest never visited her." On investigation I learned that neither the chaplain nor the staff knew that the patient was a Catholic who wished to see the chaplain! So, please note that if you have a relative or friend who is in hospital then the responsibility for requesting a visit from the Catholic chaplain rests squarely on your shoulders. This is particularly important if the patient is admitted through the A&E department. On the ward ask a nurse to notify the chaplain and afterwards check that this was done, or for both Blackburn and Burnley hospitals telephone 01254 733001 and ask for Fr Paul Blackburn. For Clitheroe hospital, please inform me.

If you go to the parish website www.olotv.org.uk you will see that it is woefully out of date with more reports on events in 2012 than last year and many of the group reports haven't been updated for 5 years!!! So, a request to each parish society, group or association to checkout their entry, then update it and if possible add photos before emailing it to andrewbrown595@btinternet.com or posting written (hard) copy to the Presbytery.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has begun. I urge you to attend this Sunday Evening's United Service at 6.30pm in Trinity Methodist.

In the Catholic Church today we also observe a day of prayer for World Peace.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary time - 19th January 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee
United Service at Trinity Methodist 6.30pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Tuesday

2pm Funeral Service Ian Salisbury-Taylor

Thursday

Mass 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday 25th 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

Annie Metcalf, Teresa Tomlinson, Kathryn Peel, Stephen Pryle x 2,
Molly Hartley, Fadouah Khassouf, Jeff Cowgill

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Kathryn Peel, Ian Salisbury-Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES

Stephen Pryle, Molly Hartley, Fadouah Khassouf

**There will be a collection at all masses
this weekend for Peace Sunday**

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £700.75 Sabden £201.06 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.

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

ANNUAL PARISH DINNER

in our Parish Hall on

SATURDAY 1st MARCH - £17.50 per person

Tickets will be on sale after Mass on the weekends of
1/2 February and 8/9 February and afterwards from
Carol 426769, Les 427029, Daphne 441792 or Roseline 425503

3 course meal plus music

Starter: Homemade Seasonal Soup *or*
Chicken Liver Pate with caramelised red onion chutney, crusty bread & garnish

Main Course: Chicken a la crème *or* Beef Bourguignon
or Nut roast with Mushroom sauce
all served with seasonal vegetables

Sweet: Homemade Sherry Trifle *or* Apple Pie with Cream *or*
Meringue nests with seasonal fruits

Fresh Filter Coffee and Chocolate Mints

CLITHEROE

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

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

| Rota Jan 25/26 | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Welcomers | M.Illingworth | S.Shore/M.Rogers |
| Readers | A.Southworth | J.Hennigan |
| Euch Min | B.Worden & M.Preedy | E.Thomson, I.Parkes, P.Donnely |
| Tea/Coffee | | M.Geddes, L.Curphey, P.Holgate |



The Jimmy Cricket Laughter Show

The Ladies Group Committee apologise to all those people who requested tickets and were disappointed not to receive them. It has been a complete Sell Out. For the people with tickets please remember to bring them with you on the night. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED in without your ticket (this is due to Health & Safety Regulations). We thank all of you for your support for this charity event. In the Autumn we are hoping to have a Steel Band to perform for our next charity night. Trust that this also will be a SELL OUT. Watch out for details in the newsletter.

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

RAFTING THE GRAND CANYON an invitation for Friday 7th February. A presentation by Steuart and Anita Kellington at Trinity Methodist Church. Cost £5 payable at the door (no tickets) including refreshments. All net proceeds for Trinity Church Redevelopment Fund. See poster in porch

ST AUGUSTINES have two vacancies for Foundation Governors who take a full part in school governance and are appointed by the Bishop to preserve the religious character of the school. If you are 18 or over and can obtain a recommendation from your Parish Priest this is an opportunity to devote some time to Catholic education. Further details from your Parish Priest or look on the school website www.sarchs.com

LADIES GROUP Our next meeting is on Wednesday 29th January 7.30pm - an evening with 'Spellbound'. We welcome back Ann and Gordon Sharp with a varied programme of stunning films. £2 including refreshments.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 24 J.Hindle

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