

Dear Parishioners

As you are probably aware the Parish Centre has lurched from crisis to crisis over the past seven years and has never managed to pay its way. The result is a substantial debt. However, last summer we took the decision to run the centre on commercial lines in conjunction with a number of other parish centres who have turned their balance sheets from red to black. This decision demanded yet more capital expenditure, particularly on the kitchen and a subsequent increase on the debt. But you have to cast a sprat to catch a mackerel! The new venture was launched last October under the slogan or brand name of *Your Parish Centre*.

The only way in which clubs and for that matter pubs are able to survive nowadays is by moving into catering. Last year the Centre in both January and February hosted seven events each month and they were small! This month already there have been 16 major bookings and a further 14 have been received for February. Later in the year the Centre will host its first wedding reception, the first for many, many a year! But who else in Clitheroe can offer an all-day Wedding Reception for 60 day-time guests and 100 evening guests for £1,995? The day time reception includes a three course meal on fully dressed banqueting tables and the evening guests will be served a full buffet and entertained throughout by a DJ! Similar packages are available for Christenings, Funeral receptions, children's birthday parties and other celebrations. And how about a birthday party in the evening for 80 people with room hire for 6 hours including a DJ for 5 hours, balloons and a choice of three hot meals at only £495? You couldn't arrange it any cheaper yourself and this way you have no hassle! The Centre also caters for smaller and larger parties of guests.

Have you visited the Centre recently? If not, you just would not recognise it! So why not pop in and see for yourself. *Your Parish Centre* has been refurbished and is professionally managed but it remains a parish facility. Club membership is still an option at £10 for parents (which includes dependent Children up to and including those at University) and £5 for Senior citizens. Members with cards pay less at the bar!

One challenge remains. We need to raise £4,000 to purchase 160 new banqueting chairs so expect some fundraising functions in the future.

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary time - 26th January 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Friday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Saturday 1st February

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

Holy Souls, Eileen Duggan, Margaret McKenna x 2, Harriet Foulker

SICK

Sally Hickling, Teresa Tomlinson, Peter Wright, Nigel Winnard,
Pat Shepherd, Bob Morrison, Margaret Nutter, Eileen Duggan

LATELY DEAD

Kathryn Peel, Ian Salisbury-Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES

Harriet Foulker

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £842.80 Sabden £151.91 S/Orders £201 Many thanks
PAX CHRISTI (PEACE SUNDAY) Clitheroe £193.23 Sabden £31.92

R.C.I.A.

This coming Thursday in the presbytery after the 7.30pm Mass

60's/70's NIGHT there will be a 60's/70's Night in memory of Kathryn Peel at St Michael & St John's Parish Centre on Friday 31st January to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer. Tickets are £5 from Barbara Barker 424564 or Patsy Rimmer 422304

JOHN BELL a unique opportunity to meet and hear the renowned author, hymn/song-writer, preacher and broadcaster - the Rev'd John Bell of the Iona community at Christ Church, Chatburn on Saturday 8th February 10am - 4pm. No charge for any part of the day, lunch included, but donations will be appreciated. No need to book (except for lunch - we need to know for catering). Contact Canon Rodney Nicholson on 01200 458019 or email rodnic03@gmail.com. See poster in porch for more details

WANTED anyone out there have a laptop they no longer use or want? . It could be put to good use by the Salvation Army (if it is not broken or needs repair it can still be of use) who now run G62 an initiative that provides a walk-in service to support those who are trying to break the cycle of unemployment. They provide free wi-fi Internet access and use of laptops for job searching or benefit claims as well as CV's or any other job related information. Please ring Elizabeth 07709 351394 or Brenda 07709 352383

TECHIE HEAVEN A relaxed technology based group for young people aged 11-17 with opportunities for hands on IT activities on Fridays in term time 7pm - 9pm at St Mary's Centre (entrance off York Street) www.techieheaven.co.uk 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 427912 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.

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 Re-development Fund. See poster in porch

Rota Feb 1/2	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	P,Dixon & E.Thomson
Readers	F.Bird	J.Smith
Euch Min	A.Harkin & H.Addy	P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, T.Mercer
Tea/Coffee		Embery Family



The Jimmy Cricket Laughter Show

Thankyou to all who supported this event on Friday night - it was a great success and raised around £2,000 for Mary's Meals. A final total will be given in next weeks newsletter. Unclaimed raffle prize Blue edged ticket 89 a tin of biscuits

BAPTISM We welcome Carys Catherine Stewart and Eliza Catherine Farragher who were baptised recently.

LADIES GROUP Our next meeting this coming 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.

SALTMINE From Eden to Eternity - the story of everything. See the Bible brought to life on stage in an hour or so. Journey with us through tragedy, tears, music, mirth, serpents and salvation. This production has been performed to great acclaim throughout the UK. Suitable for 11 years and over. Tuesday 11th February £4 - see poster in porch

ST JOSEPH'S PENNY celebrates its 110th anniversary this coming Lent. We need volunteers to speak to school pupils as well as parishes - anyone interested - see poster in porch
CARITAS are seeking to recruit NURSES and CARE STAFF for its new project in South Manchester for young adults with disabilities and life limiting conditions. Full details www.caritassalford.org.uk/jobs or from Sam Johnson 0161 817 2250

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

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 33 The Turner family

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.

St Mary's, Sabden present

JACK AND THE BEAN-



from the New Village Folk, with every member of the cast/production team except for one being from the village.

in St Mary's Community Hall on

Thursday 27th, Friday 28th February 7.15pm

Saturday 1st March at 2pm & 7.15pm

Tickets £10 (£8 concessions)

evening performances - £5 Matinee

Tickets (price includes Potato Pie supper) from Margaret Parsons 01282 778652/078011 95897

Diane Collinson 07944 868088

Jean Haythornthwaite 01282 772270

Bring your own drinks along (except for matinee)