

## Dear Parishioners

First, I apologise for the cancellation of the Parish Forum on Wednesday but a great number of the women, some with husbands in tow, went to the musical Jekyll & Hyde that evening. Unfortunately, I don't have a free Wednesday evening until 9<sup>th</sup> April, so we shall then meet in Forum at 7.30pm in the Parish centre.

After four years effort and over £2,000 expenditure St Michael and John's have both pedestrian and road signs (7 in total) directing visitors to the church. I thank Mike Bradley for the time, tenacity and frustration it cost him in pushing this project. Without him there wouldn't be now and never would be any signage.

A number of parishioners have commented on the new bench cushions at the front of the church. The one criticism is that they are too deep. So a couple of more slender cushions, borrowed from Trinity Methodist, are at the front for you to compare both types and let me have your verdict.

In Sabden the new barrier has been erected and hopefully will safeguard parking for both church and hall.

This Tuesday the parish website committee meets in the Presbytery at 7.30pm. Our plan to re-launch the website has proved to be a slow process because we have too few volunteers. So, if you have any expertise or simply a keen interest in website composition then please do either contact me or turn up on Tuesday night. Some time ago I also appealed to parish groups to send information and photos either by email or by written or typed copy. The result? You can guess.

As we are now two priests the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in both Clitheroe and Sabden on the feast of Pentecost and First Holy communions will be received on Corpus Christi.

### Pentecost Sunday, 8th June 2014

Sabden: Confirmation at the 11o'clock Sunday Mass.

Clitheroe: Confirmation will be conferred during a special service with no Mass at 11.30am. The usual Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am.

### Corpus Christi, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014

Sabden: First Holy Communions will be received during the 11am Sunday Mass.

Clitheroe: There will be an extra Sunday Mass for First Communicants 11.30am, following the usual 9.30am Sunday Mass.

*Fr John*

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 February 2014

### St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

#### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

#### Saturday 1st March

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

Michael Jackson, Carol Turner x 4, Pat Pozzi, Birthday intention, Elizabeth & Veronica Lambert, Marie Thornber, ,

#### SICK

Sally Hickling, Teresa Tomlinson, Peter Wright, Pat Shepherd, Bob Morrison, Eileen Duggan, Fr Peter Birmingham

#### LATELY DEAD

Mary Preedy, Paul Harper

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Jackson, Elizabeth & Veronica Lambert, Marie Thornber, Carol Turner, Fr Hubert McEvoy SJ

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £650.88 Sabden £255.62 S/Orders £201 Many thanks  
**ST BARNABAS SOCIETY** Clitheroe £211.25 Sabden £39.14

**R.C.I.A.**

This coming Thursday in the presbytery after the 7.30pm Mass

**WANTED** The Salvation Army in Clitheroe now run a G62Club which is helping the jobless fill in online applications and other matters. They wish to appeal for any redundant laptops in any condition working or not - they do not need to be 'good'. Please ring Elizabeth 07709 351394 or Brenda 07709 352383 if you can help. There are currently more people needing help than there are computer places.

**FURNITURE STORE** from time to time we have enquiries from people wishing to dispose of furniture. There is now a facility for used furniture through Open Doors in Burnley ☎ 01282 452400

**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 next Saturday 1st March. Please note the time 7pm for 7.30pm.

**TRANSFORMING LIVES IN AFRICA** with CAFOD partner Patrick Jamiru, Director of Caritas Kenema, Sierra Leone will speak at Our Lady of Good Counsel & Guardian Angels in Bury on Saturday 1st March 10.30am - 1.30pm. A simple lunch will be served. For more details see poster in porch.

**INTERNSHIPS** For the past eleven years the Bishops Conference has organised parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer 8 internships: Four will be placed with Christian MP's at Westminster, one in a parliamentary support role and one in each of the Agencies (CAFOD and CSAN). They will run from Sept 2014 - July 2015 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Details on website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/interns>

**DAY OF RENEWAL** 'Mary and Reconciliation on Saturday 15 March at St Clare's, Fulwood, Preston. See poster in porch

**CAFOD** The group will be running a stall at the Hurst Green Flea Market in the Village Memorial Hall TODAY Sunday 23 February 9am - 4pm. Refreshments available all day. **Fairtrade Fortnight** begins tomorrow Monday 24 February until 9th March - look out for the Logo, what is in your basket?

**REIGNITE** calling all 16-35yr olds for an exciting, engaging, retreat event - **Reignite!** with great feedback from the young people who have attended previously, with just the right balance of spirituality, prayer and fun. This next event will take place on Saturday 1st March, 10.30am-4pm at St Josephs, Audley Range, Blackburn, BB1 1TG. Including great speakers, Mass, quiet/reflective time, group work, activities, and much much more. For more info or to book your place go to [reignite@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:reignite@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) where under 18's can apply for a consent form.

## WANTED CLEANER

for our Parish Centre (Clitheroe) as soon as Possible to work Sunday mornings from 7am for 4 hours. Must be trustworthy, honest and reliable.

This position involves moving chairs and tables about, so the applicant needs to be fairly fit and healthy.

More details please contact Theresa 01200 423073

**THE POWER OF PARABLES** (part 2) at St Gabriel's RC High School Tuesday 25 February 7.30pm - 9.30pm - See poster in porch

**DAY FOR CATECHISTS** Our Lady's, Moss Side, Manchester on Saturday 1st March 10.45am - 3pm. See poster in porch

**A YEAR WITH POPE FRANCIS** now on sale from the back of church £3.50

### **CLITHEROE**

**LENT TALKS** will commence on Saturday 15th March in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall. Hope to have details of all the talks by next week.

**LADIES GROUP** Next Wednesday 26th February in our Parish Hall at 7.30pm. 'The Staff of Life' - a talk by Mr David Tomlinson, retired Technical Director of Warburton's Bakery. Still only £2 including light refreshments

**BOOKSTALL** Our Ladies Group are having a bookstall at their March meeting on 26th March and on the following two Sundays in our Parish Hall after morning Mass. If you would like to donate any books they can be left at the presbytery.

**FOOD BANK** At a recent CCP meeting it was proposed that we pay the Foodbank manager, who currently works a great many hours per week voluntarily. If anyone would like to support the Foodbank in this way then please take one of the donation forms from the back of the church. **Also** please find a copy of a thankyou letter to the 'Foodbank Gang'

Rota Feb 28/Mar 1	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Roberts	R & C Conti
Readers	J.Byrne	S.Shore
Euch Min	B.Worden & M.Preedy	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, P.Donnely
Tea/Coffee		C.James/M.Tomlinson/A.Pritchard

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

**SAINSBURYS ACTIVE VOUCHERS** Our Primary School are once again collecting these vouchers, and would be grateful for your donations. Please drop in the Parish Communications Box in the church porch or pop them into school. Many thanks

**WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** This year is on Friday March 7th here in St Michael & St John's at 7.30pm. This year the service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Egypt. Everyone welcome, including young people, but not suitable for children. All the Christian Churches in Clitheroe will take part in the service.

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 27 A.Barker

**CAR PARK BARRIER** The new barrier is now installed. It will be kept locked between Mass and other events. Key available on request.

**FUND RAISING** There will be a meeting on Tuesday 4th March at 7.30pm for fundraising and other events. Please come and pool your ideas.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Well in advance - please mark down Friday December 12th - Grace O'Mally is coming to St Mary's hall to perform a Christmas Concert

**PLEASE NOTE** The lat performance of Jack and the Beanstalk will be next Saturday evening March 1st and therefore the Hall will be unavailable for Coffee the following day Sunday 2nd March after Mass.