

Dear Parishioners

Lent has begun but have you? Here are a few suggestions.

✠ Buy (£1) the 'Walk With Me' booklet which will help you pray and reflect on each day of Lent.

✠ Join the Stations of the Cross in Clitheroe at 7.30pm on Fridays and in Sabden at 7.30pm on Tuesdays.

✠ Spend a little time each day reading the Bible in the quiet of your home.

✠ Attend daily Mass. (Details weekly in the newsletter)

✠ Come to Exposition on Saturday mornings between 11am and 12 noon.

✠ Pay a visit the church which is open daily during daylight hours

✠ Encourage someone who has been away from Mass to return to practice and accompany them to church.

✠ Recite the Rosary at home or join the weekday recitation in church at 9.30am.

✠ Is there someone you know in need of help or friendship or maybe an elderly relative you haven't visited for a while?

✠ Make up a longstanding quarrel.

✠ Help to clean the church on Monday mornings at 9.30.

✠ Give up a favourite treat like sweets, drink, watching too much TV or cigarettes.

✠ Keep 'Family Fast day' on Friday.

✠ Every Friday abstain from eating meat for your spiritual good and that of the planet!

✠ Make a clean sweep. How long is it since you made use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)? Confession is available every Saturday in Clitheroe from 11 to 11.45 and during the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

✠ Attend the series of Lenten talks "The Church at the Crossroads" on Saturday mornings in the Hall at 11am. (Coffee from 10.30)

✠ Join with Fr Frankie on Wednesdays at 7.30 in the Hall to look at Pope Francis' recent letter 'The Joy of the Gospel'.

✠ For the first time the Deanery has organised four Lenten Station Masses. Join the first at St Mary's Langho on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Wishing you a fruitful Lent.! *Fr John*

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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First Sunday of Lent - 9 March 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Mass at 7.30pm

Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Deanery Station Mass 7.30pm
at St Mary's, Langho

Thursday

Mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm
Reception Eilish Campbell 6.30pm

Friday

Mass at 10.15am - Requiem Eilish Campbell

Saturday 15th 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 Tuesday - Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Eric Whitehead x 2, Martin Peel, Luke Makinson, Parkinson & Hartley families,
Maria Middleton, Fr Peter Birmingham, Eilish Campbell x 5,

SICK

Sally Hickling, Peter Wright, Pat Shepherd, Fr Peter Birmingham, Leo Wells

LATELY DEAD

Eilish Campbell

ANNIVERSARIES

Martin Peel, Eric Whitehead,

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £650.27 Sabden £180.75 S/Orders £194 Many thanks

WANTED The Salvation Army in Clitheroe now run a G62Club which is helping the jobless fill in online applications and other matters. They are appealing 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. They have received 3

TECHIE HEAVEN Relaxed technology 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

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

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

CHARITY FASHION SHOW Friday 21st March in the Parish Centre. In memory of Martin Peel we are raising funds for Great North Air Ambulance & Cockermouth Mountain Rescue, both of which services help many of us in this area. We will be showcasing Work Wear, Casual Wear, Party Night, Prom Night and Wonderful Weddings. Tickets £5 available from the shop, Mint on York Street, Clitheroe or contact Geryllyn 07919 151418

TRIP TO CHESTER on April 9th this trip is fully booked. We have a waiting list - ring Daphne 427912 or Janet 423307 ext 3. We hope to have the full list of outings for 2014 next week.

PRO-LIFE MEETING in St Michael & St John's presbytery at 6.45pm Tuesday 11th March. Anyone interested in Pro-Life please come along.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is next Friday, March 14th. The envelopes being given out this weekend - please return next weekend, thank you

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - LOURDES the 82nd Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Brain, will take place between the 1st - 7th August (by air) or from 31st July - 8th August (overland). Travel has been organised by coach and plane. Further details for the one by air contact Joe Walsh Tours 0161 820 8790 or www.joewalshstours.co.uk or by coach to Options on 01706 713966. Alternatively visit the diocesan website www.diocesofsalford.org.uk/lourdes

JUSTICE & PEACE ASSOC Celebration Mass of Oscar Romero - Sat 22 March, St Mary's, Duke St, Denton at 12noon. See poster in porch

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Saturday 3rd May - See poster in porch
K.S.C. Council meeting Tuesday 11th March at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

EASTER REMEMBRANCE BOOK

A remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is being compiled. We are asking for a donation of £3 for a lily, which will decorate the Church at Easter. Money and names will be collected after Mass at the table near the greetings cards by Jane Brown (Saturday) and Teresa Mercer (Sunday) starting Saturday 15th March



K.S.C.DANCE

Saturday 15th March
at 7.30pm

Dancing to
John Lancaster
£6 including
Hot Supper
☎427029 or
427096



VACANCY for CES Education Adviser (Wales) and Education Officer (Archdiocese of Cardiff). For details see poster in porch.

PASCAL CANDLES Last year a number of parishioners ordered a family Paschal candle. There is a poster at the back of church picturing a candle and list for those who wish to order one. They cost £10. Please order immediately if you want one: I must place the order within the fortnight



CLITHEROE

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will be taking its quarterly collection after Masses this weekend. Please give generously

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

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.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS AND GIFTS will be on sale after the Service of Reconciliation at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th March

Rota 15/16 Mar	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	D.Marsden & J.Byrne
Readers	C.Riley	Martha Barrett
Euch Min	Volunteer & A.Southworth	J.Hall, S.Hall, R.Embery
Tea/Coffee		L & B Collinson

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS First Stations will be next Friday 14th March led by the Uniformed groups (cubs) at 7.30pm. See porch for full programme

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting tomorrow evening Monday 10th March at 7.30pm in the presbytery

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 45 John Shorter

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Tuesday 15th April 7.30pm in the Hall, a meeting in which Mgr Corcoran will discuss the issues surrounding the weekly celebration of the school Mass. The meeting is for all Sabden's Catholic Community.

STATIONS IN LENT Stations in Lent each Tuesday at 7.30pm. The SVP will lead on Tuesday 18th and Cafod on 25th March. If any other groups would like to take part please let us know.

SALE OF CAKES after Mass on Sunday 16th March. We would be grateful for cakes to sell - so get baking!

Next Sunday there will be the opportunity to purchase Easter Cards, First Holy Communion Cards & Gifts and Confirmation cards in the Hall after Mass.