

## Dear Parishioners

There was an air of celebration in Salford Cathedral last Sunday when, Bishop Brain welcomed five parishioners together with the Elect and Catechumens from around Salford diocese who are completing the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and will be received into the Church at Easter. The Elect are those who will be baptised, their title indicating that it is God who has called them, who has elected them, to seek Baptism and join the family of God. Catechumens are those who have already been baptised in another Church but who now wish to join the Catholic community. Our elect are Brent, Becky and Benjamin Kelly and Lauren Bate who with catechumen Tom Clay will be baptised and received into the Church during the Easter Vigil service next month.

This week in an important week for our children in both Clitheroe and Sabden who will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. (First Confessions as we oldies knew it) Parishioners, family and friends are encouraged to come along to both offer their support and also take this opportunity to experience God's love, mercy and reconciliation for themselves. The service begins in St Mary's Sabden at 7pm on Tuesday and at 7.30pm in St Michael and St John's on Wednesday.

Please do remember to pray for Fr Peter Birmingham who began a course of chemotherapy last Friday. He is unable to receive visitors but has received many cards and assurances of prayer.

The Pro-Life Committee met this week and arranged the dates for two important annual events. The first is the Day of prayer which will be in three weeks on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am and continuing until the evening Mass. There is 'watching list' at the back of the church for you to sign and so ensure that there are at least two or three people in church throughout the day. The watching slots are only half an hour, so please do consider during Lent giving a half hour to the Lord. There was a cohort of parishioners who could be relied on in the past but many have now become housebound or have gone to the Lord – people such as Peter and Teresa Tomlinson, to mention only two!

The second event is the Right to Life sponsored Walk on which we are joined by Lord David Alton and some MPs. It will take place on the Spring Bank Holiday, 26<sup>th</sup> May.

*Fr John*

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## Second Sunday of Lent - 16 March 2014

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

#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee  
5pm - Reception Leo Wells

#### Monday

Mass at 11am Requiem - Leo Wells

#### Tuesday

Mass at 9am

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Children's Reconciliation 7.30pm  
Lenten Station Mass at St Edward's Darwen, 7.30pm

#### Thursday

Mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm

#### Friday

Mass at 9am

Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

#### Saturday 22nd 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** - 7pm Children's Reconciliation  
followed by Stations of the Cross **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

#### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Roger Milner, Brian Carr, Eilish Campbell, Leo Wells x 9,

#### SICK

Peter Wright, Pat Shepherd, Fr Peter Birmingham,  
Kathleen Wilson, Geraldine Oultram, Maria Middleton,

#### LATELY DEAD

Eilish Campbell, Leo Wells, Roger Milner

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Brian Carr, Betty Morton, Alice Fullalove



**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £1012.28 Sabden £106.55 S/Orders £194 Many thanks

**CAFOD** The Lent Fast Day envelopes are being collected this weekend. Thank you

**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

**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 Geralyn 07919 151408

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** Saturday 3rd May - See poster

**S.V.P.MASS FOR THE DECEASED** The 7.30pm Mass on Thursday 27th March will remember the deceased members of the S.V.P. All parishioners are welcome. Many thanks for the collection which realised £363.14 last weekend. In addition, we also received two cheques to the value of £50

**FOODBANK** The foodbank warehouse currently has no fruit juice or sponge puddings, and a limited supply of dried potatoes and squash. Please could you help by donating one of these items. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

**TEA DANCE** Next Wednesday 19th March 2pm - 5pm. Enjoy meeting up with friends and enjoy an afternoon of dancing. Still only £3.50 for a lovely afternoon tea!

### **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 (Sat) and Teresa Mercer (Sun) starting this Saturday 15 March



### **'From Gangland to Promised Land'**



The ex-gangster, international speaker and author John Pridmore will speak at all masses next weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please come to hear an amazing story of the power of God's mercy that has led to an international best-selling book and has been heard by over 2 million young people worldwide. John will also give a longer version of his testimony in the parish centre next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm.

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**LADIES GROUP** Wednesday 26th March 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. A talk will be given by Pat Osborne on the life of Winston Churchill's mother (Lady Randy). This looks like another enlightening evening. Still only £2 admission.

**PRO-LIFE DAY** (in addition to information on back page). On this day, during Mass at 12 noon, children who have died at an early age or before birth will

be included in the special intentions. Please use the slips of paper provided on which to write the Christian name of your child, then place it in the basket provided, which is situated on the table where repository items are for sale.

**PASCAL CANDLES** Last year a number of parishioners ordered a family Pascal 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 next week.



### **CLITHEROE**

**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 22/23 Mar	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	A.Harkin	R & F Holgate
Readers	V.Murray	K.Downes
Euch Min	T.Woodhead & B.Taylor	G.Lambert, C.Leeming, A.Marsden
Tea/Coffee		R & C Conti & E.Thomson

**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** Next Friday 21st March will be led by St Augustine's at 7.30pm. See porch for full programme

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 5 Jane Davies

**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** This Tuesday 18th March the Stations of the Cross will be led by the S.V.P. but will begin at 8pm because of the Children's Reconciliation at 7pm. Cafod will now lead on the 8th April. Please join in this Lenten preparation.

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

**After Mass today there will be the opportunity to purchase Easter Cards, First Holy Communion Cards & Gifts and Confirmation cards in the Hall.**