

Dear fellow Parishioners

St Mary's community hall in Sabden was recently transformed into a theatre for a production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" by Sabden's panto group, the New Village Folk. So now we have a facility which is suitable for all kinds of amateur dramatics, shows or concerts.

The group, which was founded in 2006, used to be based at St Nicholas's Church Hall but recent renovations made it impractical to stage productions and the panto group had to move out.

Fortunately St Mary's gave the New Village Folk a warm welcome and as many of the group are connected with the church and every member except one lives in Sabden, it was good to find a new home in the village and be able to carry on performing.

But we did have a job on our hands. St Mary's stage is quite small and only had access at one side. There was no stage lighting or sound facilities, and no access to the toilets from the top room which had to serve as a backstage dressing room.

Fr John gave us permission to install new wiring and fit the hall with stage lights, all round sound and speakers and stage microphones (as long as we paid for it!).

The next challenge was to board out the stage and make a passage along the back to allow access at both sides. We finished off by having new curtains made to carefully match the hall's decor. The Village Folk spent around £1,000 on these and the result is a hall fit to stage any type of amateur dramatics or concerts.

We didn't manage to build any backstage toilet facilities, but got around the problem by hiring mobile loos for the cast for the duration of the show! We also paid £500 in total to hire the hall for rehearsals and four performances. In addition the group is making a £1,000 donation to St Mary's towards the ongoing upkeep of the community hall. And Fr Frankie is hoping that no-one claims the £50 lucky programme prize as we will donate it to his favourite charity, Mary's Meals.

The four performances of "Jack and the Beanstalk" were a sell out and received lots of wonderful comments and reviews from audiences, which we were pleased to see included many of our friends from SS Michael and John's.

The Village Folk is happy to be connected with St Mary's and already planning our next panto early next year. *Margaret Parsons*

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - 30 March 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Lenten Station Mass 7.30pm
at St Mary's, Bamber Bridge

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9am

Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Saturday (5th April) Pro-Life Day of Prayer

9am - 12noon Exposition 11am - 11.45am Reconciliation
11.30am Rosary 12noon - Mass 12.30pm - 5.45pm Exposition
6pm First Mass of Sunday

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am **Tuesday** - 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Thursday - 10.15am Requiem Glenis Campbell **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

John Coupe, Private Intentions (2), Joseph Dewhurst, Deceased Nolan family, Lilli Marchese, Vincent Ditri, Mary Bleazard, Harold Brockbank, Eilish Campbell, Leo Wells, Betty Brown (2)

SICK

Peter Wright, Pat Shepherd, Fr Peter Birmingham, Maria Middleton

LATELY DEAD

Glenis Campbell, James Tomlinson, John Coupe, Harold Brockbank, Leo Wells

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph Dewhurst, Pat Fullalove, Tony Leecy, Pauline Altham, Trudi Mansfield

There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend for Caritas - Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of church

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £878.28 Sabden £218.89 S/Orders £194 Many thanks
CAFOD Grateful thanks for a further £72.60 from Lent Fast Day envelopes. This brings the total, including money sent to direct to CAFOD to £665.60

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

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

FOODBANK When purchasing goods to donate to the foodbank, please could you check the use by date and buy the latest date available. This is especially important with milk, fruit juice, cakes and biscuits as these have a more limited shelf life. The Foodbank newsletter is available this week for you to take. Once again a huge thank-you for your continued generosity. *All matters relating to the Foodbank should be addressed to Margaret Donnelly, our Parish representative.*

LADIES GROUP Pick up a brochure from Clitheroe or Sabden porch, listing the Coach trips that we are running this year. Our next trip to Chester is fully booked. On Wednesday 14th May we are bound for Leyburn, Wensleydale and Richmond, leaving Clitheroe Interchange at 8.45am - itinerary for day still to be sorted but there is a possibility of visiting the Teapottery which featured in the Spellbound film (January meeting). On Sunday 1st June we are going to a matinee performance at Thwaites Theatre in Blackburn of 'Madcap Music Hall' featuring Jimmy Cricket - A Laugh-a-Long, Sing-a-Long, Clap-a-Long show for everyone. Cost £15 - £16 which includes transport to Blackburn. Although 9 months away our Christmas trip this year is to Chatsworth House. We only have a few places left - if you want to go please book NOW!!! ☎ 427912 Daphne or 223307 ext 3 Janet. On Wednesday evening at our meeting a cheque for £2,250 was presented to Bill Higginson, the representative from Mary's Meals. This amount was the proceeds from the Jimmy Cricket concert. A huge thank you for your support. Our next event will be a Coffee Morning at the Mayor's Parlour on Saturday May 3rd. On Saturday 18th October - Milnthorpe Steel Band - watch newsletter for further info.

Don't forget - Book Stall in our Parish Hall after Mass this morning

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 6pm Mass Saturday and Teresa Mercer after 9.30am Mass on Sunday



K.S.C.DANCE

Saturday 5th April at 7.30pm
 Dancing to John Lancaster
 £6 including Hot Supper



☎427029 or 427096

LENT TALKS continue in our Parish Hall on Saturday mornings at 11am (Coffee/Tea & Biscuits 10.30am) Next Saturday 5th April, 'Christianity in a multi-faith world' with Malcolm Cowen who lived and worked in Turkey and who will highlight the importance of sharing Christian love with all our neighbours

PRO-LIFE DAY 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.

LENTEN VIDEO'S SESSION will continue next Wednesday 26th March at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS at Our Lady's, Raby St, Moss Side, Manchester, Saturday 10th May - see poster in porch for itinerary

Spring edition of Jesuits & Friends available free from porch (Clitheroe/ Sabden)

CLITHEROE

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

Easter Cards are now on sale from the table in front of the War Memorial

CHRISTIAN AID Although around seven weeks away, (11-17 May) we are asking for help in delivering/collecting Christian Aid envelopes again this year. If you are willing to give a hand then please contact Janet at the presbytery ☎ 423307 ext3

APF MISSIONS Totals donated by parishes within Salford Diocese in 2013 - list in porch

Rota 5/6 April	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Luciani	S.Shore & M.Rogers
Readers	L.Perrin	P.Lambert
Euch Min	B.Worden & M.Preedy	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, P.Donnelly
Tea/Coffee		E.Davies & M.Valovin

STATIONS OF THE CROSS next Friday 4th April will be led by our Pro-Life Group
ROTA'S Welcome Rota etc for April, May & June 2014 are now available for collection from the table in front of the sacristy. Those on email should have received them.

ADVANCE NOTICE K.S.C.Jumble Sale in our Parish Hall on Saturday 26th April. ☎ 427029 for collections

PARISH DRAW WINNERS - MARCH £100 90 F.Aspinwall, £25 145 S.Whittaker, £10 233 S.Robinson, 140 M.Turnbull, 8 B.Parkinson, 279 P.Cattermole, 73 P.Hargreaves Please collect winnings from your agent

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 40 The Brown family

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Tuesday 15th April 8.00pm (*please note change of time*) 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 1st April the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.