

## Dear Parishioners

The Parish Forum meets on Wednesday in the Social Centre at 7.30pm.

Parish Forum is our parish council, though it differs to most parish councils in that meetings are open to any parishioner who wishes to attend. All who attend have the right to speak and to vote. Minutes are published on the notice board and are emailed to those who leave their e-addresses.

Forum offers me the opportunity to report on past and future events, to seek advice, to listen to new ideas and to receive complaints. For parishioners it is your opportunity to own your parish. Reports are also received from various parish committees and organisations. Invariably there is a full agenda but the Chair does endeavour to ensure that we finish by 9pm for tea and biscuits. This Wednesday, among others, we shall receive reports on last year's accounts from the Finance Committee and a progress report on the Parish Centre in addition to planning forthcoming summer events. So, do come along and be your Parish Forum.

One thing that we must begin to discuss is Evangelisation – a word that makes us want to run a hundred miles away but which basically means: faith sharing. The following is an extract from a speech made by Pope Francis in June last year.

“I want to tell you something. There is a beautiful passage of the Gospel which tells us about the shepherd who realized that one sheep was missing. He left the ninety-nine others and went in search of it. He went off to look for one! But brothers and sisters, we have only one sheep; we have lost the other ninety-nine! 'We must go out, we must go out to them! In this culture - let us tell the truth - we only have one; we are a minority! And do we feel the fervour, the apostolic zeal to go out and find the other ninety-nine? This is an enormous responsibility and we must ask the Lord for the grace of generosity, and the courage and patience to go out, to go out and preach the Gospel. Ah, this is difficult. It is easier to stay at home, with that one sheep! It is easier with that sheep to comb its fleece, to stroke it. But we priests and you Christians too, everyone, the Lord wants us to be shepherds, he does not want us to fuss with combing fleeces. Shepherds!

*Fr John*

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent - 6 April 2014

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

#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

#### Monday & Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

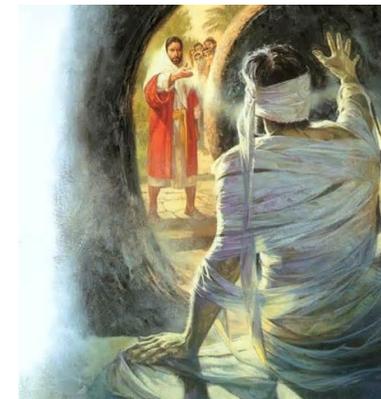
#### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

#### Friday

Mass at 9am

Stations of the Cross 7.30pm



#### Saturday (12th April)

11am - 11.55am Exposition

11am - 11.45am Reconciliation

11.30am Rosary

12noon - Eucharistic Service

6pm First Mass of Sunday

### St Mary's Church, Sabden

**Sunday** - Mass at 11am **Tuesday** - 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

**Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

#### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Millie & Caitlin, In thanksfgiving, Glenis Campbell x 3, Special intention

#### SICK

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

#### LATELY DEAD

Jim Tomlinson, Glenis Campbell, Fr Manus Keane SJ

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Deacon Bill Gornal, Mollie & Caitlin, John McGough

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £708.39 Sabden £184.82 S/Orders £194 Many thanks

**CARITAS** Clitheroe £200.68 Sabden £61.13 Many thanks

**Should you wish to Gift Aid your weekly offertory and would like a set of envelopes ring Janet 01200 423307 ext 3 or mention it to Fr John or Fr Frankie**

**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. The coach for the trip to Cheser on Wednesday leaves Clitheroe Interchange at 8.45am prompt. On 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. On Saturday 18th October - Milnthorpe Steel Band - watch newsletter for further info.

**Late Cancellation Chester trip - two seats available - ring Daphne or Janet**

**COFFEE MORNING** The Ladies Group are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 3rd May to raise funds for Maundy Grange. Tickets £1 will be on sale after mass on the weekends of 12/13th & 26/27th April.

**Books will be on sale NEXT Sunday (Palm Sunday) not this Sunday as previously advertised**

**NBCW (NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN)** We are invited to join the first event organised by the newly formed NBCW in Salford Diocese - Saturday 10th May at St Sebastian's Hall, Douglas Green, Salford. This will take the form of a day of reflection on the letter of Pope Francis - 'The Joy of the Gospel'. See details in porch

**CAFOD** Members of the group will be leading the Stations at Sabden on Tuesday 8th April 7.30pm - Following the Way of the Cross with Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

### **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



### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

A list is now available in the church porch of the times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our local Catholic churches.

**LENT TALKS** in our Parish Hall on Saturday mornings at 11am (Coffee/Tea & Biscuits 10.30am). The last talk is next Saturday 12th April, 'On the road to the Cross' with Canon Rodney Nicholson who will explain how his Christian journey is shaped by the Cross of Christ.

**LENTEN VIDEO'S SESSION** will continue next TUESDAY (please note change of evening) night with Fr John at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

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

**CHRISM MASS** We have tickets for the Chrism Mass in Salford Cathedral on Maundy Thursday at 10.30am. Please see one of the priests.

**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

**ROSARY OF THE UNBORN** will be said after Mass/Service each morning this week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** next Friday 4th April will be led by St Mary's Sabden.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** this year will be held at St Paul's Low Moor at 10am followed by a walk of witness behind the cross to the Castle Gates where a short service will be held.

Rota 12/13 April	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	P.Dixon & E.Thomson
Readers	M.Taylforth	C.Morgan
Euch Min	A.Harkin & H.Addy	P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, T.Mercer
Tea/Coffee		Mrs P. D'Souza

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

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 29 D.Bromley

**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 8th April the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm will be led by the CAFOD group.

**CARDS** Easter cards and First Holy Communion cards for sale from the rack in the porch.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** next Friday April 11th at St Michael & St John's will be led by St Mary's Sabden - please come along and support.