

Dear Parishioners,

As you have probably heard, Pope Francis has appointed 61year old Bishop John Arnold, an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Westminster, as Bishop of Salford diocese in succession to Bishop Brain who last December reached the retirement age of 75.

He hails from Sheffield but headed South to study Law at Oxford University before he set his mind on the priesthood. He trained in Rome from where he was ordained Priest in July 1983. He then gained a Doctorate in Canon Law before being appointed to Westminster Cathedral and chaplain to the Westminster Hospital in 1985. A wide variety of appointments followed before his ordination in 2006 as an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.

Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, said of him: "For many years Bishop John Arnold has been a faithful and devoted priest in the Diocese of Westminster. He has served as assistant priest, parish priest, Vicar General and, for the last eight years, Auxiliary Bishop. In all of these roles he has won the admiration and deep esteem of us all. In the name of Westminster Archdiocese, then, I rejoice in his appointment as the next Bishop of Salford, a major responsibility for which he is well suited. We shall miss him. His new Diocese, I know, will welcome him and quickly come to appreciate his many gifts, his profound dedication and his generous spirit."

Bishop Brain has written: "I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you all for the prayers that you have offered for my ministry among you: I have been very conscious of that strength behind me. I am also grateful for the affirmation and collaboration that I have received from the Diocesan family in so many ways: it has been a privilege to serve you all. I recognise that I did not always get it right and at times some of you were frustrated by my decisions but I pray God that, together, we have done some great things for Him and that we are in good heart to go forward on the journey of faith with Bishop John. So I simply say, thank you, God bless you. And I promise to keep you all in prayer. I have enjoyed being part of this family of God, and the last words I would like to share with you I take from that great and holy Lancashire lass, Alice Ingham: "Isn't God great!"

Bishop John Arnold will be installed as Bishop of Salford on 8th December, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, details of which will be released later.

Fr John

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th October 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 and 7.30pm

Saturday (11th October)

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 followed by Coffee **Wednesday** - No mass today

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MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Christine Blackledge, Marie Joyce McDonald, Special intentions x 2, Anniversary,
Teresa Embery, Peter Tomlinson, Special Intention x 2

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Fr Peter Birmingham, Fr Peter Knowles, Peter Wright, Geraldine Oultram

ANNIVERSARIES

Christine Blackledge, marie Joyce McDonald, Teresa Embery, John Brendan Hillary

October is the month of the rosary. Try the rosary3.com to aid your praying

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £561.23 Sabden £208.02 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks
MILNTHORPE STEEL BAND In our Parish hall on Saturday 18th October at 7.30pm.
 Tickets on sale this weekend and next weekend after Mass or from Daphne 427912,
 Carol 426769 or Janet at the Ipresbytery.

CATHOLIC SINGLES Single, separated, widowed or divorced? See the yellow poster
 in the porch.

CANONISATION OF TWO POPES at St Gabriel's School, Bury 15th October by Cardinal
 Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. See poster in porch.

K.S.C.DANCE Friday 10th October at 7.30pm. Dancing to John Lancaster. Admis-
 sion £7 including Hot supper.

FOODBANK is well stocked with food but now needs Nappies sizes 5 & 6

DAY FOR CATECHISTS Next Saturday 11th October - see notice board

WEBSITE TRAINING Please meet Wednesday at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

99 GROUP Please meet Thursday at 8pm in the presbytery.

'THE EDGE' The faith and fun evenings for yr6 and yr7 (10-12yrs) - Edge Nights -
 have started up again at St Mary's Hall, York Lane, Langho, from 6.30pm-8pm. These
 evenings are designed to be a fun, interactive and faith-filled experience for our young
 people. The remaining evenings will run on the 8th, 15th and 22nd October. Young
 people attending just need a consent form filled in by a parent or guardian. Please see
 Fr Frankie for more details. **H.C.P.T WALK Today** - Sunday October 5th. The 8 mile
 walk will start from church at 1.30pm. Anyone requiring warm drinks please bring their
 own flasks, which can be transported for them.

WANTED Bags, Bangles, Beads and belts to raise money for Action for Charity to help
 fight Breast, Cervical and Ovarian Cancer. See poster or contact Anne Geldard 01200
 424127

CLITHEROE

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

CHILDREN'S CATECHISTS Please meet Monday at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

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

AUTUMN RAFFLE Tickets are now on sale for our Autumn Raffle which will take
 place at our Autumn Fair on Saturday October 18th. We have some wonderful prizes
 1st - a Mini iPad, 2nd - £100 Food Hamper, 3rd - £50 M & S Vouchers plus lots more.
 Tickets are £1. All organisations in the parish have been given tickets to sell and they
 are also on sale from the Parish Office. Donations of prizes are still being accepted -
 please leave at presbytery.

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting tomorrow Mon 6th October 7.30pm in presbytery



RCIA This year's RCIA meetings are on
 Thursdays at 8pm in the
 presbytery large meeting room with
 the opportunity to meet over a little
 cheese and wine with some of those who
 have attended in the past.

*A list of notable dates for
 2015 has been put up in
 the church porch. This
 list will be amended on a
 regular basis*

CLITHEROE JOB CENTRE I'm sure you will have read reports in the local press
 regarding the proposed closure of the Job Centre here in Clitheroe. A postcard opo-
 sposing the closure has been produced by Clitheroe Churches in Partnership is being
 distributed to parishioners today by all the Clitheroe Churches. This gives you the
 opportunity to sign it to express your opposition to the closure. You are not asked to
 post the cards, just hand them back to the people collecting them up in the porch
 after mass.

Oct 11/12	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	A.Harkin	D.Marsden & J.Byrne
Readers	C.McGuire	P.Lambert
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee		Mrs P D'Souza

WANTED Still or our Autumn Fair Sat-
 urday 18th October - Tombola Prizes
 for Ladies Group Mystery Tombola,
 Chocolates for S.V.P.Chocolate Tom-
 bola, Soft Toys (in good condition) for
 Soft Toy Tombola, Home made cakes,
 pickles, jams etc for Cake Stall, prizes
 for K.S.C.Tombola, Second hand/new
 Jewellery, Mug Tombola, Tattoos,
 Plants or Floral decorations, Sweets,
 Toys and Children's books in good
 condition, small gifts/unwanted pre-
 sents for our Mystery Tombola.

TOILETS to avoid distracting the con-
 gregation during mass, if you wish to
 use the toilets please exit the church by
 the main door.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No
 15 S.Brown

ST MARY'S HALL Friday October 24th

Family Games Night from 7pm. Free entry, 50p to take part in each game i.e. pool,
 darts etc. **Friday November 14th** Motown Night from 8pm with bar. Admission £5.

HALL COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 7th October at 7.30pm

COFFEE AFTER MASS there is a list on the notice board of dates for this. If you
 would like to volunteer just add your name where convenient. Some more volunteers
 would be great

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Sabden Christmas Lights switch on Sunday December
 7th 6.30pm.

THANKYOU for the donation of £50 from the Mini Music Festival, 'Cauldron Calling'
 'held in Sabden on August Bank Holiday.

**Our weekly newsletter is posted each week on the parish website, where you can
 find past newsletters and much more info about parish organisations and events**

YOUTH CHOIR

Enjoy singing? We want to hear you!

Our parish is starting its very own 'Youth
 Choir' where we will sing and lead the
 congregation, once a month, at the
 9:30am Sunday mass. A practice will be
 held on the Thursday prior to the Sun-
 day, 6pm - 7pm, where you will chose
 and learn new, modern hymns!

The 'Youth Choir' is open to everyone
 from Yr 5 upwards and we're particularly
 keen to encourage our teenagers!

If you'd like to join us or just want some
 further information please do not hesi-
 tate to contact GERALYN LAMBERT 07919
 151408 or Sam Smith 07778 415366 or
 speak with Fr. John or Fr. Frankie.