

Dear Parishioners

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus didn't carry money in his purse. So, when asked a question about paying taxes to the occupying Romans he asked to see the coin with which the tax was paid. He knew it would be a Roman coin! A clever move. But of interest today, World Mission Sunday, is the detail that Jesus was empty-handed as he preached his message to the Jews. So, he commanded his disciples to go out to the whole world and rely on the generosity of others, just as missionaries today leave everything to go and share their faith, often with people living in poverty. Today we are asked to remember missionaries in our prayers and to support them by giving to the retiring collection.

Last week our First Communion children began their preparation which will help them over the coming months to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Today they and their parents publically commit themselves to this programme that will lead them through First Reconciliation (Confession), Confirmation and on to First Holy Communion. Please remember them and their parents in your prayers.

You may notice in the procession to the altar that we have what appears to be a new and rather splendid Book of the Gospels. In fact, it is the old one that was beginning to fall apart but now has been beautifully restored and rebound at the expense of an anonymous donor.

In the recent Parish Forum it was decided that families be invited to take up the offertory gifts at Sunday Mass. So, if you and your family are invited to present the gifts then please don't be shy.

Also at Forum Barbara Mason introduced a five day Parish Mission to help us prepare for Advent. Beginning on the feast of Christ the King, Sunday 23rd November, it will run each evening from 7.30 to 9pm until Friday. Please do consider joining us and pencil the dates in your diary. Full details will be published later.

I gather that quite a number of parishioners wrote objecting to a proposed generic chaplaincy service in NHS hospitals. The replies received may not have directly addressed the writers concerns but show that they have been noted. Such letters do matter.

The war memorial in St Michael & John's is to be renovated by Peter White and two names will be added: Edward Snape from WWI and David Moon killed in Northern Ireland in 1972. RIP **Fr John**

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th October 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Monday

Mass at 7.30pm

Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday (25th 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 - Mass at 9.15am

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Masses received this week

Deceased Calvert & Rukin families, Private Intention, Special Intention, Bill Foulker, Martina Mashiter, Bira Murtagh, Jacqueline & Eric Cowell, Special Intention

Sick

Fr Peter Birmingham, Fr Peter Knowles, Peter Wright, Marjorie Webster, John Lofthouse, Les Neary

Lately Dead - Bira Murtagh

Anniversaries

Martina Mashiter, Bill Foulker, Jacqueline & Eric Cowell

This weekend there will be a collection at all masses for World Mission Sunday

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £714.02 Sabden £170.54 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks
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



RCIA This year's RCIA meetings are on Thursday evenings 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.

son. If you are interested in being this person please contact Maureen 443499. We will be having a stall at Hurst Green Memorial Hall next Sunday 26th October from 9am - 4pm. Refreshments are available all. Day. On Saturday 8th November a Memorial Mass will be held in St Mary's Church, Denton Manchester at 12noon. See poster in porch

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Prayer Vigils for religious freedom. See poster

TRAFFIC JAM with the Garage Band, Clitheroe Ukulele Band and Nyima Murry in our Parish Hall on Friday 31st October at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 including bacon buttie supper. Proceeds to the Medaille Trust, a Catholic charity which provides safe houses for people rescued from human trafficking. Tickets available after masses on 18/19 and 25/26 or they are available from Jim 01254 822223, Anthony 01200 422811 or Janet at the presbytery.

H.C.P.T. a big thankyou to all who walked in the sponsored walk a couple of weeks ago. Could sponsors now fulfil their promises by putting money in a marked envelope on collection plate. Thank you

FINANCE COMMITTEE please meet Tuesday 7.30pm in the presbytery

CLITHEROE

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

THE EDGE The faith and fun evenings for yr6 & yr 7 (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 last of of these is next Wednesday on 22nd October. Young people attending just need a consent form filled in by a parent or guardian. Please see Fr Frankie for more details.

FOODBANK is well stocked with food but needs Baby food and Soya milk

CAFOD Thank you for a further £90 from the Harvest Fast Day envelopes making a total of £526.56. Due to retirement at the end of this year the parish CAFOD group requires a new Chairper-

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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 Sunday, 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 hesitate to contact GERALYN Lambert 07919 151408 or Sam Smith 07778 415366 or speak with Fr. John or Fr. Frankie.

| Oct 25/26 | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Welcomers | J.Bentley | B.Barker & C.Riley |
| Readers | C.Astin | M.Donnely |
| Eucharistic Ministers | A.Southworth & B.Taylor | P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, T.Mercer |
| Tea & Coffee | | Embery family |

LADIES GROUP - Our next outing to Little Moreton Hall is this coming Wednesday 22nd October leaves Clitheroe interchange at 8.30am. Unfortunately they cannot accommodate us for refreshments when we arrive, so it has been suggested that should you want a drink (there will not be an opportunity to buy one until after the tour), that we take a flask. Sorry if this has caused any inconvenience. By the way we have had some cancellations and there are now three vacant places.

WANTED Bags, Bangles, Beads and belts to raise money for Action for Charity to help fight Breast, Cervical and Ovarian Cancer. See poster

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

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

AUTUMN FAIR Thank you to all those who helped in any way with this event on Saturday. The final total of how much was raised will be in next weeks newsletter. The Bucket Raffle was won by Yellow ticket 253 and is for £83. Please collect your prize from the presbytery. You can find a list of Raffle winners in the church porch. If you have a winning ticket then please collect your prize from the presbytery sometime next week. The winner of 'Name the Teddy' was 'Abigail' and was won by Arnold Marsden, the second one was 'Daniel' and was won by Florence, and the third 'Gerard' was won by Francis Monaghan. All these teddies have been claimed
CARITAS Caritas Salford is very grateful to all those who bought raffle tickets for the Annual draw.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 18 The Grimshaw family

COFFEE MORNING Thanks to all who supported the coffee morning last week. The grand sum of £246.50 was raised. We have now been able to complete the purchase of the new crib figures. This should create a truly new look Christmas crib. Thank you. There are some unclaimed raffle prizes so please check the notice board then claim from Sacristy after mass.

RED BOXES Now that Jane Davies has returned she will resume duties as Red Box secretary for St Mary's. Please bring your red boxes to church next Sunday for her to empty

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. **Please note this event has been cancelled**

ST MARY'S HALL Friday November 14th Motown Night from 8pm with bar. Admission £5.

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