

## Dear Parishioners

I must first thank parishioners and both our primary schools for the Spiritual Bouquet and the many cards, cakes, gifts and well wishes you so generously gave me on Sunday (the actual day!) for my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. What a great surprise it was and never before have I received so many and such huge birthday cards! It was a most affirming experience and I am grateful to you all.

In response to the emergency appeal to help fight the dreadful Ebola epidemic that is raging through some West African counties and to prevent its further spread, there will be a retiring collection for those who wish to contribute to CAFOD's work in the area.

Next Sunday is Remembrance Day and so, as last year, Mass will be delayed for half an hour in Sabden to allow parishioners to join the local community for a short Remembrance service at the village cenotaph. Mass will begin at 11.30am

With the centenary of WWI in mind, Peter and Susan White spent two days restoring the war memorial chapel in St Michael and St John's. The panelling has been cleaned, re-gilded where necessary, polished, and the two missing names of Pte E Snape and L'cpl D Moon have been added to the memorial Roll of Honour. In addition the icon of La Madonna della Strada (Our Lady of the Way) was cleaned and re-gilded.

At 7.30pm on Tuesday there will be an interfaith meeting in the Presbytery during which we will not be talking theology nor, for that matter, politics! This will be, hopefully, the first of a number of gatherings where folk from the various Churches in Clitheroe meet with members of the Muslim community to talk about life and so come to know each other a little better. We begin on Tuesday by discussing the various customs and religious rituals that surround birth and the new-born in our communities. Surely, everyone is an expert on that? The meeting will end by 9pm. Then in future gatherings we'll look at childhood, adolescence, marriage, old age, and plenty more before arriving at death and burial. So do come along. If we are too many for the Presbytery (which I doubt) we'll move to the parish centre.

Finally, again this weekend and after both Masses in Clitheroe Ann Harkin our parish's Safeguarding Representative will be on hand to answer questions and deal with any other matters regarding safeguarding. Eucharistic Ministers who depart church immediately with Holy Communion may leave name and telephone number and Ann will contact them later.

**Fr John**

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## All Saints - 2nd November 2014 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

### Monday

Mass at 7.30pm

### Tuesday

Mass at 9am  
10.30am Funeral Service Kevin Wilkinson

### Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

### Saturday (8th November)

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

**Sunday 9th November** (Remembrance Sunday) Mass at 11.30am

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### Masses received this week

Giuseppe Lopresti, Joan Worden, George Walmsley, Eric Preedy, Alice Parkinson

### Sick

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

### Lately Dead

Kevin Wilkinson, Jack Haythornthwaite

### Anniversaries

Giuseppe Lopresti, Eric Preedy, Alice Parkinson

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £714.17 Sabden £159.15 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks  
**CATHOLIC SINGLES** Single, separated, widowed or divorced? See the yellow poster in the porch.

**H.C.P.T.** a big thankyou to all who walked in the sponsored walk some weeks

**RCIA** This year's RCIA meetings are on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the presbytery large meeting room with the opportunity to meet with some of those who have attended in the past.



ago. Could sponsors now fulfil their promises by putting money in a marked envelope on collection plate. Thank you

**PANTOMIME** we are hoping to arrange a trip to a Pantomime - Snow

White at the Guildhall in Preston, starring Jimmy Cricket, on Friday evening, 19th December. The cost is £19 per person (same price for children) which includes the ticket and cost of the coach. If interested please ring Daphne 427912 or Janet at the Presbytery 423307 or by putting their names on the list at the back of church by Monday November 17th.

**CHRISTIAN AID** Coffee morning at the United Reformed Church, Clitheroe on Saturday 29th November 10am - noon - Cake and Fairtrade stalls.

**FAR MORE GRACE THAN ME**—a First World War story following the lives of three teenagers from The Forest of Bowland through WW1 and over to America's Rocky Mountains. Sunday 9th November at Chipping Memorial Hall. See poster

**AUTUMN FAIR** We have a grey plastic laundry basket in which someone brought plants to sell at our Autumn Fair. Please collect from presbytery.

**OLD GREGORIAN'S** Annual Mass for former pupils—see poster in porch

## **CLITHEROE**

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** Christmas Cards will be on sale on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November (normally the time of our Christmas Fayre), after mass in the side porch (just before the sacristy door). We have a good selection of both cards and small inexpensive Christmas Gifts as well as Advent Calendars. They will be on sale at Sabden at a date to be arranged.

**JOY TO THE WORLD** rehearsals for the annual concert on 14th December will begin on at Trinity Church Hall on Sunday 23rd November at 2.30pm and

**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.

## **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 choose 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.

Nov 8/9	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	P.Dixon & E.Thomson
Readers	C.Mixham	J.Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	G.Lambert, C.Leeming, A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee		P & A Geldard & T.O'Donnell

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

**CAFOD** There will be a meeting of the group on Tuesday 11th November at 10am in the presbytery.

**LADIES GROUP** - Our next trip is to **Chatsworth House** on Wednesday 10th December. The cost is £23 which includes the entrance, coach and drivers tip. Could those who have booked pay as soon as possible, the deadline for payment is Monday 17th November. We have 5 vacant places on this trip—please see either Daphne 427912 or Janet at the presbytery 423307

**FESTIVE FAIRTRADE MARKET** will be held on Saturday 15th November at The Grand, York Street, with stalls offering a wide selection of gifts and featuring Carol singing by local school choirs. Refreshments will also be available. See poster

**CHRISTMAS MINUS ONE** - remembering loved ones at Christmas, Sunday December 7th at St James. See poster in porch or [christmasminusone@gmail.com](mailto:christmasminusone@gmail.com)

**LISTENING EAR** a drop-in Coffee Bar is proposed at Clitheroe Community Church on Friday mornings. There is an information morning at the King's Centre, Millthorne Ave on Friday 21 November 10am. More info from Mark Woodward 444148

**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**

## **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No3 - S.Asplin

**PANTOMIME** December 19th—see opposite page. If you would like to go please put your name on the list provided at the back of church.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** is on Saturday 6th December from 2pm—4pm. Father Christmas will be there 2pm—3pm. We need donations of things to sell, particularly bottles and homemade cakes. There will also be a pot stall and a toy stall. Bags will be available after Mass today for donations. There is a list in the porch for people requiring Christmas wreaths.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**, Advent Calendars etc will be on sale on a date to be arranged

**GRAND DRAW** This years Grand Draw tickets are now available again after mass. If each family buys one book and sells one book that would be great. The first prize this year is a luxury break for 2. Please try and sell as many as you can. There will be lists in the porch from today for donations for draw prizes and volunteers for stalls. Please help if you can.

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

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