

Dear Parishioners

Please remember in your prayers Bishop John Arnold who tomorrow, Monday 8th December, will be installed the eleventh Bishop of Salford.



Bishop John was born in Sheffield in 1953, schooled in the Midlands and after reading Law at Oxford for a short time practiced as Barrister in London before deciding that his vocation lay in the priesthood.

He was ordained for Westminster Archdiocese in 1983 where he served as a hospital chaplain and on the staff of Westminster Cathedral before being appointed Parish priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George in Enfield. After 8 years he returned to Westminster to take up the reigns as Chancellor and Vicar General before being ordained an auxiliary bishop in 2006.

So he comes to us with a wealth of experience and ready to face the many challenges that the decreasing number of diocesan clergy and demographic changes present.

We wish him many years in the service of the Lord and assure him of our prayerful support in this new calling.

Fr John

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Second Sunday of Advent - 7th December 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 9.15am & 7.30pm

Saturday (13th December))

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 **Wednesday**—please note—Mass at 9.30am

MASSSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Teresa & Clifford Parsons, Maud Nugent, Kenneth & Janet Barlow,
Florence Buggie, Seamus Drain

SICK

Fr Peter Birmingham, Fr Peter Knowles, Peter Wright, John Lofthouse, Seamus Drain
Joan Chew, Theresa Smith, Luke Cuddigan, Reginald Leeming, Joseph Bradley

LATELY DEAD

Keith Rhodes

ANNIVERSARIES

Betty Haslam, Fr Francis Hannan SJ, Kenneth & Janet Barlow,
Teresa & Clifford Parsons, Florence Buggie, Julia Tresnan

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £839.73 Sabden £161.76 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks

S.V.P. Clitheroe £635.80 Sabden £64.80

CATHOLIC SINGLES Single, separated, widowed or divorced? See yellow poster

R.C.I.A. Meetings continue on Thursday evenings 8pm in the presbytery.

ANN HARKIN(Safe Guarding Rep) will be available at the following times: Saturday 29th Nov & 6th Dec 5.30pm SMSJ and 21st Dec at 12noon St Mary's, Sabden. She may also be contacted at anhark456@aol.com to arrange a meeting at another time.

MEDAILLE TRUST The latest edition (the Catholic Charity that provides safe houses for victims of human trafficking) now available in the church porch. Please take one.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CAROL SERVICE Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December at 7pm. Proceeds from the concert will go to CAFOD in support of the Sebeya project. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be served after the service.

JESUITS & FRIENDS Winter edition now free from church porches

CLITHEROE

URGENT We urgently require volunteers to join our depleting band of church cleaners, who spend an hour every Monday cleaning the church and the toilets. Please consider this appeal—one hour only. Fr John

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

LADIES GROUP - Chatsworth House trip Wednesday 10th December leaves Clitheroe Interchange at 8.30am prompt.

CHRISTMAS MEAL Friday 23rd January at the Newdrop—3 course meal £21 Menu's are available from the porch. Please return with money with menu choice to either Janet or Daphne by Thursday 18th December

JOY TO THE WORLD 2014 Ribble Valley Choir and orchestra, local actors and dancers are rehearsing hard for a celebration of Christmas and to recall events of 2014 at a special concert called Joy to the World 2014 to be held at St James' Church Clitheroe on Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm. The event is free to attend, includes carols for everyone to sing, and everyone will be treated to mince pies and hot drink after the event at around 7.45pm. The event is being organised by Clitheroe Christians in Partnership. Please support this event and bring your family and friends.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY K.S.C.Annual Quiz—Monday 29 December

COMEDY AND CAROLS On Tues 9th December at 7pm, here at St Michaels and St John's Church. We are hosting an evening of 'Comedy and Carols' which will be recorded by BBC Radio Lancashire and will air throughout the month of December. This will be a night of laughter, carol singing and reflecting on the Christmas story. The evening will feature 4 hilarious comedians - the comedy legend that is Jimmy Cricket, radio Lancashire's own funny man Steve Royle, and the very funny Tony Vino and John Cooper as 'Danny Pensive.' It will be interspersed with carol singing that will be led by the Church band plus readings on the Nativity and a couple of "Pause for Thought's" on the real meaning of Christmas. This is not a ticketed event - admission is free but it is a first come first served basis for places. Please especially extend the invitation to friends and family who aren't church goers but may be interested in the event as they love comedy and love carols. And please join us for what promises to be a special night. Please arrive early to get a seat!

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass/Service each morning this week. Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pray for us

ECUMENICAL SERVICES Please see the poster in porch listing what's going on at various churches during December.

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Monday 8th December 7.30pm in the presbytery. We would like to thank all parishioners for supporting our various charity functions. We are happy to donate the £360 needed for the training of seminarians in India.

CHRISTMAS CARDS Christmas Cards, etc are on sale at the back of church.

ADVENT LUNCHESES at The United Reformed Church each Tuesday throughout Advent. See poster in porch

ST HUBERTS DUNSOP BRIDGE Fr Chaloner from St Hubert's Dunsop Bridge would like to thank all who bought or sold Raffle tickets. List of winners in porch—all winners have been informed.

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERIES Help is needed to deliver Christmas Cards to our parishioners in Clitheroe. If you would be willing to help please ring Janet and let her know. Your help is always very much appreciated. It is hoped that they can start being delivered during the week 15—19 December.

FLOWER CLUB Whalley & District Flower Club meet in our Parish Hall 11th Dec at 7.30pm—a demonstration entitled 'Christmas Extravaganza' by Zena Stone. Arrangements are raffled at the end of the evening. Admission £6 includes refreshments.

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday—*Welcomer*—J.Luciani, *Reader*—C.Carr *Eucharistic Ministers*—A.Harkin & H.Addy. Sunday *Welcomers*—B.Parkinson & M.Maffia, *Reader*—K.Downes, *Eucharistic Ministers*, G.Lambert, C.Leeming, A.Marsden. *Tea & Coffee*—P.Byrne & family.

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING the meeting is deferred from 9th to 16th December

SABDEN

During Advent from Monday to Saturday the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am—10.30am

BONUS BALL this weeks winner 17 M.Pilling. Two spare bonus ball numbers have become available - £1 per week. See Carol Waterworth

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS switch on at 6.30pm Tonight Sunday December 7th by Fr Frankie—an outdoor service in the centre of the village

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE This year St Mary's is hosting the village Carol coming on Tuesday 16th December at 7pm in church. Come along and support this lovely event. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards. Listen to the Christmas story told in song, poems and readings. Come for a really good sing!

ADVENT REFLECTION—The weeks service will be on Wednesday 10th at 7.30pm due to Comedy & Carols at St Michael & St John's on the Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS VARIETY CONCERT Tickets are on sale after Mass for the Christmas Variety Concert "A Night Before Christmas" - NEXT Friday December 12th 7-30pm, Adults £7.50, children £5, with seasonal refreshments, sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine at the interval. But people should take their own drinks. Show features soprano Grace O'Malley, the Flat Cap Pack, 50 Something Theatre Co, and Sabden's very own a Couple of Swells (Mark and Ben). Tickets also available from Pat Whitwell, Margaret Waling, Jean Haythornthwaite and Margaret Parsons.

CHRISTMAS MARKET at St Mary's on Sunday 14th December 3pm—7pm—all lovely Christmas stalls and refreshments, hot dogs, mince pies etc. Father Christmas will be in his grotto. Free admission. Last year was fabulous and made a lot of money for charity—this year its for church!!