

## Dear Parishioners

"May there never again be wars, but always the desire and commitment to peace and fraternity among peoples," the pope said in his traditional noontime Angelus address on New Year's Day, delivered before a crowd of more than 100,000 gathered in St. Peter's Square. He added: "Prayer is at the root of peace." He also asked Catholics to remain loyal to their Church and honour Mary, the Mother of God.

Fr Frankie and I wish you a happy New Year as we also thank you for the cards and other gifts we received: I have never eaten so many mince pies as this year! Also our thanks go to all who decorated the church and prepared and helped with the ceremonies. I'm sure none will begrudge a special mention of Jane and her team who descended on the church even before Bishop John had left and worked solidly for the following five hours to so splendidly decorate the church and sanctuary. (Perhaps this is the moment to mention that they would welcome new members – no previous experience required!)

Bishop John enjoyed his visit to our outpost of Salford diocese and although time constraints prevented him meeting with the many parishioners who filled St M & J's he was able to join in the hall after Mass with the many who had packed St Marys and enjoy tea and delicious cakes, some of which went home with him in a doggy bag. He now intends to whizz swiftly round the other 157 parishes in similar fashion! He was as impressed with us as we were by him.

Last Sunday evening Mark Paver, while visiting his family over Christmas joined us for a meal and wishes to be remembered to you all.

This year's marriage preparation course begins next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm in the Presbytery. This is compulsory for all who wish to marry here. So, if you know anyone who is thinking of marrying before March 2016 please invite them to contact me or Fr Frankie as soon as possible.

RCIA resumes on Thursday in the Presbytery.

Please also note that the next Parish Forum will be in Sabden on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January. Peter White completed his three year (non-renewable) term as Chairman in November and Mike Bradley was elected to succeed him. We thank Peter for the commitment and enthusiasm that he brought. The secretary may be renewed and Margaret Donnelly was voted for a second term.

Fr John

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## The Epiphany of the Lord - 4th January 2015

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



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

#### Monday & Wednesday

Eucharistic Service 9am

#### Tuesday

Mass at 9.30am

#### Thursday

Funeral Service Betty Byrne 11.30am  
Mass at 7.30pm

#### Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Saturday 10th January

Eucharistic Service 10.45am      Exposition 11am—11.55am  
Reconciliation 11am—11.45am      First Mass of Sunday—6pm

### St Mary's, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday—Mass at 9.30am

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#### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Robert Graham, Margaret McKenna, Terence Nolan

#### SICK

Fr Peter Birmingham, Peter Wright, John Lofthouse,  
Joseph Bradley, Marie Haslam, Maria Middleton,

#### LATELY DEAD

Betty Byrne

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Graham, Terence Nolan, Helen Crompton, John Marsden

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £593.28 Sabden £152.77 S.Orders £170.48

Many thanks

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

**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.

**JESUITS & FRIENDS** Winter edition now free from church porches

**R.C.I.A.** Meetings will re-commence on Thursday 8th January at 8pm in the presbytery.

**TABOR** January—July 2015 programme now available from porch

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Christian Unity Week Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th January—more details next week

### **CLITHEROE**

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



**NEW YEAR  
NEW IDEAS**

Flower & Craft Design  
by Jane Brown

Thursday 8th January  
at 7pm

St Michael & St John's  
Parish Centre

£6 including  
Tea, Coffee & Cake

### **K.S.C.DANCE**

St Michael & St John's  
Parish Hall

**FRIDAY  
16th JANUARY  
7.30pm**

dance to  
**John Lancaster**

Tickets £7 including  
Hot Supper

Tel:  
01200 427029  
or  
01200 427096



**MISSIO (APF RED BOXES)** Mission Calendars for 2015 are now available FREE from the church porch

**2015 DIARIES** are available at the back of church cost £1. Please put money in C.T.S. box on the wall

Jan 10/11	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	C.Willman/Volunteer
Readers	J.Byrne	C.Morgan
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & H.Addy	J.Hall, S.Hall, Volunteer
Tea & Coffee		Mrs P D'Souza

**LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS MEAL** Friday 23rd January at the New-drop—3 course meal £21 Menu's are available from the porch. Please return menu choice and money to either Janet or Daphne as soon as possible. Thankyou

### **ROSARY OF THE UNBORN**

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



**ST PAUL'S, LOW MOOR** On Thursday 22nd January at 7.30pm Rev Mark Pickett (Rector of St James') is to be licenced by The Bishop of Blackburn as Priest in charge of St Paul's, Low Moor. This is an open invitation to all of our parishioners. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

**Beginning Saturday 10th January Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday morning at 12.30pm. The Eucharistic Service will be at 10.45am before Exposition and Reconciliation at 11am.**

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner 49 Mary Miller. Still two spare bonus ball numbers have become available - £1 per week. See Carol Waterworth

**2015 DIARIES** have now arrived and can be found in the porch £1