

Dear Parishioners

Pope Francis said last Sunday that Confession is meant to be a sincere moment of conversion, an occasion to demonstrate trust in God's willingness to forgive his children and to help them back on the path of following Jesus. He then offered this examination of conscience

- ◆ Do I turn to God only when I'm in need?
- ◆ Do I attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation?
- ◆ Do I begin and end the day with prayer?
- ◆ Am I embarrassed to show that I am a Christian?
- ◆ Do I rebel against God's plan?
- ◆ Am I envious, hot-tempered, biased?
- ◆ Am I honest and fair with everyone, or do I fuel the "throwaway culture?"
- ◆ In my marital and family relations, do I uphold morality as taught in the Gospels?
- ◆ Do I honour and respect my parents?
- ◆ Have I refused newly conceived life? Have I snuffed out the gift of life? Have I helped do so?
- ◆ Do I respect the environment?
- ◆ Am I part worldly and part believer?
- ◆ Do I overdo it with eating, drinking, smoking, and amusements?
- ◆ Am I overly concerned about my physical well-being, my possessions?
- ◆ How do I use my time? Am I lazy?
- ◆ Do I want to be served?
- ◆ Do I dream of revenge, hold grudges?
- ◆ Am I meek, humble, and a builder of peace?

He concluded "Whoever says he is without sin is a liar or is blind.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

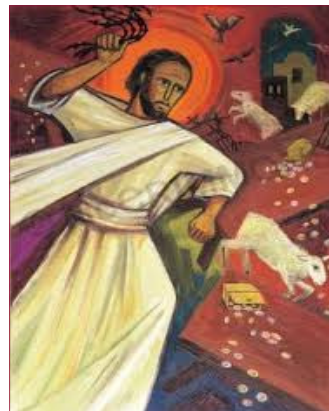
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3rd Sunday of Lent - 8th March 2015 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 7.30am & 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Deanery Station Mass at St Joseph's, Darwen 7.30pm

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9am

Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Saturday (14th March)

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 followed by Coffee

Tuesday—Stations of the Cross 7.30pm **Wednesday**—Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Agnes Nesbitt, Dinny Cowan, Special Intention, Holy Souls x 2, Carol Turner x 4,
Margaret Illingworth, Annie Kerron, Eric Whitehead, Annie Donaghue

SICK

Fr Peter Birmingham, Peter Wright, Joseph Bradley, Marie Haslam,
Maria Middleton, Sr Mary Kelly, Peter and Mary Cumberback, Pat Shepherd

LATELY DEAD

Margaret Illingworth, Agnes Nesbitt, Dinny Cowan, Annie Kerron, Annie Donaghue,
Laurence O'Hagan

ANNIVERSARIES

Carol Turner, Eric Whitehead

OFFERTORY Clitheroe 689.87 Sabden £195.93 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks
CAFOD Lent Fast Day envelopes £1,000.86 plus a cheque for £50 sent directly to CAFOD Thank you most sincerely. Starting Feb 18th (Ash Wednesday) all donations made to CAFOD for a period of 3 months up to May 17th, will receive 'match-funding' from the UK Government. Every £1 that CAFOD raises for Lent, up to £3.5million will be doubled by the Government allowing us to help twice as many people. Help us to make the most of this opportunity by giving generously throughout Lent. There will be a meeting of members on Thursday 12th March at 10am in the presbytery. Would you care to come along too?

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MEETING on Tuesday 10th March at 8pm in the presbytery. for those that have signed up for the Lourdes pilgrimage. Fr Frankie to answer any questions and discuss booking our places. The meeting will take place

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 The Diocese is organising to join the next World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Poland from 24th July to 2nd August 2016. Young people between 16 and 35 years old are welcome! World Youth Day is a unique event with young Catholics from all over the world coming together to celebrate their faith and friendship that could be described as a catholic Glastonbury.....only even more fun. The total cost will be £750 (which includes: Travel, insurance, WYD registration fee, accommodation and meals.) Closing date for registration 31st March 2015. Deposit £50 (limited places available). <http://www.salforddiocese.net/#!/youth/c1s97>

FILIPINO MASS There will be a Mass for the Filipino community in St Mary's Church, Bamber Bridge, at 5pm on Saturday 21 March. For more information, please contact Alaine and Jeanette on 07931 776401

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Tel 0161 941 3498 or visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

PRO-LIFE GROUP will meet on Friday 20th March after the Stations of the Cross (approx 8pm) in the presbytery. If you care about Pro-Life issues come and join us—you will be very welcome.

PARISH FORUM THIS WEDNESDAY AT 7.30pm IN THE HALL

'LIFETEEN NIGHTS' Calling all year 9, 10 & 11 students. From Wednesday 11th March for 4 weeks only! There will be a great event which hails from America called – Lifeteen. An evening to celebrate faith in a fun, exciting and new way with karaoke, games, drama, music, interactive groups by led by John Hesketh and a great team of young people. The nights will take place at St Mary's, Hall, York Lane, Langho, BB6 8DW from 7pm-8.30pm on Wednesdays 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st April. See Fr Frankie for more info or for a consent form if you would like to attend.

S.V.P. MASS OF HEALING Sunday 22nd March. Forms for this Mass are available from the back of church. Please complete and return to the box by Tuesday 17th March so that we can make transport arrangements and have an idea of numbers for seating and refreshments

WANTED Home-baked cakes for reception after the Mass of Healing Sunday 25 March. Cakes may be taken to our Parish hall between 10.30am and 11am on the day.

SAFEGUARDING If there are any outstanding forms/ID's etc for the Disclosure Application Ann Harkin will be at the parish Forum this coming Wednesday 11th March and most Saturday nights at the 6pm Mass and also at Clitheroe and Sabden for the morning Masses on Sunday 22nd March. If there are any 'missing' details on forms which have already been submitted will be followed up directly with the applicant.

JUSTICE & PEACE Archbishop Romero (officially declared a martyr by the Vatican 3rd February) Anniversary talk—Saturday 14th March at Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre, Barden Lane, Burnley. See poster in porch

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting tomorrow Monday at 7.30pm in the presbytery

March 14/15	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	B.Barker & C.Riley
Readers	A.McGuire	P.Sutcliffe
Eucharistic Ministers	Volunteers	A.Marsden, P.Sutcliffe, Volunteer
Tea and Coffee		P.Byrne & Family

CLITHEROE

CARITAS Vacancy for Assistant cook—see poster in porch

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 10th March 7.30pm in the presbytery.

FOOD BANK the Food Bank urgently requires volunteers for the street collection in Clitheroe on 21 March. Anyone who is able to do this for an hour or two please email info@ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk or tel 07849 534431 after Tuesday 10 March.

SOCIAL CENTRE Memberships are now due—see list in porch for more details. This year, in an effort to circulate more information to members a database of members is being set up so that we can let you know what is going on—special occasions, promotions etc. This means when you pay your membership you will be asked for your email address. These emails will be secure and not passed on to any third party.

GREAT CLITHEROE CEILIDH Saturday 14th March in our Parish Hall. £15—see poster in porch for more details

EASTER REMEMBRANCE BOOK a remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is being compiled. We are asking for a donation of £3 for a lily, which will decorate the Church at Easter. Money and names will be collected after mass at the table near the greetings cards by Jane Brown (Saturday) and Teresa Mercer (Sunday).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Pupils from St Augustines will lead the Stations next Friday 13th March at 7.30pm.

LENT TALKS NEXT Saturday 14th March in our Parish Hall. The speaker will be Capt Elizabeth Smith of the Clitheroe Salvation Army—'Marching from Lincolnshire to Lancashire via London' Coffee served at 10.30am—talk commences 11am.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner no 43—M.Miller

STATIONS OF THE CROSS this Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm. Come and join in if you can. We hope to follow Mary's way this week.

CAKE SALE Matthew Sharpe has been chosen to swim for the Catholic schools sports federation of Great Britain at the 67th FISEC Games in Malta in July. This is a wonderful achievement and opportunity for him, and we would like to sponsor and support him in this. There will be a special cake sale on NEXT Sunday 15th march (Mother's Day) after mass. All proceeds to Matthew's Malta fund. Please come along and support him.

COFFEE MORNING There will be an Easter Coffee morning on Holy Saturday 4th April from 10am—12noon in St Mary's Hall Sabden. Wear your best bonnet—a prize for best adult and best child. £1 entrance including refreshments. There will also be a Raffle and a Cake stall. A parishioner is donating lots of hats to be sold at this event—so if you are going to a wedding this year and want a bargain then come along, you may find just what you're looking for!