

Dear Parishioners

The pressures that hospital chaplains face have increased immeasurably over the past couple of decades and so the diocese has accepted that it is unreasonable to expect one chaplain to carry the burden of a large modern hospital 24 hours a day over 6 days a week. So chaplaincy services to Blackburn hospital are to be supplied by a team of two priests who, while also serving the parishes of Holy Family Blackburn and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Longshaw, will separately work fulltime (24 hour cover) in the hospital for 3 days each week. The remaining 24 hours will be covered by a rota priests in nearby parishes. Fr Ged Barry, the parish priest of Holy Family and Our Lady's will be the lead chaplain and his assistant both in the hospital and parish will be Fr Frankie. So Fr Frank is on transfer and will celebrate all Masses next weekend 18 & 19th April before taking up his new post the following week.

That same weekend I will celebrate Mass in St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge to begin the process of growing the two parishes together. Mgr John Chaloner will continue to live in the Dunsop Presbytery and though retired will celebrate one Mass on Sunday mornings.

As you know Fr Frankie was appointed here for three years with a view to him then completing his 'apprenticeship' with a two year appointment in a city parish. That three year term has proved to be a little less than two but during this comparatively short time he has used his many talents to the benefit of both the parish and our primary and secondary schools. Christmas homilies will never be the same again! By happy coincidence the next Forum is scheduled for a week on Wednesday, 22nd April, at which we shall discuss how we may show our appreciation and arrange a suitable farewell for him.

Fr Joe Gee is to replace Fr Frankie. Fr Gee is three years ordained and prior to that he spent many years teaching physics and science; his life giving the lie to the claim that science and religion are incompatible! He is a Manchester man whose family lived in Mount Carmel parish Blackley where I was first appointed after ordination in 1969. So, you might say we both go back a long way – though he was only a babe in arms at the time! He will take up his appointment at the beginning of May.

Fr John

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2nd Sunday of Easter - 12th April 2015

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

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Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9am

Saturday 18th April

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

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

Private Intention, Holy Souls x 2, Elizabeth Booth, Eileen Barlow, Albert Blockeel

SICK

Arnold Marsden jnr, Fr Peter Birmingham, Peter Wright, Joseph Bradley,
Marie Haslam, Fr Michael Dunn, Maria Middleton, Mai Duggan, Elizabeth Booth.

LATELY DEAD

Eileen Barlow

ANNIVERSARIES

Albert Blockeel

Interfaith Friendship Group meet at The Friends Meeting House, Sawley at 8pm

R.C.I.A. resumes Thursday at 8pm

CCP meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm Wesley Room—Trinity Methodist

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £1392.80 Sabden £285.98 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks

S.V.P. Clitheroe £627.27 Sabden £87.56 Many thanks

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, or visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

SUPPORT OF IRAQI CHRISTIANS an overnight vigil will be held 18/19 April in The Holy Name Church, Oxford Rd, Manchester.

SVP FESTIVAL MASS at Thornleigh College, Bolton today Sunday 12th April at 2pm. Bishop John Arnold to celebrate. All are welcome.

SOCIAL WORK OPEN DAY at Cathedral Centre tomorrow Monday 13th April. Come along and find out all about our social works services and vacant positions. See poster in porch

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2015/16 commence this weekend—still some awaiting collection—please pick up from the table just before you enter the sacristy. Please remember that if your number falls between 1 and 170 it denotes to us that you pay tax. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax please let Janet know—IT IS IMPORTANT. Thankyou

NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK CONFERENCE on The Things that Make for Peace'. For details see notice board.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF SALFORD are currently recruiting qualified social workers to its School Social Work, Adoption Support and Fostering teams. For further information and details of our Open Day please see www.caritassalford.org.uk/jobs or call 0161 817 2250

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Today Sunday 12th April at St Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn. Starts at 2pm with Eucharistic Adoration followed by Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3pm prayer, Blessing and Procession of the Divine Mercy Image ending with mass at 3.15pm.

GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS arranged by Clitheroe Christians in Partnership will take place on Friday 1st May at 7.30pm in the newly refurbished Trinity Methodist Church. Questions will be put to the six candidates on the following—*Health—Poverty/inequality—The Economy—Housing—Environment—Defence/foreign affairs—Immigration*. Questions welcomed from local people on any of the above topics. Please email Nigel Rix (Chairman of CCP) at nigelrix@btinternet.com with the heading 'Questions for Candidates' or phone 01200 447057. Questions must be received with name and telephone number by 5pm Friday 24 April. The authors of selected questions will be invited to put their question to the candidates at the Hustings.

PRO-LIFE DAY Saturday 25th April in St Michael & St John's, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am. Special Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon during which the names of children who have died at an early age or before birth will be processed in the offertory procession. Please use the slips of paper provided at the back of the church to the names of any children who have died and place them in the basket inside the War Memorial rail. Exposition will close at 5.45pm. There is a watching list at the back of church for you to sign. Watchers are required throughout the day for half an hour at a time.

MEDAILLE TRUST The Easter edition of the magazine for the Medaille Trust (the Catholic Charity that provides safe houses for victims of human trafficking) is now available in the church porch. These magazines are free of charge. Please take one to raise awareness on what the Catholic Church is doing to tackle human trafficking in this country.

THE A CAPELLA SINGERS are presenting a concert of light hearted music at St James' Church on Sunday afternoon 19 April at 2.30pm followed by refreshments. Tickets £5 (free for under 12's) available from Nick Schumann 01200 423608 or nick@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk. Proceeds will be donated to the Castlegate Project which provides a secure home to local young adults 16-25 who have become homeless.

CLITHEROE

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.

LADIES GROUP Committee mtg tomorrow Mon 13th April 7.30pm in presbytery.

K.S.C. Council meeting Tuesday 14th April 7.30pm in the presbytery.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY St Michael & St John's, Primary School Summer Bash will be on Saturday 20th June. Live music from 'Kickstart' Cost £25. See poster in porch

Apr 18/19	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Bentley	M.Swales & T.O'Donnell
Readers	V.Murray	C.Morgan
Eiucharistic Ministers	A.Southworth	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, P.Donnely
Tea and Coffee		M.Geddes, E.Curphey, P.Holgate

LADIES GROUP COFFEE MORNING on April 25th at the Ribble Valley Mayor's Parlour from 10am—12noon. Tickets £1 will be on sale this weekend and next weekend after Mass. All proceeds together with proceeds from the Rossendale Male Voice Choir in November will be donated to the Ribble Valley Foodbank. We would be very grateful for any unwanted gifts or cakes for our stalls.

LOVE CLITHEROE Come and join us in prayer for our town, our country, our world and our families at the Salvation Army on Tuesday's at 11.30am. Everyone welcome. Please pick up a copy of 'Love Clitheroe' Newsletter from the porch

HELP! HELP! This year Christian Aid week is 10-16 May. If you have helped in previous years and would be willing to help this year please see Janet or ring her. Your help would be very much appreciated.

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 no 43—Mary Miller

CAR BOOT SALE St Mary's is holding a Car Boot and Table Top Sale in the Hall on Saturday 16th May 10am—3pm. If anyone would like to book a Car Boot space or a large table inside for £10 or a small table for £6 please see Pat Whitwell or tel: 01282 774588