

## Dear Parishioners

Those who regularly attend Parish Forum (our Parish Council) will have noticed that attendance has fallen over the past year to eighteen months. A number have told me that it is because meetings are too long: advertised as lasting an hour and a half, they have often stretched to two hours so that by the end, when there is a cup of tea and the chance of an informal chat, everyone wants to get off home. So, starting this Wednesday Forum will begin at the usual time of 7.30pm but will last for one hour only and tea will be served as parishioners arrive. The agenda will include matters arising from the minutes of the previous Forum, appraisal of recent events, only one or two major items for discussion and reports of 3 minutes each will be received from only three parish groups. (Since Forum meets every six weeks all parish groups will have the floor every few months)

The two major items this week will be a discussion of Fr Frankie's departure and his testimonial and farewell event. The other item will be the future of the Parish Draw. The recommendations of the committee that was elected at the last Forum to look into the future of the Draw will be received and discussed.

At this Forum only, in place of three parish group reports we shall discuss this new format for the meeting and amend it if necessary.

As mentioned last Sunday, Fr Frankie will celebrate all Masses this weekend and take up his new post towards the end of the week. Fr Joe Gee will arrive on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

A few dates for your diaries.

Next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm: Latin Benediction.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Confirmations in both Churches at 7.3pm.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May Spring Bank Holiday: the parish hosts the North West sponsored walk in aid of the charity Right to Life. Bishop John Arnold has agreed to join us.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June Corpus Christi: First Holy Communions in both Churches at 11am.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July Weld Day: one Mass for the whole parish will be celebrated on the parish field at 10.30am followed by the parish picnic.

*Fr John*

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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### 3rd Sunday of Easter - 19th April 2015

## St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee

#### Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

#### Saturday 25th April

#### Pro-Life Day of Prayer

9am—12noon—Exposition

11am—11.45am Reconciliation

11.30am—Rosary 12noon—Mass

12.30pm—5.45pm Exposition

6pm—First Mass of Sunday

## 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

Ruby Sealey, Maria Malvern, Kathy Clarkson, Rita Bramwell & family, Bina Murtagh, Holy Father's intentions, Kathleen Bradley, In thanksgiving, Dervla McManus, Catherine & John Soulsby

#### SICK

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

#### LATELY DEAD

Dervla McManus,

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Malvern, Kathleen Bradley, Catherine & John Soulsby

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £635.38 Sabden £144.49 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks  
**CATHOLIC SINGLES** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, or visit the website [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk)  
**NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE** on 12thm, 13th, 14th June at Liverpool Hope University. See poster in porch

**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](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/jobs) or call 0161 817 2250

**S.V.P. VISIT** The SVP conference from Bromley Cross, Bolton will be visiting the Town and Parish on Sunday 26th April. They will bring some housebound and friends. There will be Benediction at 2pm to which all are welcome, followed by refreshments for our visitors in the Social Centre afterwards.

**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](mailto: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 NEXT** 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.

**SAFEGUARDING** May I (Ann Harkin) nudge everyone that when your Disclosure Certificate arrives, please log onto [www.gov.uk/dbs](http://www.gov.uk/dbs) and create an account. You will be asked to enter your Certificate Number (12 digits), your name, date of birth and address. There is **no** charge if you are a volunteer. The benefit to everyone is that you won’t have to fill in any more paperwork (hurrah!) and if you, for instance, move house, the new Parish can confirm your clearance. However, this must be done within **14 days** of receiving the Certificate. If you don’t have access to internet, don’t worry—I’ll try to help.

**MAY DAY 2015** Sunday 3rd May at Schoenstatt Shrine Kearsley, NrBolton, See porch

**BIPOLAR DISORDER** Are you, or someone you know affected by bipolar disorder. Rollercoaster is a support group starting 14th May in Clitheroe—see poster for details

**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.

*Next Sunday there will be a collection after all masses for  
The Ecclesiastical Education Fund*

**THE A CAPELLA SINGERS** are presenting a concert of light hearted music at St James’ Church this afternoon — Sunday 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](mailto:nick@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk). Proceeds will be donated to Castlegate Project which provides a secure home to local young adults 16-25 who have become homeless.

### **CLITHEROE**

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** There are still some Gift Aid envelopes 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

**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.

**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

<b>Apr 25/26</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Welcomers	J.Luciani	J.Clegg & E.Davies
Readers	A.Harkin	J.hennigan
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & R.Embery	P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, T.Mercer
Tea and Coffee		Embery family

**LADIES GROUP COFFEE MORNING** next Saturday April 25th at the Ribble Valley Mayor’s Parlour from 10am—12noon. Tickets £1 will be on sale this 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 which can be left at the presbytery up to 12.30pm on Friday. Thankyou

**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—she needs to know one way or the other within the next fortnight i.e. before 30th April.

**MISSION TODAY** Missio (APF Missions) Spring 2015 magazine now available from porch

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Saturday 23rd May—Jumble Sale

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner no 19— Olive Bromley

**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