

*Dear Parishioners,* Today we welcome Fr Joseph Gee to the parish of Our Lady of the Valley and the beautiful Ribble Vale, wishing him a fruitful ministry and happiness over the coming couple of years. Next week Fr Joe will use this page to introduce himself.

At its last meeting, Parish Forum decided to hold a parish celebration in the Social Centre on the last Sunday of this month, 31<sup>st</sup> May, to acknowledge Fr Frankie and thank him for all he gave during his time with us and wish him well in his new appointment. The evening will begin at 7pm and will include entertainment, a buffet supper and a presentation.

In preparation Susan White is to compile a "memories" photo album for presentation to him. If you have a suitable photograph please hand it in at either Church or email it to [signdesign69@hotmail.com](mailto:signdesign69@hotmail.com) Photos can also be what's apped to 07791854159. Please include a personal caption; it would be nice to have some handwritten ones, perhaps written on the photo itself. Do make the photos as varied as possible: we don't want a book full of Fr Frankie in various poses! The absolute cut-off date for entries is 20th May. It will be difficult to return actual pictures.

Maureen Mercer is to organise a Spiritual Bouquet, so start praying today! Carol and Harry Waterworth are to bake and decorate a special presentation cake and Margaret Donnelly is to arrange a financial collection. The event will be coordinated By Sam Smith, GERALYN Lambert, Susan White and Margaret Donnelly.

You may remember that a committee was appointed by the March Forum to look at the future of the Parish Draw. Their conclusion was that *if it ain't broke then don't mend it!* The two problems the Draw faces is the demise of many wonderful and loyal supporters over the past decade or so and that the annual contribution of £10 hadn't risen over the past 18 years! So, it was decided to recruit new members and increase the annual one off payment to £20. With a membership of only 180 this would realise a monthly prize of £180. Also we require 10 agents to collect the annual fee. Would you like a harmless flutter that would improve the parish finances? Then here is the chance to do so by joining the parish Draw.

Forum also adopted the new structure of future meetings which will begin with tea and biscuits on arrival, a restricted agenda and will last for only one hour.

Finally, we have more of the Bishop Arnold prayer cards which are available in the sacristy

*Fr John*

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

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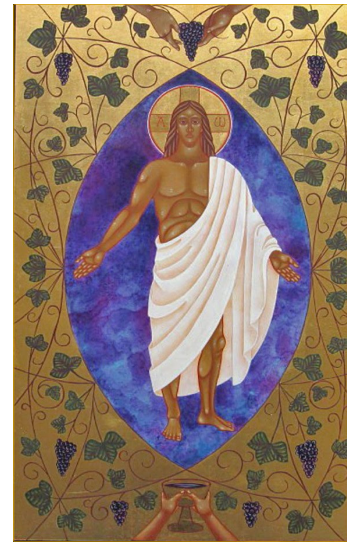
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## 5th Sunday of Easter - 3rd May 2015

### 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 9th May

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

#### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special intentions x 2, Vincent Calegan, Sheila Machouicz

#### SICK

Arnold Marsden jnr, Fr Peter Birmingham,

Maria Middleton, Mary Miller, Jack Middleton, Sheila Machouicz

#### LATELY DEAD

Fay Connolly, Martin Nolan, Vincent Calegan

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £759.71 Sabden £141.70 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks

**BENEDICTION** a collection was made at Benediction—£81.50

**ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND** Clitheroe £525.62 Sabden £113.33 Many thanks

**JESUIT MISSIONS** The quarterly collection amounted to £169.07 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)

**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

**FR FRANKIE** at the Forum last week, to express our thanks to Fr Frankie and support him as he takes up his role in Blackburn, it was decided to hold a Social Evening on May 31st with buffet supper, entertainment and presentation. We agreed that a cheque would be most helpful! Envelopes for your donations will be distributed at all the masses next weekend May 9th/10th and collected the following week, May 16th/17th or handed to Janet at the presbytery. Please make cheques payable to 'Our Lady of the Valley'. More information about the evening nearer the date.

**SAFEGUARDING** I'm currently in the process of chasing up missing details for some people and will contact them directly. If your forms are still outstanding, please get them to me (Ann Harkin) as soon as possible. I normally go to Saturday night Mass. Susan and Peter White are helping me "over the hill" and Fathers John is my unpaid postmen!

**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.

**PAUSE FOR HOPE** An Ecumenical Service for all who have been affected by cancer at some point in their lives. NEXT Sunday 10th May at 3pm at The Holy Name Church, Oxford Road, Manchester with the Bishop of Manchester David Walker and Bishop of Salford John Arnold. See poster in porch

**A DAY WITH DAVID WELLS** Saturday 16th May at St Gabriel's High School, Bury—see poster in porch

**NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE.** It is hoped to hire a mini-bus to the Northern Catholic Conference on Saturday 13th June. There is a list at the back of church for people to indicate if they would like to go and then we can decide whether or not to hire a bus depending on numbers. The cost would be approx £7 return plus a voluntary donation of £10 to the NCC. We would have to leave Clitheroe about 8.30am.

**FORUM MINUTES** minutes of the Parish Forum are now available on-line, and there is also a copy in the porch

**MARCH FOR LIVE UK** will take place in Birmingham on 16th May. Coaches going from St Kentigern's Church Fallowfield and St Margaret's Church Altrincham at 8.30pm. Contact Michael 07810 791032

## CLITHEROE

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

**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

**CHRISTIAN AID** Thankyou to those who have offered help this year. Janet will be in touch with you sometime this coming week. The Christian Aid Coffee Morning will be held at Trinity Methodist church on Saturday 16th May. See poster

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

**CLITHEROE CHRISTIANS IN PARTNERSHIP** Those of you involved in the Foodbank have noticed that some people do not have the basic skills to cook food from scratch and do not understand how to feed themselves or family on a budget. It is proposed a project is set up to serve this need. If you, or anyone you know is interested please come along to an initial meeting on May 14th 7.30pm United Reformed Church or contact Michele Jarmany on 01200 442389 or [michelejarmany@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:michelejarmany@hotmail.co.uk)

May 9/10	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Roberts	B.Parkinson & M.Maffia
Readers	C.Carr	P.Donnely
Eiucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin, H.Addy	G.Lambert, C.Leeming, B.Collinson
Tea and Coffee		P & A Geldard & T.O'Donnell

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Right to Life Annual Walk Bank Holiday Monday 25th May Sponsor forms available next week.

**CAFOD** has launched a £3 million emergency appeal following the devastating earthquake that hit Nepal. Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are now in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. Please be generous in support of this appeal. Donations may be placed into both the collection boxes at the back of church. Kindly consider Gift Aid which provides an additional 25p in the £1 at no extra cost to yourself. Envelopes are beside the collection boxes

**PARISH DRAW** more information in next weeks newsletter

## SABDEN

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner no 47— B.Taylor

**CHRISTIAN AID** St Mary's is hosting the village effort for Christian Aid, with a Coffee-Morning next Sat May 9th from 10 to 12noon. Bring and Buy, tombola, raffle, home-made cakes, jewellery, handbags, scarves, books and cards for sale. £2 Admission included refreshments. Items to sell, cakes, raffle and tombola items are needed as this is the village's big effort for Christian Aid. Please leave them with Damien or Betty at church or with Eileen at 26 Whalley Rd. Christian Aid collection envelopes can be returned at the Coffee morning.

**CAR BOOT SALE** St Mary's is holding a Car Boot/Table Top Sale in the Hall 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. At this event St Mary's is having a general stall for church funds. If anyone has any items to donate please leave them at the back of church or see Pat Whitwell, Margaret Waling, Margaret Parsons of Pauline Hindle. Donations of refreshments will also be welcome.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING** of St Mary's Hall Social Committee is on Wednesday May 6th at 7.30pm to make final arrangements for the car boot/table top sale and discuss future events. If anyone has any ideas for social events/fund-raising will they please see any member of the Social Committee.

**THANKYOU** As many of you will have noticed the last piece of the old astroturf has gone from beside the church. We are now developing this area as a quiet place, as well as an area for taking photographs. The stone circle that will form the centrepiece was generously donated by North West Reclamation. Our grateful thanks to to them. If anyone has any surplus plants or shrubs that they can donate to help complete this job, we would be very grateful. We are also looking for large plant containers. So if you have any of these you would like to pass on we can make good use of them.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION** Janet will be coming over to Sabden after Mass NEXT Sunday 10th May selling cards, rosaries, missals etc after mass