

Dear Parishioners

Due to the high demand for tickets to attend Fr Frankie's farewell celebration both by parishioners and non-parishioners alike, those wishing to bring children and the capacity of the Parish Centre, which is restricted by Law to 200 people, I and the organising committee have had to perform some quick footwork. At the recent Parish Forum which decided to mark Fr Frankie's departure, it was agreed that the event would not be for children (all of whom have attended farewell events organised by our three schools) but for parishioners alone to thank Fr Frankie for his service to them over the past almost two years. (The one exception are the children in the choir) As a result, on Thursday the following message was emailed around the parish and published on the parish notice board.

Fr. Frankie's Social Evening: Because of the very high demand for tickets and to ensure that every ticket is a wanted ticket, Fr. John has decided that we must make a charge of £5 a ticket for the evening. Tickets must be paid for on receipt and will be on sale after all Masses this weekend, 23rd & 24th May. There will also be an opportunity to get tickets on Tues 26th May at the presbytery between 6.15pm and 7.00pm. If by any chance some tickets remain unsold, they will be available after Masses on 30th & 31st May. There will be a full buffet of cooked meats, salads etc. as well as entertainment and a presentation to Fr. Frankie. The evening is not for school aged children other than those providing the entertainment. We regret having to make these changes in arrangements but feel that it is necessary as we may not exceed 200 in the Social Centre at any one time.

Hopefully this measure will ensure that all parishioners who wish to attend will be able to do so and none will be left in the street breaking down the doors!

Please do support tomorrow's sponsored walk. If you cannot walk then please consider baking to provide refreshments for the walkers, many of whom will have travelled a distance to join us.

Fr John

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Pentecost Sunday - 24th May 2015

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Mass at 10am

Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday 30th 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

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MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Margaret Nutter x 2,

SICK

Arnold Marsden jnr, Fr Peter Birmingham, Maria Middleton, Sheila Machouicz, Sally Hickling

LATELY DEAD

Margaret Nutter

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £673.70 Sabden £207.61 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY Clitheroe £109.95 Sabden £36.85

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

CAFOD has launched a £3 million emergency appeal following the devastating earthquake that hit Nepal. Please be generous in support of this appeal. Donations may be placed into both the collection boxes at the back of church. Envelopes are beside the collection boxes and can be put into the collection basket at Mass or left at the presbytery. At Sabden they may be put on the collection plate. Kindly consider Gift Aid which provides an additional 25p in the £1 at no extra cost to yourself.

BISHOP ARNOLD CONNECT 2 CAMBODIA TALK Bishop John has kindly agreed to speak to local CAFOD supporters at St John's, Burnley Saturday 6th June 2.30pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear first hand the value of the support given to CAFOD over many years by our parish.

SAFEGUARDING DBS clearances have begun to come through. A few glitches and some may have been 'claimed' by a different parish. Don't worry it doesn't make any difference the diocese will amend it. Don't forget to register online at www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service and please send me (Ann Harkin) a copy. anark456@aol.com

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.

LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR

Wednesday June 24th. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange at 3.15pm and returning around 10pm. Price £28.50 includes the Coach fare, Three Course meal, Entertainment and tips for drivers and waitresses. Menu's available from porch—Please return menu together with money to the Parish Office or to the next Ladies Group meeting on May 27th

HEAD TEACHER WANTED Our Diocese has recently reviewed the situation at the Sacred Heart Primary School in Blackburn and decided that it should remain within the Trusteeship of the Diocese. The Trustees are looking to appoint and outstanding Head Teacher who is able to embrace the diversity and special nature of this Catholic School. Details on the Diocesan Website and click education vacancies or contact angela.williams@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

LADIES GROUP MEETING Wednesday 27th May at 7.30pm held in St Michael & St John's Fuction Suite. 'An Anthology of Poetry' some local, some humorous, some touching. Speakers are Michael Nearey and Dorothy Mapley £2 inc light refreshments. Don't forget to bring your money and menu choice for the Mystery Tour—see above

On the Bank Holiday tomorrow, our parish will host the North West's sponsored walk for Right to Life. We shall be joined by our Bishop John, Lord David Alton and Fiona Bruce MP among others. The walk begins at 1pm, so please do join us



and if possible get yourself sponsored. Not least it will give you the opportunity to meet with the Bishop along the way and give him an idea of how active our parish is. Still time to sponsor—people will be collecting sponsorship for Fr John and others this weekend.

Please be generous. It would help if all local walkers could bring their own warm drinks (which will be transported by car if they wish), and also park their cars in the Car Park behind the Social Centre

Thankyou

LAY CHAPLAIN There is a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament and St Maria Goretti schools in Preston. See notice in porch

CAFOD celebrated the beatification of Archbishop Romero yesterday, Saturday 23 May. Archbishop Romero's words and actions are at the heart of everything that CAFOD does. He was a brave man, who was inspired by his faith to challenge not just poverty but injustice to give a voice to the voiceless.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND at Pluscarden Abbey, Morayshire, see poster in porch

CLITHEROE

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

MISSION TODAY Missio (APF Missions) Spring 2015 magazine available from porch
PARISH DRAW will commence in September. Cost of a ticket is £20. You will be given a number which will go into the draw which will take place at the end of each month (10 months in total). If you would like a ticket then please fill in one of the blue forms that are available at the back of church with your name, address and telephone number and pop it in the box provided. Even if you have been in the draw before you still need to complete one of the slips.

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN the annual visit will start of 6th June for a month and the children stay with local families. For three of the children it will be their last visit so next year three new children will replace them and therefore there is an opportunity for people to give three loving homes from 2016 onwards. Interested then contact Ken or Jo Robinson on 01200 428859

CHRISTIAN AID Many thanks again to all those parishioners who helped give out and collect Christian Aid envelopes this year. The total takings came to £796.38

May 30/31st	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Bentley	B.Barker & C.Riley
Readers	A.McGuire	Marina Barrett
Eiucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, T.Mercer
Tea and Coffee		C.James & A.Pritchard

WANTED! Home-baked cakes for the reception after the Pro-Life walk tomorrow Monday 25th May. Please bring them to our Parish Hall today Sunday (24th May) or tomorrow by 1.30—2pm.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner no 17 - Michael Pilling

SABDEN CHRISTIAN COUNCIL would like to thank all those who supported the Coffee morning and envelope collection for Christian Aid in St Mary's Hall. It raised the fantastic amount of £885.

CAR BOOT SALE St Mary's Social Committtee which organised last Saturday's Car Boot and Table Top Sale in the hall would like to thank all who helped and came along to buy. Despite the cold weather it was a big success and raised £427.50 for church funds.

GARDEN PARTY 13th June—this will be a good old fashioned fair with stalls, games and a Treasure Island. To make it a success we need your help. We need people to run the stalls (there is a list in the porch for this—please put your names down). There will be a Summer Raffle for which there is a list for people willing to donate prizes. We also need things to sell and tombola prizes—please leave donations in the sacristy—bags will be available after Mass.