

Dear Parishioners

I associate this time of the year with big bills, possibly because in September the invoice arrives for the insurance premium for the coming year's cover. This year it is £10,867.

Why so high? Simply because all our buildings are either listed or in conservation areas and so if they are damaged or destroyed they would need to be replaced as they stand at the moment. But expenses do not end with this particular tab. Adjacent to the Social Centre the boiler house roof has just been replaced at a cost of £2,100. Also, you may have noticed that work has begun on the field below Candlemakers, completing the drainage scheme begun a couple of years ago. This has been agreed at a knockdown price of £800, thanks to voluntary labour and donated materials.

Another cause of concern is the rapidly deteriorating surface of the road between the church and the school. With the school's help the area will be tarmacked during midterm at a cost of something over £4,000. This is a really low price, thanks to Miles Fox who is both providing the labour and the tarmac at cost.

At the beginning of the summer, Salford Diocese's insurers inspected the electrical installations in all parishes to ensure that they comply with the latest regulations, the most recent of which only came into force in July! The improvements we must make are costed by the insurers at £7,400. After putting the work to competitive tender and further negotiation, this figure has been reduced to £4,390! This and all our parish's rebuilding and improvements are done under the supervision of Tony Hargan, a qualified surveyor and parishioner in Sabden whose time and expertise are freely given to the parish, saving thousands of pounds. I can assure you that the money you contribute is cautiously and wisely spent!

This parish resembles the Forth Bridge where maintenance continues the year round. The next job is to hire a cherry picker so that the top of the west gable of the church can be repointed to cure water seepage above the organ loft and to replace roof slates. Does anyone know of a benefactor who could loan us a cherry picker?

We do need to look at parish income which hasn't risen over recent years in contrast to smaller, nearby parishes which receive considerably more returns from Gift Aid than do we. So the Finance Committee has invited Derek Pearce, a Catholic who has advised a number of dioceses, to speak to us about these issues. He will do so this weekend.

Fr John

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28th Sunday in Ordinary time - 11th October 2015

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Eye of the Needle

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 17th October

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

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am **Tuesday**—Mass at 9.30am

Mass in Parish mass Book page 145. Eucharistic Prayer for various needs II p.46 (with own preface).

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Jim McMahon, Marie McDonald, Anthony Powell

SICK

Fr Kevin Kenny, Fr Peter Birmingham, Carol Waterworth, Peter Wright, Brian Precious

LATELY DEAD

Jim McMahon

ANNIVERSARIES

Marie McDonald

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £792.31 Sabden £160.68 Dunsop £410.30 £S/O £170.48

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY collection £574.76. Thankyou for your generosity. The Cafod Group will be having a stall at the Hurst Green Sale on Sunday 25 October in the Memorial Hall 9-4pm. Refreshments available. Come and get a bargain.

SMSJ SCOUT & GUIDE HQ New scout meeting: Tuesdays 7-9pm run by 1st Clitheroe Scouts Troop with St Michael & John's Scout Troop. New scouts and leaders welcome.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Rossendale Male Voice Choir to sing in church Friday 13th November— Proceeds to Food Bank. More details later

SPONSORED WALK Thanks to all who walked or sponsored the HCPT walk. Please get money in as soon as possible.

LADYEWELL ANNOUNCEMENT—a new initiative 'Guild of Ladyewell Shrine'. Membership is open to any baptised Christian striving to live by Gospel values. Registration Fee £5. Leaflets and info available from the church porch.

LECTIO DIVINA You are invited to join Callum on Wednesday evening at 8pm to learn and experience Lectio Divina, a traditional form of prayer dating back to the early years of the church. Please bring a bible with you.

S.V.P. ANNUAL REPORT These are available at the back of church. We are pleased to have welcome 3 new members to the Society. Anyone else interested ring Peter Donnelly 01200 441081

SAFE GUARDING (Ann Harkin) I'll be at all Masses and both Churches this weekend 10/11th October. This will be to catch up with anyone who has any issues with a current application or who is new to a role and needs to start from 'scratch'. If you have any questions or concerns, I am always available by email on anhark456@aol.com

HUMAN TRAFFICKING QUESTION TIME at St Michael & St John's Parish Hall, 7.30pm on October 23rd with Caritas Salford, Lancashire Constabulary, the Medaille Trust, International Justice Mission and David Alton. See poster in porch. Admission free. More info and tickets from Anthony Brown 01200 422811

ELSA HARRIS Chicago gospel performs at the Grand 7.30pm on October 24th.

GEMMA FRANKLAND sponsored sky dive for the Medaille trust on October 24th. Sponsor direct via <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/gemmafrankland1> or Anthony Brown on 01200 422811

CAFOD is the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Guided by the values of compassion, solidarity and hope, we are rooted in the Catholic community. Together, with the help of our volunteers, we put our faith into action to help our sisters and brothers living in extreme poverty to reach their full potential, regardless of religion or culture.

COFFEE AT THE BROWNS Andrew and Jane would like to say a big thankyou to all who helped, sponsored and came to Coffee at the Browns. It was a fab afternoon and raised the grand total of £636 towards the training of a priest in India.

WALSINGHAM England's National Shrine of Our Lady. The annual pilgrimage by the Blackburn Branch of the Walsingham Association will take place Tue 17th to Thur 19th May 2016. Cost £170 per person for Standard Room. Non-returnable deposit £50. To book a place Tel Vincent 01254 209101. A mini-bus will go from Clitheroe, at a low cost, to join the coach in Blackburn and back on return and can pick up at Whalley Bus Station and in Langho on route. To book a seat Tel Maureen 01200 443499

S.V.P. EVENING OF REFLECTION St Charles' Rishton Mass at 7pm Thursday 15th October, followed by light refreshments

*There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for
World Mission Sunday*

CLITHEROE

K.S.C.DANCE that was to have been held next Friday October 16th 7.30pm has now been cancelled.

AUTUMN FAYRE Next Sunday 18th October in our Parish Centre. Stalls include Cakes, Jams & Chutneys, Sweets, Chocolate Tombola, Toys & Books, Jewellery, Wreath/Plant stall, Mug Tombola, Christmas cards/Advent calendars, Mystery Tombola, Proceeds to the re-surfacing of the seriously degraded road between the church and the school. Donations for the stalls would be very much appreciated—please hand in at presbytery. Home made cakes may be brought to the Hall from 8.30am on Sunday morning. Doors open at 10.30 when refreshments will be available including Bacon or Sausage sandwiches. Please note the School Choir will also be singing at this event.

GRAND RAFFLE as part of the Autumn Fayre fund raising event we are holding a Grand Raffle. First Prize £100, 2nd Prize £50, 3rd Bottle Malt Whisky, 4th Digital Photo Frame plus many more. Donations of prizes would be much appreciated. Please bring back your Raffle Ticket counterfoils and money back as soon as possible.

WANTED Jane Brown would like Artificial Flowers for the Autumn Fair.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Jumble Sale November 14th proceeds for Mary's Meals
WANTED Mugs, in good condition for the Mug Tombola at Autumn Fair. These mugs can be filled with goodies (sweets, bath balls, potpourri etc) if you wish. Please contact Grace Fellows 01200 425925 gracefellows@hotmail.com

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MTG Moday 12th October 7.30pm in presbytery

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 13th October 7.30pm in presbytery

K.S.C. JUMBLE SALE will be on Saturday November 14th

PARISH DRAW The first draw has taken place and winners are as follows:
£100 –no 100 V.O'Gorman, £20 -142 P.Drews, £20-115 M.Bradley, £10-84 B.Worden, £10-166 J.Spackman, £10-81 M.Valovin, £10-164 J.Sanderson. Agents please pick up any winnings from Janet either Monday, Thursday or Friday morning at the presbytery.

REFUGEE COLLECTION A great thankyou to all who responded to the appeal for refugees. Sufficient clothing etc has been received and this collection is now closed.

Oct 17/18	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	A & J Marsden
Reader	J.Byrne	J.Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea and Coffee		AUTUMN FAIR

SABDEN

PARISH HALL COMMITTEE There will be a meeting of the committee this coming Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm in the Hall. Forthcoming events Bingo Night—Themed Charity night—Lancashire Night—Watch this space

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 4 J & M Sherwood. There is just one bonus ball left—just £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth. tel 01254 823748

DROP IN FOR COFFEE to St Mary's Community Hall on the last Wednesday of each month 10am—12noon. Free Admission—Tea, Coffee, biscuits, juice, magazines, colouring books for the children. All welcome to pop in for a cuppa.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

RED MISSION BOXES The Red Mission Boxes are now due in for emptying.

RAG RUG WORKSHOP Friday 6th November in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall 1pm-4pm. All materials provided but please bring scissors and pinking scissors. For further info and booking please contact Jean Parkinson 01200 448631