

Dear Parishioners

21 parishioners attended the first meeting to look at Pope Francis' inspirational letter, The Joy of the Gospel. Comments afterwards were extremely positive. We resume on Wednesday, so if you couldn't come last week, do join us this Wednesday for refreshments at 7.15pm followed by a 1 hour meeting at 7.30 in the Parish Centre.

No doubt you have noticed the newly tarmaced road between the Church and School which has created a safer passage for our children. In icy conditions the clearly marked walkway will be kept clear of snow and salted. Cars that do not have disabled parking permits will be asked to move if parked in the disabled bays and the yellow lines have so far prevented inconsiderate parking.

The drainage of the sports field is completed. All that remains is to pay the bills.

This leads me to the appeal Derek Pearce made last month. Quite a number of parishioners took forms for Bankers orders, Gift Aid forms and/or Offertory envelopes. If you have one of these at home, please do return it as soon as you are able. To recap Derek's talk: a Bankers Order saves you looking at the last minute for a contribution to the collection on busy Sunday mornings, signing a Gift Aid form automatically increases every £1 you give by 25p. So every £5 becomes £6.25, every £10 becomes £12.50 and so on. Please do consider this. Each week we receive in the collection some £130 in notes, which if Gift Aided could earn an extra £1,600 a year. (Do remember that signing Gift Aid commits you to no promises) For further information please contact me, Fr Kevin, or Carol Riley ☎ 426769 or John Thornber ☎ 427352, both members of the Parish Finance Committee. There are plenty of forms and envelopes available.

Congratulations to our school at St Mary's Sabden which has been awarded a Certificate of Merit and a Trophy by the Keep Britain Tidy Scheme for having the best kept school and grounds in the Ribble Valley. Yes, the best in the Ribble valley! Well done!

Finally, a new study has suggested that Church attendance can ward off depression. Scientists from the London School of Economics surveyed 10,000 people over the age of 50 for four years to see which kind of social activities might stop people feeling depressed. The study found that regular Church attendance did just that!

Fr John

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th November 2015

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Funeral Service 12noon—Evelyn Knowles

Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

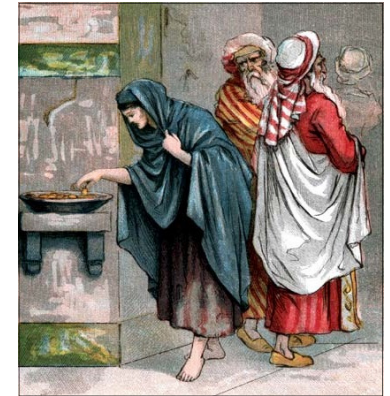
Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday 14th November

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Exposition 11am—11.55am

Reconciliation 11am—11.45am First Mass of Sunday 6pm



St Mary's Church, Sabden

Today—Remembrance Sunday Service at 11am at Cenotaph

Mass at 11.30am followed by Coffee **Wednesday**—Mass at 9.15am

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am

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followed by prayers at Dunsop Bridge War Memorial in

presence of the Mayor of the Ribble Valley

Tuesday—Mass at 9.30am

There will be a retiring collection after all masses next weekend for the Retired Priests Fund

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Edward Hargreaves, Edward Hargreaves' family x 2, Jack & Marjorie Higgins, Winnie Barlow, Special intentions x 3, Jim & Lily Gray, Carol Perrin, Nora HartAnthony Cornwell and deceased Cornwell family, Jack Haythornthwaite,

David Dunn, Wilfrid Jackson

SICK Fr Kevin Kenny, Fr Peter Birmingham, Carol Waterworth, Peter Wright, Billy Lambert
LATELY DEAD Edward Hargreaves, Evelyn Knowles, Fr Denis Sheahan, Brian Precious
ANNIVERSARIES Anthony Cornwell, Jack Haythornthwaite, Nora Hart, David Dunn, Jack & Marjorie Higgins, Winnie Barlow

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £923.85 Sabden £202.91 Dunsop £460.90 S/O £170.48

CAFOD You have the chance to help make our politicians take notice of how we feel about climate change. Why not join the People's Climate March on Sunday 29th November—see poster in porch. The Hurst Green Flea Market—raised £112 for CAFOD funds.

ROSSENDALE MALE VOICE CHOIR are appearing in Church NEXT Friday November 13th. Tickets £7.50 on sale after Masses this weekend. Proceeds to Ribble Valley Foodbank

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.

EMBRACE LIVERPOOL Saturday 21st Nov at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. A day to celebrate the faith of young people. Speakers include David Wells and Fr Frankie Aimed at 16-25yr olds. Mass 4pm. Details on www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY as part of the Ribble Valley Mayors fund raising events there will be a Concert at St Peter's Stonyhurst on Tuesday 1st December at 7.30pm. St Augustines Choir will be taking part as well as Anne Marie Brewer

REIGNITE NORTH Sunday 29th November 5.30pm at St Mary's, Burnley (BB10 4AU)., A Youth Mass followed by a Social evening, including food and drink, at the Knight Club, opposite the Church. Participants must be between 14 & 35 years old.

OLD GREGORIAN'S ANNUAL MASS—see poster in porch

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Pro-Life Celebration Day Saturday 12th December at St Mary's, Eccles. See poster in porch for more details.

JOYFUL NOISE will be at Chatburn Methodist Church on 9th and 23rd November.

*Could all items for next weekend's newsletter be in for 9am
NEXT Thursday morning. Thankyou*

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday—Welcoming J.Bentley Reader-V.Murray Eucharistic Ministers A.Harkin & A.Southworth **Sunday**—Welcoming B.Parkinson & E.Thomson Reader Marina Barrett **Eucharistic Ministers** J.Hall, S.Hall, G.Lambert **Coffee Rota**—P & A.Geldard & T.O'Donnell. New rotas will be compiled shortly please let Janet know if you wish to come off any of the rotas. If you would be willing to go on any of the rotas, again please let Janet know

You can find a good selection of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Books, Nativities and other Christmas items for sale in the side porch (near the sacristy door). It will be open after Mass/Service for about 20 minutes on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Thursday & Friday. If Janet is not there please put money in CTS box at the back of church to the right of War the Memorial.

K.S.C. JUMBLE SALE NEXT Saturday 14th November 2pm. Jumble can be given to Arnold 427096 or Les 427029 or taken to our Parish Hall from 9am onwards on the morning of the 14th (Saturday). Please note our Parish Hall is unavailable on the Friday night (13th). Proceeds of this event will go to Mary's Meals.

K.S.C.DANCE Friday 20th November 7.30pm start. Admission £7 inc Hot Supper. Tel 01200 427029 or 427096 for tickets.

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm in presbytery.

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS Bucket Raffle, £80 still unclaimed—ticket no 771.

LADIES GROUP we are having their Christmas Dinner at The Newdrop on Friday evening 15th January 2016 consisting of a 3 course meal—cost £25. This includes transport - a coach leaving from the Lowergate car park and tips Menu's are now available from Janet, Daphne or from the porch. You are welcome to join us.

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING Mon 9th Nov 7.30pm in presbytery.

SALFORD DIOCES LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2016 There is an appeal for volunteer Doctors and Nurses to join the 84th Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. If you are a doctor, nurse or health care assist and are interested in helping care for disabled pilgrims then the Diocesan Pilgrimage Organisers are eager to hear from you. Financial support through a bursary fund may be available for those involved in health-care to help with the cost of travel. For further information contact Veronica Hall the Pilgrimage Medical & Nursing Co-ordinator veronica@salfordlourdes.co.uk or telephone 0161 817 2209. There will be an induction day on Sunday 17th January 10.30am-1pm at the Cathedral Centre for anyone interested.

CLITHEROE CHRISTIANS IN PF'SHIP— poster in porch for forthcoming events

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 16 P.Whitwell. There is just one bonus ball left—only £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.

GRAND FESTIVE BINGO Friday 20th November at 7.30pm in St Mary's Hall. Tickets £5 Adult, Children £2.50 available from Sabden or at St Michael & St John's presbytery. Children including Pie and Peas supper. We would be grateful for any donations of prizes for this Grand Bingo night.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE a meeting to organise this event on Tuesday 10th November 7.30pm in the Hall. This is an open meeting so please come along and bring your ideas. Any parish group who would run a stall, or anyone who could help on the day.

CHRISTMAS DRAW Draw tickets available after Mass. Please try to sell some. First prize is an amazing futuristic Segway board. Be the first in the Ribble Valley with this revolutionary new mode of transport. There is a list in the porch, for ideas for other raffle prizes for the draw. Please donate if you can. Also donations can be made towards the first prize if you wish.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

APF (RED BOXES) totalled £207.12. Very many thanks for your support.

REMINDER full parish meeting NEXT Sunday 15th November with Mgr Corcoran after 10am Mass.

PARISH BINGO & SOCIAL NIGHT Monday 7th December in Newton Village Hall. Donations of prizes for Bingo would be very much appreciated. Please hand prizes to Julie Bennett, or leave at Church by Sunday 6th December.