

Dear Parishioners

Parish Forum is this Wednesday, 18th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

I have appealed on several occasions over the past years for volunteers (men or women!) to strengthen our wonderful team of church cleaners. In response a few generous parishioners have stepped forward but we do need more. "Many hands make light work!" Even if you can't commit to every single week, just come when you can. Please do consider joining us for one hour on Monday mornings at 9.30am. Afterwards there is good chat and a cup of tea. Particularly we are looking for helpers in a fortnight on Monday 30th November to 'bottom' the church in preparation for Christmas.

The Diocesan charity, CARITAS, has reported that on average today's funerals costs range between £3,500 and £5,500. This represents an 80% increase in just 10 years and can leave some families with a debt. CARITAS advises that we think about and plan ahead for our funerals instead of leaving everything to the last minute and hurried decisions.

When you have an idea of what you want then shop around just as you would when buying anything else, approaching at least three Funeral Directors and asking them for an explanation of their costs.

So, things to consider.

Do you wish to have a simple funeral package: that is a simple coffin and a hearse, leaving mourners to travel in their own vehicles. This will cost around £1,200. A more costly coffin and vehicles add to the price.

Further costs are the fees of two doctors required to certify death, the cost of a grave, the crematorium, the opening of a family grave, a donation to the Church, notices in the paper, organist's fees, flowers, and/or catering for mourners at home or elsewhere.

It is always best to plan ahead and to inform your next of kin what sort of religious service you want: a Requiem, a funeral service in church or a simple service in the crematorium. But what you shouldn't do is arrange your own funeral service or ask a friend or family to do so! In the Catholic Church we have a prescribed liturgy which we follow. If in doubt then ask your Parish priest.

Planning ahead or as we used to say, "Putting your affairs in order" is prudent and when your time comes will be of great help to your family. Above all else it ensures that you will have the funeral you want and one that reflects our hope in eternal life.

Fr John

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th November 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 21st November

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Exposition 11am—11.55am

Reconciliation 11am—11.55am

First Mass of Sunday- 6pm



This Sunday, 13th November, at 3pm Mass will be celebrated for deceased members, spouses and friends of the Knights of St Columba

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

Parish Mass Book page 157 Eucharistic Prayer III p.27. Preface V p.69

Wednesday—Mass at 9.30am

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

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Peter, Kevin & Bernadette Gallagher, Helly Addy, Marie Haslam, Special intentions
SICK Fr Kevin Kenny, Fr Peter Birmingham, Carol Waterworth, Peter Wright,
Billy Lambert, Helen Addy

LATELY DEAD Evelyn Knowles

ANNIVERSARIES Peter, Kevin & Bernadette Gallagher

There will be a Deanery concelebrated Requiem Mass at St Mary's, Langho on Tuesday at 10am for Fr Peter Knowles, Fr John Cribben, Fr John Dugdale and Mgr Terence Dodgeon, priests of the Deanery who died this year. Mgr Peter Wilkinson will be the principle celebrant and preach. If anyone would like a lift there are two seats available—see Teresa Mercer.

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £788.59 Sabden £191.05 Dunsop £307.40 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.

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 Want a lift? -wo seats spare—ring Marina Barrett 442310

OLD GREGORIAN'S ANNUAL MASS see poster in porch

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.

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 23rd November.

SALFORD DIOCESE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2016 An appeal for volunteer Doctors and Nurses to join the 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 healthcare to help with the cost of travel. Info: contact Veronica Hall 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.

VACANCIES for Communications Officer & Communications Technician at Salford Diocese—see posters in porch

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday—J.Luciani Reader-C.Carr

Eucharistic Ministers F.Ellis & R.Embery **Sunday**—Welcoming J.Byrne & P.Dixon Reader K.Downes **Eucharistic Ministers** C.Morgan, S.Smith & B.Collinson **Coffee Rota**—Members of the S.V.P. 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

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

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.

CLITHEROE CHRISTIANS IN PF'SHIP— poster in porch for forthcoming events
TEA DANCE Wednesday 18th November 2pm-5pm, run by Ladies Group. Includes Afternoon Tea/Homemade cakes £3.50. Tickets for the Christmas Tea Dance on Wednesday 16th December will be on sale £7. Info from Daphne 01200 42

WANTED Holly with berries or variegated needed for the Church decorations at Christmas. Can cut or collect—please ring Jane Brown on 01200 441949

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.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 38 E.Robson. There is just one bonus ball left—only £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth. tel 01254 823748.

GRAND FESTIVE BINGO NEXT 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 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 prizes and towards the first prize if you wish.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 5th December 2-4pm admission 50p. Father Christmas in residence between 2-3pm. There is a list in the porch if you can help on the day. Donations of things to sell, especially toys, plants, bottles and tombola prizes. Wreathes also available this year to order—list in porch for names.

VILLAGE SERVICE OF LIGHT on 29th November at 6pm which we will be hosting—hall to be decorated following Coffee after mass.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

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

REMINDER full parish meeting today 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.

ALL WRAPPED UP Christmas Shopping Night, Sunday 22nd November from 6.30pm in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. Stalls: My Pink Angel will provide a demo on this seasons scarf styles, jewellery and gifts. Flowers from the Heart, Beauty Therapy, Zoosocks, The Enchanted Garden, Bowland Smoke House, Chocolates gifts and much more. Tickets and further info from Kathryn Hayes 07779 297988. see poster in porch