

## Dear Parishioners

Fr Peter Birmingham's funeral will take place in his home parish in Radcliffe, Bury, where his vocation began and matured and where most of his close knit family still reside.

His mortal remains will be received into the church of St Mary and St Philip Neri, Radcliffe, on Tuesday 5th January at 7.00pm with Mass. The following day, Wednesday 6th January at 12noon, Bishop John will celebrate his Requiem which will be followed by burial in Radcliffe cemetery.

The post code for the church is M26 4DG. While parishioners are welcome to attend either Mass, for those who wish to go to the Requiem on Wednesday a coach will depart St Mary's Sabden at 10.15am on the 6th and following the funeral will depart Radcliffe at 1.45 to return to Sabden. The coach is free and some seats are available but if you wish to travel you must inform Pat Whitwell ☎ (01282 774588) before Sunday evening.

Fr Peter died early on Tuesday 22nd December at Nazareth House Prestwich in his eighty third year and the fifty fourth year of his Priesthood, following diagnosis of stomach cancer two years ago. During the whole of this period his indomitable spirit and cheerfulness never left him.

Fr Peter was born on 15th August 1933, and was baptised in St Mary and St Philip Neri's old church on 27th August 1933 and was confirmed on 10th May 1942. He was educated in the parish school and worked for a period before being accepted for training to the priesthood in February 1954. This began with two years at Osterley to bring his education up to scratch before joining the major seminary programme at St Cuthbert's College, Ushaw, in September 1956.

He was ordained in our Cathedral on 16th June 1962, by the Bishop George Andrew Beck.

As Assistant Priest he served at Holy Family, Kirkholt for 8 years before transferring to Holy Saviour, Nelson where he and his successful youth club became well known, even outside the town.

In 1984 he was appointed Parish Priest of St Teresa, Irlam and nine years later to St Joseph, Accrington before his arrival at St Mary, Sabden in 1997. While at Sabden, in 2004, he also took responsibility for St Anne, Blackburn until his retirement in 2008.

Throughout his appointments Fr Birmingham also served as a Chaplain to the Army Cadet Force.

His present appointment is with the Lord whom he served so faithfully throughout his life.

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**John**

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## Epiphany of the Lord - 3rd January 2016

### St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee

#### Monday & Tuesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

#### Saturday (9th January)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am  
11am—11.55am Exposition  
11am—11.45am Reconciliation  
6pm First Mass of Sunday

### St Mary's Church, Sabden

**Sunday** - Mass at 11am followed by Coffee **Wednesday**—No Mass

### St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

**Sunday**—Mass at 10am Parish mass Book page 115 Eucharistic Prayer III page 28  
Preface of the Epiphany 67 **Tuesday** —Mass at 9.30am

### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Terence Nolan, Robert Graham, Degg family, McKenna family, Gallagher family.  
Wilfrid Jackson, Helen Addy

### SICK

Fr Kevin Kenny, Carol Waterworth, Billy Lambert, Helen Addy,

### LATELY DEAD

Fr Peter Birmingham, John McDonald, Teresa Tomlinson, Angela Murphy,  
Harold Frost

### ANNIVERSARIES

Wilfrid Jackson, Terence Nolan, Robert Graham,

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £662.03 Sabden £155.85 Dunsop £390.63 (Christmas)  
S/O £170.48

**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.

**ANTITRAFFICKING** in the magazine of the Medaille Trust, the Patron, Baroness Cox has congratulated the 'very special group of people' based on our parish whose work and commitment in combating trafficking is an example to all. Read about it for yourself in the Medaille magazine available in the porch free of charge.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES** Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events.

Telephone 0161 941 3498 visit the website [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk) next weekend.

**TABOR** Programmes January—July now available from porch.

**SALFORD DIOCESAN ALMANACS** all the almanacs have now been sold, but we are trying to obtain a few more. If you would like one then please hand your name into the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** Couples wishing to marry in the Catholic Church must attend a Marriage Preparation Course. This year's course is on the two Sunday afternoons of 17th and 24th January. Please contact Mgr Corcoran as soon as possible.

### CLITHEROE

**LADIES GROUP PROGRAMME 2016** are now available from the porch

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Chris and Joan Leeming whose son John has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in the New Year's Honours List. The medal will be presented in March on deck of HMS Victory in Portsmouth harbour.

**PARISH DRAW WINNERS DECEMBER** £100 147-P.Humphreys, £20 34 H.Hudson, £20 64-P.Lambert, £10 156-H.McGhie, £10 176-J.Thornber, £10 48-J.Byrne, £10 56-P.Dixon (Clitheroe). Please collect your winnings from your agent.

**ROTAS** for January—April are now available from the table in front of the sacristy door for those who do not have email addresses.

**OLIVE AID** The Crib offerings this year will be given to 'Olive Aid', the charity which helps Palestinians replace their lost olive trees.

**BUCKET RAFFLE** from our Autumn Fair £80 prize still unclaimed—ticket no 771

**LADIES GROUP** Christmas Dinner at The Newdrop on Friday 15th January 2016 3 course meal—cost £25 inc transport. The coach is now fully booked so anyone still wanting to join us for the meal may do so, but will have to make their own way to The Newdrop. Menu's available from Janet, Daphne or from porch.

January 9/10	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	R & C Conti
Reader	M.Taylforth	P.Donnely
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & R Embery	P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, P.Donnely
Tea & Coffee		E.Davies & M.Valovin
Little Church		A.McNulty & F.Garner

**APF RED BOXES** 2016 Calendars now in the church porch —FREE. Also APF Mission boxes are available from the back of church.

**CLITHEROE COOKERY CLASSES** Volunteers of all kinds but particularly cooks, are needed to help at these classes that will re-commence next Thursday January 7th from 11am—1.30pm at Trinity Methodist, Parson Lane. If you require more information then please ring either 07851 210773 or 07818 854155

*The price of some children's Christmas books and Christmas ornaments have been reduced, these can now be found at the back of the church with the rest of the cards and repository items.*

### **JIMMY CRICKET LAUGHTER SHOW**

**FRIDAY 29th JANUARY**  
at 8pm



**Tickets £10**  
**On sale from**  
**January 11th**

K.S.C.

### **DANCE**

In our Parish Hall

**Friday 8th January**

7.30pm Start

Admission £7  
including Hot Supper

Tel 01200 427029 or  
01200 427096 for tickets

### SABDEN

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 20—Graham Flynn There is just one bonus ball left—only £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth. tel 01254 823748.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Pantomime time again. This year we are presenting Sleeping Beauty in St Mary's Hall from February 24th—27th with a Matinee on the Saturday afternoon. Tickets on sale soon.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** There are still 3 prizes unclaimed from the Christmas Fair together with the door prize.