

## Dear Parishioners,

Following last week's newsletter, I've been asked to explain, particularly for the benefit of new parishioners, what the Parish Forum is and how it operates.

Quite simply the Forum is our Parish Council but unlike many Councils it is totally transparent and inclusive. Its Chair is elected to serve for three years, as is the Secretary, and all parishioners are welcome to attend its meetings, join in discussions and vote in ballots when they are present (no postal voting!). It meets round about every six weeks and each parishioner has the right to suggest items for the agenda.

We meet next Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall in Sabden and will finish by 9 o'clock. Tea will be served from 7.15. Further items for the agenda should be submitted to me or the secretary Margaret Donnelly: [donnelmarg@aol.com](mailto:donnelmarg@aol.com) or 01200 441081 by Tuesday evening.

The proposed Christmas Mass schedule and one central venue for future Forum meetings (last week's newsletter) will be among the issues to be discussed.

Lent is only three weeks away and Maureen Mercer is introducing a new arrangement for groups who this year will lead the Friday Stations of the Cross in Clitheroe. A list will be pinned up in the porch for groups to decide their Friday. First come.....!

Launched last Tuesday a book long interview with Pope Francis. *The name of God is Mercy* and was also released in 20 languages in 86 countries.

**Fr John**

They say time flies when you're having fun; this has certainly been the case in my pastoral placement here in the Ribble Valley I have had a wonderful experience in a Parish full of people with a lively and inspiring faith, which has been greatly encouraging. I have encountered such a great commitment to service among so many of you and you have taught me a great deal. So, it's with a certain heaviness of heart that I leave you to return to seminary and continue this exciting journey towards priesthood. Please accept my sincere thanks for the privilege of getting to know you over the last five months. I ask for your prayers for the rest of my time in formation and be assured of my prayers for you all.

Wishing you every blessing,

**Callum**

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th January 2016

### 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 7.30pm

#### Saturday (23rd January)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am  
11am—11.45am Reconciliation

11am—11.55am Exposition  
6pm First Mass of Sunday

### 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 127, Eucharistic Prayer IV, page 31 with own preface. **Tuesday** —Mass at 9.30am

*There will be a retiring collection after all masses this weekend for Pax Christi*

### **MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Bridgid Hardwick x 2, Stephen Pryle, Michael Gibbons x 2, Mary Ragnall x2, Carol Waterworth x 6, Joseph Winterbottom, Helen Addy, Vivienne Tingle, Jim Gray

### **SICK**

Helen Addy, Veronica Hollis, Lucy Wrigley, Vivienne Tingle,

### **LATELY DEAD**

Carol Waterworth, Michael Gibbons, Joseph Winterbottom, Bridgid Hardwick

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Stephen Pryle, Mary Ragnall, Jim Gray

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £1094.83 Sabden £185.94 Dunsop £313.20 S/O £170.48

**LECTIO DIVINA** You are invited 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, an organisation that helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, one to one or through social events. Tel 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.

**WALSINGHAM** Englands 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 from £170 per person for Standard Room with full board. Deposit £50, non-returnable. To book a place Tel Vincent 01254 209101. A minibus 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. Tel Maureen 01200 443499 to book a seat.

**CAFOD** Bishop John Arnold's visit to Zambia and Zimbabwe. Saturday 23rd January at 2pm at St John's Parish Hall, Ivy St, Burnley BB10 1TB. This will be an excellent opportunity for local supporters and interested people in the North East of Lancashire to gather together to hear about CAFOD's work with its partners in Zambia and Zimbabwe. Bishop Arnold visited both countries in his capacity as Chair of CAFOD's Board of Trustees and has kindly offered to share his experience of this visit.

### **CLITHEROE**

**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

**WANTED** A young practicing parishioner from the Czech Republic is looking for a person to share the rent of her terraced house on Victoria Street ☎ 07709 179586

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

**APF RED BOXES** Could donations be in to the Sacristy by 23rd January. Spare red boxes are available in the church porch along with envelopes for much appreciated one-off donations. Please phone Sion or Janet if you have any problems on 01200 428949

**LADIES GROUP MEETING** Wednesday 27th January in our Parish Hall 7.30pm. A talk by Peter Anwyl—LOVING CARE—caring for Dementia from carers prospective. Admission is only £2 including Tea and Biscuits.

<b>January 23/24</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Welcomers	J.Luciani	B.Parkinson/E.Thomson
Reader	C.Carr	G.Lambert
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & R.Embery	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee		M.Geddes & E.Curphey
Little Church		D & V.Harvey Higgins/D & C Carr

### **TEA DANCE**

Wednesday  
20th January  
2pm—5pm  
£3.50

### **JIMMY CRICKET LAUGHTER SHOW**

#### **FRIDAY 29th JANUARY**

at 8pm  
**Tickets £10**  
on sale after all Masses on  
the next two weekends.  
At Sabden after Mass on  
today  
17th January, or you  
may telephone one of the  
following numbers  
01200 427912/441792  
/426769/423307 (ext 3)  
See poster in porch

This is the annual week of prayer for Christian Unity. You are invited to attend any of the following daily services

#### **Monday**

St Michael & St John's  
9am—Eucharistic Service

#### **Tuesday**

United Reformed Church  
Lunchtime service 12.30pm

#### **Wednesday**

St James'  
Holy Communion service—10.30am  
(jointly with St Paul's)

#### **Thursday**

Trinity Methodist (Wesley Room) 10.30am

#### **Friday**

St Mary Magdalene  
Holy Communion Service—10.30am

**Next Sunday the annual ecumenical service  
will be at 6pm, this year hosted by  
St James'**

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 48— Jennifer Mead. 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.