

## Dear Parishioners,

In Lent we are asked to prepare for Easter by prayer and sacrifice. If you haven't decided yet what you will do for Lent then please consider one of the following (or more than one!).

- ◆ Give God some silent attention each day.
- ◆ Buy (£1) the 'Walk With Me' booklet which will help you pray and reflect each day of Lent.
- ◆ Join the Stations of the cross in Clitheroe at 7.30pm on Fridays and in Sabden at 7.30pm on Tuesdays.
- ◆ Join the Lenten Service after Mass on Thursday at 8.10pm until 9.15pm.
- ◆ Spend a little time each day reading the Bible in the quiet of your home.
- ◆ Attend daily mass. (Details weekly in the newsletter)
- ◆ Come to Exposition on Saturday mornings between 11am and 12noon.
- ◆ Pay a visit to the church which is open daily during daylight hours.
- ◆ Encourage someone who has been away from Mass to return to practice and accompany them to church.
- ◆ Recite the Rosary at home or join the weekday recitation in church at 9.30am.
- ◆ Visit someone in need of help or friendship or perhaps an elderly relative you haven't visited for a while?
- ◆ Make up a longstanding quarrel.
- ◆ Help to clean the church on Monday mornings at 9.30.
- ◆ Give up a favourite treat like sweets, drink, watching too much TV or cigarettes.
- ◆ Keep 'Family Fast day' on Friday.
- ◆ Every Friday give up eating meat.
- ◆ Make a clean sweep. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), available Saturdays in Clitheroe from 11 to 11.45 and during the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.
- ◆ Attend the series of ecumenical Lenten talks on Saturday mornings in the Hall at 11am. (Coffee from 10.30)
- ◆ Join a Lent discussion group based on Pope Francis' recent letter 'The Joy of the Gospel', Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Hall on 17th, Feb, 2nd and 9th March
- ◆ Attend a Lenten Station Mass (see the notice board)
- ◆ Wishing you a fruitful Lent,

*Fr John*

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# First Sunday of Lent - 14th February 2016

## St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

### Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

### Friday

Mass at 9am

Requiem mass at 10.30am Rosa Digni

Stations of the Cross—7.30pm

### Saturday (20th February)

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

**Tuesday**—Stations of the Cross 7.30pm **Wednesday**—Mass at 9.15am

## St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

**Sunday**—Mass at 10am Parish Mass book, page 153,  
Eucharistic Prayer III, page 24 Preface: Temptation of the Lord p 71

**Tuesday** —Mass at 9.30am

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK** Helen Addy, Josephine Reid, Michael Pryle, Stella Mason, Margaret Illingworth, Elizabeth Lambert, Veronica Lambert, Rosa Ditri x 2, Birthday intentions

**SICK** Helen Addy, Veronica Hollis, Vivienne Tingle, Aurelia Tarantino

**LATELY DEAD** Rosa Ditri

**ANNIVERSARIES** Margaret Illingworth, Stella Mason, Michael Pryle, Josephine Reid, Elizabeth Lambert, Veronica Lambert, Wilfred Clegg

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £858.21 Sabden £182.40 Dunsop £280.85 S/O £170.48

**APF MISSIONS—RED BOX COLLECTION** amounted to £556.32 Many thanks

**LECTIO DIVINA** during Lent incorporated in the Thursday night 8.10pm service

**VACANCIES FOR SCHOOL GOVERNANCE** There are vacancies for Foundation Governors at St Augustine's RC High School, Billington. Foundation Governors take a full part in school governance and are appointed by the Bishop to preserve the religious character of the school. Both the Diocese and OFSTED have judged the school to be "outstanding". If you are 18 or over and can obtain a recommendation from your Parish Priest, this is an excellent opportunity to devote some time to Catholic education. For further details please speak to your Parish Priest, pick up a leaflet or look on the school website, www.sarchs.com

**BOLLYWOOD CHARITY NIGHT** 3 course meal, Bollywood entertainment, Raffle and Disco on Saturday 2nd April in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall from 7pm. Cost £15 per ticket (no concessions sorry). Tickets from Meriel Woodward 07989 9222666 or Tom Clay 07962 136749 at Sabden, Grace & Susan Fellows at Clitheroe and Ann Cooke 01200 446607 at Dunsop Bridge

**TEA DANCE** St Michael & St John's Parish hall Wednesday 17th February 2-5pm. Dancing with Afternoon Tea £3.50. Information Daphne 01200 427912

**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** meeting Tuesday 8pm in the presbytery.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** July 29th—August 4th Cost £659 (single supplement £180). Please put your name on the list at the back of church or contact Fr Kevin or Grace Fellows grace\_fellows@hotmail.com 01200 425928 ***Please note the deadline for names on the list is 23rd February.*** There will be a meeting for all who wish to go on Tuesday 23rd February at 8pm in the presbytery.

**99 GROUP** Meet on Tuesday at in the presbytery

**JOY OF THE GOSPEL** Session 4 is on Wed 17th February starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served from 7.15pm. All parishioners welcome.

**FOOD BANK** At present we are short of sugar, baby wipes and fish (other than tuna). We are well stocked with beans and pasta. Thankyou

**JOB VACANCY** Director of Education, Salford Diocese—see poster in porch

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY** February 19th is Lent Fast Day—envelopes will be given out this weekend. Please return them next weekend. Important—every £1 that CAFOD raises from Ash Wednesday till May 9th 2016 up to £3.5 million will be doubled by the Government, allowing us to help twice as many people. Please help us to make the most of this opportunity by giving generously to the Lent Fast Day and throughout Lent.

**CAFOD** will be running a stall at the Flea Market and Indoor Car Boot Sale NEXT Sunday 21st February in the Memorial Hall, Hurst Green. Refreshments available throughout the day.

## **CLITHEROE**

**LENT TALKS** start Sat 27th Feb for 5 weeks at 11am in our Parish Centre (except for 27 Feb—United Reformed Church). Coffee served from 10.30am Theme this year 'Christianity at work'. Details of full programme—see poster in porch

**ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat—Welcoming—J.Luciani** Reader J.Byrne Euch Ministers—B.Worden & M.Preedy. **Sunday—Welcoming—A & J.Marsden** Reader P.Lambert Eucharistic Ministers—P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, P.Donnely Tea & Coffee—P & A.Geldard/T.O'Donnell Little Church—S.Fellows/C.Mashiter **'MELT IN HIS MERCY'** Prayer and Praise in Lent on Thursday Evenings. Following the four sessions in Advent, there will be an hour of prayer and praise after each Thursday evening mass from 8.10-9.10pm, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a time for singing God's praises. Musicians and singers especially welcome to join the band! Please contact Fr Kevin for further details or to offer help.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** this week led by the K.S.C. Friday at 7.30pm

**EASTER REMEMBRANCE BOOK** a remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is being compiled. We are asking for a donation of £3 for a lily which will decorate the Church at Easter. Money and names will be collected after mass at the table near the greetings cards by Jane Brown (Saturday) and Teresa Mercer (Sunday) starting 27th February. ***List closes on Palm Sunday.***

**CLITHEROE COOKERY CLASSES** Volunteers of all kinds, but particularly cooks, are needed to help at these classes from 11am—1.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Parson Lane. More info 07851 210773 or 07818 854155

## **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 50—roll over. There is just one bonus ball left—only £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth. tel 01254 823748.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** each Tuesday through Lent at 7.30pm here in St Mary's. We welcome any parish groups who would like to lead.

**PANTOMIME—SLEEPING BEAUTY** Hurry up and get your tickets, the Friday and Saturday evening performances are sold out but still some for Saturday Matinee and Wednesday & Thursday evenings. 7.15pm start—Cost £10 (adults) £8 (OAP and under 16's). Evening performances inc potato pie supper but bring your own drinks.. Matinee tickets (2pm start) are £5, ice cream, drinks and refreshments on sale. Tickets Margaret Parsons 01282 778652 or see Janet at Clitheroe.

**LITTLE CHURCH** thanks for craft donations—no more required

**KISES**—Urgent appeal to help the Children of the City Dump in S.E.India. If you would like to know more, or help fundraise for this worthwhile cause, please contact Meriel Woodward on 07989 922666

**CHARITY BINGO & FAMILY SOCIAL NIGHT** Friday March 11th to raise money in aid of parishioner Meriel Woodward's appeal to help children who live on a rubbish dump in India. She committed to raise an initial £40,000 by the end of March. Please support this social night. Tickets £5 will be on sale soon and anyone who has any bingo or raffle prizes please leave them with Pauline Hindle, Damien Buggie, Margaret Parsons, Pat Whitwell or Margaret Waling.

**FURTHER EVENTS** Easter Bonnet Parade—Saturday March 26th—more details later.