

Dear Parishioners

Not being the sort of bloke who walks into ladies' toilets, I confess to never having checked the ladies' facilities in our Clitheroe Parish Social Centre. So at the request of our women's group I visited their toilets in the Centre and must admit to being surprised at just how dilapidated they are. So a further visit with the maintenance committee and Tony Hargan has resulted in a plan. The toilets will be completely refurbished with four cubicles instead of the present three, three wash basins instead of the present two, the walls and ceiling will be replastered, lighting improved, the flooring will be renewed and baby changing facilities will be introduced. Unfortunately, because of the number of events already booked into the centre and the lengthy holiday, work cannot begin until the end of October. However, to smarten up the place immediately new temporary hand basins will be installed. The development will cost around £12,000 but to help defer the cost, the Women's group will raise some funds and have been promised assistance by the Knights. The proceeds of the Christmas Fayre also will be given to this project.

With the school closing for the holidays we shall commence to repair the church roof, repoint the west gable end of the church and attend to various parts of the presbytery where the rain managed to penetrate the walls last winter. In addition, the small perimeter wall that runs in front of the main church door will be demolished and rebuilt before it collapses.

You'll be aware that for the past number of years a parish sponsored walk has been organised to raise funds for the Blackburn HCPT group. This group has now disbanded but the walk will continue and the money raised will be divided equally between a diocesan Caritas project to build a mother and baby welfare unit in Bolton and help fund the new toilets in our Social Centre. This year's walk will be on Sunday, October 2nd.

Meanwhile, wherever you are or where ever you're going I wish you a very happy holiday,

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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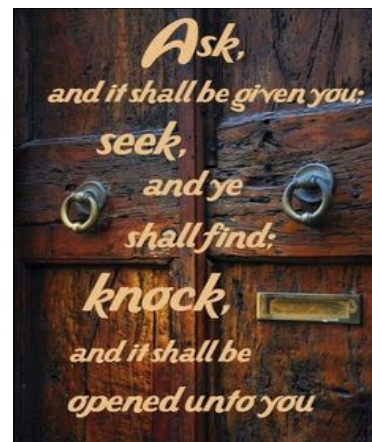
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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 24th 2016

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am - No Coffee today

Monday & Tuesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday (30th July)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Reconciliation 11am - 11.45am

Exposition 11am—11.55am

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am Parish mass book p 114

Eucharistic Prayer II p23 Preface VI page 67 Tuesday —Mass at 9.30am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Les Collinson, Alec Clements, Mark Jezierski

SICK

Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Joseph Wright, Bill Dewhurst,

Elaine Marsden, Les Collinson, Joan Simpson

LATELY DEAD

Alec Clements, Gary Cottam, Peggy Drews

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Driver, Joan Ferguson, Mark Jezierski

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £696.47 Sabden £143.65 Dunsop £262.50

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

S.V.P. Clitheroe £511.44 Sabden £113.02 Dunsop £73.45

ST MARTIN DE PORRES Thankyou for always being there for us.

THANKYOU Helen Addy would like to thank parishioners for the generous donations made to the Cancer Research UK 'Race for Life' which she did in June. Helen's final amount raised was £1,790

LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR This will take place NEXT Wednesday 27th July. Coach to set off from the Interchange at 3pm prompt arriving back approx 9.30–10pm. Cost £27 which inc the coach, meal, all tips and of course the mystery! Menu's available from the porch or see Daphne 427912 or Janet 423307 ext 3 only 1place left

TEAM TAN-KEN 2016 From 4th – 7th August 2016 Mark Dixon and his son Sam (Son and Grandson of John & Pat Dixon) will with 4 other young men attempt to cycle 226 miles from Moshi in Tanzania to Dagoretti in Kenya in aid of two charities CAFOD and The Medaille Trust. They aim to raise £4,400 (which is the distance between Manchester and Nairobi). The bicycles are gifts from Liverpool Police (i.e. unclaimed stolen bikes) and supported by Clitheroe's Cycle Recycle. They will be left in Kenya for use by Youth and Charity workers. More details on poster in the church porch. If you wish to sponsor them please Google 'Sponsor Tanken 2016

PRO-LIFE WALK Will people who have promised sponsor money for Right to life, please put money in a clearly marked envelope onto the collection plate with name of the sponsor. Donations are still being accepted.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Anyone who wishes a petition to be taken for them, to be placed at the grotto, please use the box at the back of the church, which will be available until Wednesday 27th July. Boxes are also available in Sabden and Dunsop Bridge.

TRAFFICKING AWARENESS LEAFLETS AND PRAYER CARDS The Police are investing heavily in raising awareness of human trafficking in East Lancs and the signs to look out for. Our Deanery is contributing to this via a poster and leaflet campaign and prayer card for every parishioner. These are available from the church porch.

KNIT AND KNATTERTHON following the enthusiastic response to the first knitting fest last month, come and knit a blanket square for Syrian refugees in Turkey in our Parish Hall Wednesday 27th July 10am-4pm. Come along if only for an hour, anytime, or stay for the full 6 hours. Local Christians are travelling to and from Turkey to support Syrian refugees. Contact a.brown@caritassalford.org.uk or tel: 01200 422811

BRAUNSCHWEIG YOUTH BRASS BAND CONCERT in St Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe at 7.30pm Wednesday 27th July. There will be an opportunity to meet the young people from Germany after the concert. Tickets on door or from St Mary Magdalene's Parish Office 01200 422828, £5 donation includes refreshments.

ASYLUM SEEKERS please pray for two families of asylum seekers who are now living in the Ribble Valley. May they experience love and peace despite continuing uncertainty. May we be generous neighbours.

PRAYER & PRAISE The last 'Prayer and Praise' session before the Summer break will be on Thursday 28 July after evening Mass 8.10-9.10pm. Come and praise God in adoration, prayer and music.

CRAIG LODGE RETREAT 12-16 September. Still some places left on the retreat at Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Scotland. This is entitled 'Poetry, Prayer, Parable and Praise' and is centered in reading and writing based in the Catholic faith. Contact Fr Kevin for details and also www.craiglodge.org

CLITHEROE

PARISH CENTRE Subs Adults £10 Senior Citizens & Students £5 now due—renew at the Centre. Sunday Evening Quiz & Play your Cards Right starts 8.30pm.

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming M.Valovin Reader—V.Murray Eucharistic Ministers— A/Southworth & A.Rowley **Sunday**—Welcoming—R & F Holgate Reader—M.Donnolly Eucharistic Ministers— A.Marsden, I.Parkes, T.Mercer Little Church—Allyson Watson Coffee—M.Geddes & L.Curphey

APF RED MISSION BOXES This collection £383.59. We are in need of a new collector for the Park Avenue area. If you can help please phone Sion or Janet Hall 01200 428949. Thanks to all involved in helping with this important job.

TABOR Carmelite Retreat House in Preston—Programmes available from porch

WELCOME We welcome Kimberley Roberta Sherwood who was baptised recently.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH A feast of fishy fun for children at the beginning of August when the Church Hall will be transformed into Rocky's Place Chippy for the Annual School Holiday Club. This free club for 4-11 yr olds runs from 10am-2pm Monday 1st to Thursday 4 August. Daily menu will include generous portions of games, music, drama, crafts, quizzes and stories lightly seasoned with a little learning about the Bible's Peter the Rock. Still some places available. Further info Christine Britcliffe 01200 424328 or Janet Braithwaite 01200 427555

SABDEN

BONUS BALL This weeks winner no 41—L & B Clarkson. Thank you for the swift response for the Bonus Ball Draw. **YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!** Bonus Ball numbers still available, only £1 a week please see Donna Wharton.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

SUNDAY TEAS Teas available each Sunday until the end of August. Open 10.30am-4pm in Dunsop Village Hall. To help, telephone Julie Bennett 01200 448630

ANNUAL DUCK RACE August Bank Holiday—Monday 29th August 2pm. Tickets are available from the back of church. Please support this event by selling ducks @ £1 each. Also donation of prizes would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds to Our Lady of the Valley, St Hubert's Dunsop Bridge. Please come and support your ducks as they make their way down the River Dunsop into the village centre. Further details from Julie Bennett 01200 448630.

OPEN GARDENS WADDOW LODGE, WADDINGTON Sunday 31st July. Refreshments available and all proceeds to Our Lady of the Valley, St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge.