

Dear Parishioners

Following the headline announcements last week regarding upcoming changes in the diocese, the back page is back!

First the Diaconate. Recalling that 2017 will mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Permanent Diaconate the Bishop writes: "This anniversary offers an appropriate opportunity for us to begin formation for the Permanent Diaconate in our Diocese. In doing so, we can respond to our current pastoral need, and the clear mandate of the Diocesan Consultation, and form men to help animate the missionary dimension of local communities through the ministry of word, sacrifice and charity that is particular to the Diaconate. This will be a significant help to us – bishop, priests and people – as together we learn how to shape and develop missionary parishes for the future. Introducing the Permanent Diaconate now allows us to learn from fifty years of experience and practice of other dioceses and benefit from hindsight and a wealth of theological reflection and good practice.

At the time of the Council there were those who felt good people were already carrying out the work of this ministry effectively without formal recognition or ordination. The Council Fathers sought to enhance their role through ordination. Some people still question this as a further clericalization of the Church and wonder whether there is anything that a Permanent Deacon may do which is not already possible for a lay person. Our response should echo the Council Fathers: why deprive the Church of the grace that ordination brings? Learning from experience in other places, I believe that in our Diocese we can form a complementary relationship of collaboration between priests, deacons and people, under the pastoral guidance of the bishop."

So now the process has begun with consultation and discussions to decide on a strategy of recruitment, selection, training, conditions of service, remuneration and the rest. If you have any thoughts on these matters, then please do submit them to me in writing (hard copy or email) and I shall forward them to Fr Philip Caldwell who is the Bishop's delegate for these matters.

Finally, November is the month during which in our Catholic tradition we pray for all our dead and request their prayers of us. The last wish of St Monica, mother to the great St Augustine, was "All I ask of you is that, wherever you may be, you should remember me at the altar of the Lord." During the month of November we should do no less for our deceased family and friends.

Fr John

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 6th 2016

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am

Sorry no Coffee this week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday (12th November)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Reconciliation 11–11.45am

Exposition 11–11.55am

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am Parish Mass book p.160 Eucharistic Prayer III p.27

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Tuesday Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

To allow Sabden residents to attend the 11am Village Remembrance Service Sunday Mass in St Mary's will be delayed to 11.30am next Sunday 13th November.

There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for Retired Clergy Fund

Fr Wareing is back in hospital. Please remember him in your prayers

PARISH—Clitheroe, Dunsop and Sabden

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Lorraine McAvady x 2, Fr Wareing, Celia Keefe, All Souls, Nora Hart, Joan Worden, Eric Preedy, Winifred Barlow, Anthony Cornwell

SICK Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Joseph Wright, Bill Dewhurst, Jane Crowther, Fr Joseph Wareing SJ, Ian Chew, Sean Bennett

LATELY DEAD Celia Keefe, Lorraine McAvady, Judy Duckworth

ANNIVERSARIES Brian Precious, Nora Hart, Joan Worden, Eric Preedy, Winifred Barlow, Anthony Cornwell

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £728.08 Dunsop £289.50 Sabden £116.36 Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

THE SPIRIT OVER THE WATERS At Tabor House, Preston for the next two Thursday evenings:: 10 and 17 November Scripture, song, drama and theological reflection. See Fr Kevin if you would like more information.

LADIES GROUP ANNUAL MEAL is on Friday January 27th at the Newdrop and the cost is £27 for a three course meal including transport and tips. Menu's are available from the porch. Please return at our next meeting on November 30th

REFUGEE Christmas Cards on sale—see Katherine Clay ☎ 07857 808984

SALFORD DIOCESE NETWORKING—Wed November 23rd—see letter in porch

KNIT AND KNATTERTHON Come and knit a blanket square for Syrian refugees in Turkey in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall Wednesday 23rd November 11am-4pm.

CHURCH FLOWER TEAM our Flower Ladies are collecting artificial flowers, used and unused candles for making Christmas displays. Please leave at the presbytery.

LAUDATO SI The 3rd meeting to study Laudato Si, Pope Francis' plea that we responsibly care for our common home, God's earth, is this Wednesday evening 7.30pm in the Presbytery as the Hall is closed while the Ladies toilets are refurbished Tea served from 7.15pm.

CARITAS Vacancy for Admin Officer—see poster in porch

APPEAL FOR RETIRED PRIESTS FUND Next Sunday we have a Special Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund, a fund which supports our 63 retired priests. Bishop John invites you to be as generous as you can to this Appeal.

CAFOD Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th November at 10am in the Presbytery.

CAROL SERVICE First Sunday of Advent 27th November at 6.30pm Carols in St Hubert's Church with Slaidburn Band followed by mince pies in Dunsop Village Hall. Com—All welcome.

WELCOMING The Ribble Valley is expanding and that growth is bringing Catholics from different parts of the UK and other countries to our parish. The parish should take the lead in welcoming them whereas at the moment we wait for them to make themselves known to us. Penelope D'Souza is establishing a Welcome Committee that will redress this situation. If you have any suggestions for her or would like to join her group, then please ☎ 07834 338661 or email penelope.d.souza@gmail.com

CLITHEROE

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION The last Baptismal Preparation for this year is on Tues at 7.30pm in the presbytery. This is a requirement before a child may be baptised.

CHRISTMAS CARDS Christmas Cards/Advent Calendars/Christmas gifts etc now on sale in the side porch (to the left of the door into the sacristy). Open before and after all masses/service Cards etc will also be on sale at our annual Christmas Fair on Sun 27th November

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Tickets are on sale now. First Prize £100, second £50, third/fourth £25 plus many more. They are on sale from members of various parish organisations £1 each up to November 20th. Please note we will be very grateful for raffle prizes. The draw will take place at the Christmas Fair.

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR Sunday 27 November after Mass 10.30am. Contributions gratefully accepted—Raffle Prizes, Cakes, Jewellery, Bottles of Wines and Spirits, Boxes of Biscuits, Chocolates, Crafts and any unwanted gifts. Please leave at the presbytery.

K.S.C.DANCE NEXT Friday 11th November at 7.30pm Dancing to John Lancaster. Tickets £7 inc Hot Supper. Tickets Arnold 01200 427096 or Betty 01200 427029

PARISH DRAW see poster in porch names of winners for September and October draws. Sorry no room to list names in newsletter.

SEEDLINGS Wednesday 9.30-11.30am, desperately need new volunteers to help with snack time. Chance to meet the next generation. ☎ Kay 07921 855576

LOVE CLITHEROE Mon 14th Nov 7.30pm at St Mary Magdalene. An opportunity to focus on our community, ways we seek to serve our neighbours with the love of Christ.

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welc A.Harkin Reader—C.Riley Euch Ministers—A.Southworth & A.Rowley **Sun**—Welc—R & C Conti Reader—C.James Euch Min—A.Marsden, I.Parkes, E.Lambert Coffee—Fellows Family L/ Church—C.Naylor Preston

K.S.C. Council meeting 7.30pm in the presbytery

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass/Service each morning this week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

DUNSOP BRIDGE

CHRISTMAS DRAW Tickets are available for the Christmas Draw—please support by taking tickets to sell to your friends and family. The draw will take place at the Bingo on Monday 12th December in Newton Village Hall.

OCTOBER PARISH WALK The next planned walk will be after after the 10am Mass on Sunday 22nd January.

APF RED BOXES Due for collecting. Please bring them to Mass on Sunday

2017 DIARIES are on sale at the back of church price 50p

BAPTISMS We welcome William Thomas Blockeel and Harry James Lawson who were baptised recently

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 42.

CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 3rd December 2pm-4pm. All the usual stall and attractions. Father Christmas will be in residence 2pm-3pm List in porch to volunteer to help—please get involved. Wreaths will be available to pre-order. The Grand Draw will take place at the Fair—tickets should be available next week - If you can donate a prize put your name on the list in the porch

BAPTISM We welcome Ava Alice, Isla Ellen, Lily Amelia and Ella Jane Cregan who were baptised recently