

Dear Parishioners

In the month of November when Catholics remember and pray for their deceased family, friends and neighbours, our Bishops have launched a new website that offers help and support to those grappling with issues around the meaning of dying and death. It features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. It is called, *The Art of Dying Well* (from the ancient Latin name *Ars Moriendi*) and is drawn from Catholicism's rich treasury of resources and reflections as well as consulting with experts and professionals in palliative care, ethics, chaplaincy, history and the media.

It is found at www.artofdyingwell.org It will be of particular interest to those who are dying (that's of all of us!) to family, friends and carers. At the back of each church there are cards with the address of the site and a prayer for the dying.

Last week I dealt with the Bishop's response to the recent consultation on deacons. Today I quote his decision on Confirmation. "Having considered all the opinions and arguments, I would like to see the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated with candidates aged 13 (Year 8) or above, which is within the age range agreed by the Bishops' Conference. Normally, I would hope to celebrate the Sacrament myself. The precise logistics still need to be worked out but I would prefer to confirm from Easter to the summer school holidays and, if necessary, into the following school term. We might also consider holding some celebrations at the Cathedral or some of the larger churches of the Diocese (such as St. Alban's, Blackburn) to give the candidates a sense of being part of the larger Church.

Other details still need to be finalised. The plan is that the invitation to young people to prepare for Confirmation will be addressed by me to them at the end of Year 6 in Primary School with our schools and parishes working together to prepare them for Confirmation over the following two years. Following their confirmation, I hope that schools and parishes and the diocesan team will be able to offer our young people ongoing spiritual formation which focuses on: growth in prayer and worship; the call to ministry; the call to serve those in need.

In practice, this will mean that the first group of candidates will be invited, before they leave Primary school, in summer 2019, to prepare for Confirmation after Easter 2021"

At Forum on Wednesday we shall consider these and other decisions made by the Bishop following the consultation. *Fr John*

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 13th 2016 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am
4.30pm Reception—Bernadette Malone

Wednesday

Requiem Mass 11am—Bernadette Malone

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (19th November)

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

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am

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Tuesday Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11.30am **Wednesday**—Mass at 9.15am

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

PARISH—Clitheroe, Dunsop and Sabden

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Claire Addington, Deceased Calvert and Ruskin families, Fr J Wareing , Special intention, Intentions of Alice Wells. Holy Souls, Celia Keefe, Jean Schofield

SICK Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Bill Dewhurst, Jane Crowther, Jean Schofield Ian Chew, Fr Joseph Wareing SJ, Sean Bennett, Olive Bromley

LATELY DEAD Bernadette Malone, Claire Addington, Celia Keefe

ANNIVERSARIES Jack Haythornthwaite

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £679.93 Dunsop £243.70 Sabden £139.31

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

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

LADIES GROUP ANNUAL MEAL 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

KNIT AND KNATTERTHON Knit a blanket square for Syrian refugees 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 Christmas displays. Please leave at the presbytery.

CARITAS Vacancy for Admin Officer—see poster in porch

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. Come along—All welcome.

RIBBLE VALLEY FOOD BANK During November we are collecting food for Christmas parcels. Last year 120 Christmas parcels were delivered to local people, making a difference to their lives at that special time. Please donate Christmas food and Fayre by 27th November

BROUGHTON CATHOLIC CHARITABLE SOCIETY PRESIDENTS MASS here in St Michael & St John's, Sunday 20 November at 3pm. Immediately following Mass light refreshments will be served in the Social Centre. The presentation of cheques will be handed to the successful recipients of this years alms giving by our President Mr Mike Bradley. Please visit our website. www.TheBroughtonCatholicCharitableSociety.org.uk for more info. Anybody requiring more information contact Mike Bradley on mail@mikebradley.me.uk

THE ANNUAL DEANERY REQUIEM MASS will be concelebrated in St Mary's Langho by the priest of the Deanery at 10.30am this Tuesday 15th November.

CARITAS Hooray!! We are pleased to announce the Sponsored Walk raised an amazing £1071, which will be split 50/50 between Caritas Young Parents Service and Parish Hall renovations. Thankyou so much to everybody who walked and who collected sponsorship money on behalf of the group. The Caritas Young Parents Units in Blackburn and Bolton provide a lifeline to young mums who are destitute and vulnerable.

PARISH FORUM meets on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Social Centre. The main item will be the Bishop's response to the Diocesan Consultation. Other items for the agenda should be sent to Fr John by Tuesday.

TEA DANCE Wednesday 16th November 2pm-5pm in our Parish Hall. Afternoon Tea and Dancing only £4

CLITHEROE

CHRISTMAS CARDS Christmas Cards/Advent Calendars/Christmas gifts 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 Nov

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.

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 M.Valovin Reader—C.McGuire, Euch Ministers—F.Ellis & M.Fox **Sun**—Welc—J.Byrne & P.Dixon Reader—F.Chadwick Euch Min—C.Leeming, B.Collinson, S.Smith Coffee—C.James & L.Pritchard L/ Church—D & V.Harvey Higgins & D & C Carr

S.V.P. we would be grateful for donations of chocolates and/or good as new scarves for the Christmas Fair. Please give to any SVP member or leave at the presbytery.

FR WAREING Please continue your prayers for Fr Wareing, he is quite exhausted and should not be visited for the moment.

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Mon 14th November 7.30pm in the presbytery.

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 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

CAROL SERVICE First Sunday of Advent 27th November at 6.30pm followed by mince pies and refreshments in the Village Hall.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 27.

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

GRAND DRAW TICKETS available this week. Please take a couple of books to sell. Again a big selection of super prizes.

SERVICE OF LIGHT St Mary's Church Sunday November 27th at 4pm, led by Fr Kevin and the children. Special family service to mark the beginning of Advent with special music and readings. All welcome. Coffee/Tea, mince pies and biscuits served in Hall afterwards.