

Dear Parishioners

With Fr Kevin taking up a new post, we must look to the future and plan how best we become a missionary parish composed of three dynamic communities but with the services of only one priest possessed of one head, a degenerating brain and no power of bilocation!

I'm reminded of how Fr Bernard Cotter described his life as a parish priest "Imagine a juggler. If he is fairly competent, he can juggle three balls easily. He can complete other tasks at the same time — talking, smiling, singing, maybe even, if he is a super-juggler, riding a unicycle. Another ball is thrown at random; sometimes he can incorporate it, sometimes not. I am that juggler."

So, to continue the metaphor: the whole parish must join the juggling act. Truth be told we do have a good number of parish activities and groups but we also need to expand what we have. Here are a few requests for you to consider, to ask yourself, could I give a hand here?

First, help with the baptismal preparation of infants. If we are to comply with the Bishop's request in this regard, we shall need volunteers to welcome parents and their babies to Sunday Mass, sit with them and help them feel that they belong. Then afterwards invite them over to coffee in the Hall so that they have opportunity to meet other members of the parish community to which they belong. I ask you, do you need a degree in theology to do that? Please do offer to help. Young families would be invaluable in this ministry.

We need a new music group to alternate with the regular choir. So, we need guitarists, flautists, in fact any instrument, including the ukulele and they don't need to be professional musicians! The group would lead the singing once or twice a month after rehearsal. We'll work on a rota basis and all dates will be available for the coming year starting at the end of September. Interested? Want to learn more with no obligation? Contact me or GERALYN LAMBERT ☎ 07483 811358 or glambert@ssmj.lancs.sch.uk.

Following our discussion earlier in the year of Pope Francis' Laudato si document. I would like to see a Laudato si group formed to discuss and implement the Pope's suggestions.

Finally, there will be no further Thursday evening Masses. Mass on Thursdays will be celebrated at 9.15am in Dunsop. *Fr John*

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th August 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Mass at 7.30pm—
Vigil of the Assumption

Tuesday—The Assumption

Mass at 9.15am

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (19th August)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11-11.45am

Exposition 11-11.55am First Mass of Sunday—5pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Tuesday—The Assumption—Mass at 6pm Thursday—Mass at 9.15am

Saturday—Mass at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am Tuesday—The Assumption—Mass at 11am

Wednesday – Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Brian Ashton, Ann Wharton, Gordon Gorrighan, Margaret Batts

SICK

John Dixon, Joseph Wright, Margaret Fagan,
Cliff Astin, Pat Horrocks, Louise Craven

LATELY DEAD

Gordon Gorrighan

ANNIVERSARIES

Brian Ashton, Margaret Batts

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

Please remember to tell your friends about the new mass times particularly the Saturday night Mass in Clitheroe

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £778.35 Sabden £160.31 Dunsop £201.50
Clitheroe Gift Aid cheque £416 Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

FOOD BANK We are currently short of the following—Toilet rolls, Kitchen rolls, Sponge puddings, Tinned fruit, Hot chocolate, Long Life fruit juice, Tinned Custard, Chocolate, Washing powder/liquid. Many thanks for your continued help and support.

Saturday 5pm Mass in Clitheroe 6.30pm Mass in Dunsop
Sunday 9.30am Mass in Clitheroe 11am Mass in Sabden
Please note also there will be no Thursday evening Mass

CRAIG LODGE RETREAT—25-29 SEPTEMBER There are still some places available on the retreat entitled “Recreate me in Heart and Spirit.” Minibus transport to and from this event is available: places are offered on a first-come-first-served basis, so please see Fr Kevin if you would like to book a place.

WALSINGHAM Two Association pilgrimages to Englands National Shrine of Our Lady. Blackburn Branch Tuesday 22nd—Thursday 24 May 2018. Cost approx £170. Non-returnable deposit of £50. Includes ½ day trip to coast. To book tel: Vincent Fleming 01254 209101. Mini-bus from Clitheroe to join the main coach in Blackburn—to book tel: Maureen 443499. Chorley Branch Monday 18th to Friday 22nd June 2018. Cost approx £305. Deposit £25 includes ½ day to coast and a full day trip out. Main coach starts in Clitheroe. To book tel: Hose Noblett 01254 265498

CARITAS JOB VACANCY—Refugee Response Coordinator—see poster in porch
VACANCY—DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION at Cathedral Centre, Salford—for details please see poster in porch.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Annual Cemetery tidy up. Volunteers please to help tidy up St Joseph's Cemetery prior to the Annual Cemetery Mass on Bank Holiday Monday.

Please meet at 6.30pm on Thursday 24th August, if wet that day then on Friday 25th August 6.30pm.
More information from Arnold 01200 427096



ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS

Bank Holiday Monday 28th August

Our annual Mass for all deceased parishioners, family and friends will be held in the old Catholic cemetery on Waddington Road, Bank Holiday Monday at 11am

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—A.Harkin Reader C.Carr Eucharistic Ministers N.Dixon & F.Ellis —Sun morning Welcoming—R & F.Holgate Reader—F.Chadwick Eucharistic Ministers—H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, S.Smith Tea & Coffee—Embery family Little Church—S.Fellows & C.Mashiter

ROTA—CHANGE OF MASS TIMES Would those Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers who wish to go back on the Saturday Evening Mass rota please let Janet know as soon as possible—hopefully the new rotas will be sent out this coming week.

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING Monday 14 August 7pm in presbytery

TEA DANCE Run by our Ladies Group in our Parish Hall Wednesday 16 August

2-5pm. Dancing/Afternoon Tea still only £4. More info phone Daphne 01200 427912

LADIES GROUP TREASURE HUNT Wednesday 30 August followed by supper at a local hostelry. Cost this year (inc tips) £13 for a two course meal. Menu's are available from the porch or from Daphne or Janet. Starts at 6pm from Lowergate Car Park. If you just want to come for supper you are quite welcome just fill in a menu and let us have it back with payment and meet in the Swan and Royal at 7.15pm. We need menu's and money by Sunday 27th August please.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY By popular request—Rossendale Male Voice Choir Friday 13 October 2017.

MEDAILLE TRUST Summer edition of the free magazine now available in the porch. The Medaille Trust is the Catholic charity that provides safe houses for victims of human trafficking.

DUNSOP

DUCK RACE—AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY Our Annual Duck Race is approaching very soon on the river Dunsop. Please help by taking a book of tickets and selling them. Available from the back of church. Further details Julie Bennett 01200 448630

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 27 This years Bonus Ball payments will end on 30th July. Please could you make sure you are up to date with your £1's!!! It will recommence on 10 September and run again for 45 weeks. Luckily some extra numbers have now become available, please consider having a Bonus Ball if you haven't already got one! You have got to be in it to win it and the very lucky ones several times!!! Please let me know if you are happy to keep the same number or would you like to change it whilst other numbers are available? I will leave a little reply slip at the back of church to put in the Bonus Ball Box or I can be contacted on 01254 8264225 or 07970 398288 or dmaa1@hotmail.com. Thanks for you continued support Donna Wharton

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.