

Dear Parishioners

Today we welcome Fr Joseph Archibong to make the annual mission appeal on behalf of the Kiltegan Mission Society. The St Patrick's Missionary Society, to give its official title, was founded by an Irish diocesan priest, Fr Francis Whitney, who in response to an appeal made by the famous Irish pioneer Bishop Shanahan in 1920, volunteered to help the mostly French Spiritan priests in their mission in Nigeria.

There Fr Whitney witnessed the enthusiasm of the Nigerian people to the call of the Gospel. The urgent need for more priests gave him the idea of recruiting volunteer Irish priests and seminarians to work in in Nigeria.

The idea grew and the Kiltegan Fathers were established on St Patrick's Day, 17th March 1932 and began training its own priests at Kiltegan in Ireland, hence the name. The Society then recruited qualified Irish laity, men, women and religious, to join them and help found and run desperately needed hospitals and schools.

The fledgling society rapidly grew and Rome asked the Kilteganians to take on missions in Kenya and later in Brazil. Propelled by the spirit of their motto 'Caritas Christi Urget Nos' (The love of Christ urges us on: 2 Cor 5:14) that growth continued and St Patrick's Missionary Society priests now work in in Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, South Sudan, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Brazil and Grenada.

In 1997 African students were accepted by the Society to train as missionary priests and in 2007 as Kiltegan celebrated its 75th anniversary the first African members were ordained as full members of St. Patrick's Missionary Society. As their numbers have grown, they represent a new beginning for St. Patrick's Missionary Society changing it from a largely Irish organisation to a truly International Society.

In the 21st century their work concentrates on building up the local church through the establishment of small Christian communities within parishes, supporting families, training lay leaders, formation of young Christians, alongside their priority mission to the marginalised and the poverty-stricken in the teeming shanty towns of Africa's growing cities. In South Sudan they work especially among the huge numbers of refugees.

Fr Joe will tell us more,

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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6th January 2019 - The Epiphany

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
(Please note—No Coffee today)

Monday, Thursday & Friday
Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Friday
Mass at 9am

Saturday (12th January)
Eucharistic Service 10.45am
Reconciliation 11am—11.45am
Exposition 11am—11.55am
First Mass of Sunday 5pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Mass at 9.15am **Saturday** - Mass at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am **Wednesday**—Mass at 9.15am

*There will be an appeal at all masses this weekend by
The Kiltegan Mission Society*

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special Intention, Mary Carty, Monica Murphy, Robert Graham

LATELY DEAD

Mary Carty, Monica Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Graham, Fr Bernard Dobson SJ

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £798.29 Sabden £165.49 Dunsop £293.50

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

CHURCH CHOIR Come along and join our Church Choir most weeks at the 9.30am Sunday Mass—you will be made most welcome. No need to be professional or read music. At the moment we are short of male voices. We look forward to seeing you

DIARIES 2019 Diaries are now available at all three churches—50p each for SVP

VASE Thankyou to the person who left a vase of flowers at the Statue of St Teresa a few weeks ago—your vase can be collected from the Sacristy.

THE BEACON The latest edition of the Beacon, the newsletter of our Diocesan charity is now available in the porch. Please take one and learn about what Caritas does.

PARISH FORUM The next meeting of the Forum is on Wednesday 16th January at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7.15pm. Please send agenda items to Peter Donnelly email: donnelmarg@aol.com or ☎ 01200 441081

HOPE IN THE FUTURE The next meeting is on Tuesday 15th January at 8pm in the presbytery. There is also a Gifts, Talents & Charisms Formation & Discernment Day on Saturday 12th January 10am—5pm St Mary's Parish Hall, Burnley (Mass at 9.30am). All parishioners are welcome. Please register online at www.dioceseofsalford.org/parishes/event or email hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

SALFORD DIOCESE NOT Diocesan Primary Teaching Pool 2019 required for 1 Sept 2019. The Primary Pool will identify and recommend high quality candidates who will gain QTS in summer 2019. for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for 1 September 2019. More details/contacts see porch

FR JOHN'S JUBILEE There will be a meeting on Tuesday 8th January in the presbytery at 7pm to discuss further arrangements for this event on 1st March. Please come along.

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Calling all Health Care Workers. Please join us at St Mary's, levenshulme every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm - (October—June) for Mass, mutual support and speaker-led discussion about medical and ethical issues. See poster in porch

CLITHEROE

CLITHEROE CRIB OFFERINGS this year will be given to the charity 'Friends of the Holy Land', which helps the most vulnerable Christians living in and around Bethlehem. Cheques should be made to 'Friends of the Holy Land'

NEW ROTA are now available from the box in the Sacristy for everyone. Those parishioners who usually get their rota by email please collect a 'hard copy' from the sacristy.

ROTAS Sat Welcoming—A.Harkin **Reader** A.Harkin **Euch Min** F.Ellis & M.Fox **Sunday—Welcoming** B.Barker & C.Riley **Reader** P.Sutcliffe **Euch Min** J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes, **Tea & Coffee** No Tea/Coffee this week

PARISH DRAW Names and money now being taken for the Parish Draw (the first draw will be at the end of January). Janet Clegg, Arnold Marsden, Peter Sutcliffe, Ann Harkin, or Bernard Mercer.

LADIES GROUP The 2019 Programme is now available from the porch.

SALE Christmas items for sale at greatly reduced prices from the table at the back of church. Please put money in CTS box on wall to the right of the War Memorial.

CAFOD Our CAFOD group are holding a meeting in the presbytery on Tuesday 15th January at 10am. Please come and join us—find out how CAFOD helps with the development of the Third World

CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY Arthur Langshaw's Images of Clitheroe Part Two. An illustrated talk by local historian John Lambert at Ribble Valley Council Chambers tomorrow Monday 7th January 7.30pm. Visitors £3 (students free) inc refreshments. Not to be missed

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

CHRISTMAS QUIZ The Quiz held on December 27th raised £450 + £70 (donations) for Marys Meals

Please note: Because of the repairs in our Parish Hall there will be no Tea/Coffee after mass for at least the next two Sundays

DUNSOP

THORNEYHOLME SCHOOL (DUNSOP BRIDGE) are looking to appoint a School Cook/Server for the Primary School. In a quiet very small rural area. 20 hours per week Monday to Friday.—£9.01 hr (term time only) Applications to be in by Monday 7th January. More information ☎ School 01200 448201 Mrs Janet Wells on 01200 448201 or email janetannewells@aol.com

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL This week's winning number 28 Mark Wiggin Congratulations

KNIT STITCH & NATTER every Monday 10.15am to noon in the Top room in the Hall. All welcome to pop along for tea/coffee and biscuits and a chat. Bring your own crafts if you wish to knit, stitch or just natter. Re-commences Monday 7th January.

GOVERNOR VACANCY At St Mary's Primary School, No formal qualifications needed as training and support will be given, but you need to be aged 18 or over. If you are interested please email the following address

bursar@st-marys-sabden.lancs.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS QUIZ this is still running but the deadline for Quiz sheets to be handed is next Sunday January 13th.

WINTER WARMER The Knit, Stitch & Natter Group is holding a Social on Saturday 5th February from noon in the Hall. Pie & Peas and Trifle lunch, stalls, music and entertainment, Raffle & Tombola. Adm by ticket £6 on sale from Carol Hartley, Margaret Waling, Margaret Parsons. Proceeds to church and charity.