

Dear Parishioners,

You may have heard that the Government has not included GCSE Religious Studies (RS) as one of the core humanities subjects within the new English Baccalaureate curriculum. Many believe that this is another example of the marginalisation of religion in our country. Education experts have testified that RS is as academically rigorous as any other subject and is extremely popular among students.

A campaign has been launched to persuade the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP to reconsider his decision. So far over a hundred thousand people have signed an online petition and over 102 MPs have signed an Early Day Motion.

The petition reads:

"I am profoundly concerned about the exclusion of Religious Education from the Humanities options in the curriculum of the English Baccalaureate.

Not only is Religious Education as demanding and rigorous as the other Humanities options including history and geography – it is a more multi-faceted discipline, drawing on philosophy, anthropology and theology to name but a few. Because schools are now being ranked on their performance in priority subjects for this new qualification, excluding Religious Education undermines this course of study. Fewer schools will feel compelled to employ specialist Religious Education teachers and will dedicate less time to it in their school timetables.

Because Religious Education has the strong potential to increase understanding and tolerance, building social cohesion in our increasingly diverse society, I am calling on you now to include Religious Education as a Humanities option in the curriculum of the English Baccalaureate."

To support this petition go to www.reactcampaign.co.uk and simply type your name and email address into the relevant boxes. If you don't have a computer then use a friend's!

We need more Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, to give Eucharistic Ministers their proper title, including young adults and teenagers. Could you help? Why not have a word with me or Andy McGuire (428121) for Readers or Teresa Mercer (429960) for Ministers of Holy Communion?
Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

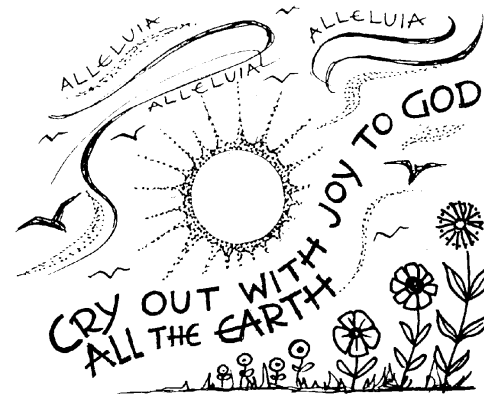
Lowergate, Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 1AG

Tel 01200 423307 Website: olotv.org.uk

Email: smsj@btinternet.com Parish Priest: Mgr John Corcoran RD

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 29th May 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
& Thursday**

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

11am - Funeral Service Henry Dooley

Friday

9am - Eucharistic Service

Saturday (4th June)

11-11.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 - 11.55am Exposition 11.30am - Rosary

Eucharistic Service at noon

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am followed by coffee

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Mark Bennett, Henry Dooley, John Abbott

SICK

Vincenzo Ditri, Henry Dooley, Josephine Howarth, Brigid Hardwick, Monica Hargreaves

LATELY DEAD

Sr Angelina Telese, Henry Dooley, Hilda Burgess

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark Bennett

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - M.Valovin **Sunday** - P.Dixon & C.Riley

READERS

Saturday - A.Southworth **Sunday** - M.Barrett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - R.Carter & B.Taylor **Sunday** - P.Sutcliffe & J & C Leeming

TEA & COFFEE

B.Barker & K.Peel

OFFERTORY Clitheroe - £754.16 Sabden £268.85

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE Opens after Mass on Saturday evening. Why not come in for a relaxing evening, re-ignite old friendships and make new ones. Don't forget Sunday evening is our regular Family Quiz Night between 8pm—10pm **BINGO** on Tuesday evenings. All members welcome.

SATURDAY 11 JUNE East Lancs Hospice Charity Event in the Hall with DJ and Tribute Artist (Elvis and others) Tickets £6 at Social Centre or from any committee member also "For Auction—Tour of Liverpool FC stadium and museum for 4 people worth £140 plus lots more items" **SUNDAY JULY 31st.** There will be a meeting for members in the club at 7.30pm to elect a new committee.

WELCOME Many thanks to the two people who have volunteered to go on the Welcome Rota - your help is much appreciated. New rota's will be issued at the end of June.

LARK HILL ASSOC-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS Mass followed by buffet Saturday June 25th. See poster

CHRISTIAN AID Many thanks to all of you who helped this year. We collected £744 which was up £65 on 2010.

CARITAS Mass at Salford Cathedral on Saturday 25 June at noon. A warm welcome to all parishioners to join us for this celebration and afterwards for light refreshments in the Cathedral.

CATHOLIC BLIND INSTITUTE based on Merseyside is a charity helping visually impaired people of all ages - pick up one of the information leaflets available from the back of church to find out more

RIGHT TO LIFE

WALK

TOMORROW

Bank Holiday Monday 1.30pm

PLEASE NOTE

Would all local people doing the walk, please park their cars in the Car Park behind the Social Centre and leave the Church Car Park for visitors. We know of at least 24 from Liverpool plus people from Burnley, Osbaldeston, Langho, Dunsop Bridge along with 5 priests, 2 MP's and Ken Hargreaves Could all stewards please be at Church Car Park before 1pm with your high visibility waist coats and mobile phones. Contact Arnold tel: 01200 427096

Archbishop Patrick Kelly and Lord David Alton will start the race



CAFOD Advance notice CAFOD Supporters Day, Lee House, Thornley nr Chipping Sunday 10th July 1pm-6pm. Non Eucharistic Liturgy, Presentation followed by the famous Bar B Q. Do come and join us and bring a contribution to share "The sun always shines".

LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR

Wednesday 29 June. Pick up a flyer from the church porch or see Janet or Daphne. Set off 4.45pm Clitheroe Interchange and get back to Clitheroe approx 9.45pm. Due to rising costs it will be £20 but include drivers and waitresses tip and a free raffle. Please note husbands/friends are all welcome to come along.

LIFTS FOR ELDERLY PARISHIONERS

We are again appealing for people with cars to help bring elderly parishioners to mass at weekends, Please ring Julie Woodhead 01200 428009

ST MARY'S, SABDEN

GARDEN PARTY

IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

**CREAM TEAS, GAMES, TOM-
BOLA, FACE PAINTING, ICE**

CREAM

**PLEASE DONATE ITEMS
FOR SELLING - ALL THE
USUAL THINGS**

**WELCOME - AND LEAVE
IN THE SACRISTY OR**

PLACE IN THE BOX IN THE PORCH.



**NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE
ALSO CAKES AND GROCERIES ON THE
DAY.**

St Michael & St John's
Loyola Scout Group
require a Scout Leader



We are asking all Adults

COULD YOU VOLUNTEER?

Scouting cannot exist without the skills and enthusiasm of adults. There has never been a better time to get involved.

This is **YOUR** opportunity to help our young people to benefit from all that scouting can give them. Help and support will be given. If you require more info please contact us.

Vol_nteer_ and keep us running smoothly...

What is missing? **UR**

COME ON - JOIN THE ADVENTURE

Bernard Mercer - Group Scout leader
01200 429960

Grace Fellows - Asst Group Scout leader

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 44 Jean Haythornthwaite. Last week no 5 Glenys Campbell. Please collect winnings from Carol or Harry. There are still 2 spare numbers for this weekly draw if anyone would like to join in, again see Carol or Harry. **TESCO VOUCHERS** are being collected also by Sabden school.

ST MARY'S PARISH HALL (SABDEN)

To book the hall contact Tony Hargan and his telephone number is 07711 635084

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL are collecting batteries and Nestle cereal tokens. Please hand them in at school or in the container in the porch.

**Steve Robinson will be here next
Sunday 5th June**