

Dear Parishioners,

Mass will not be celebrated in Sabden this week. On Friday the section of Whalley Road that runs by the church is to be resurfaced.

Beginning next Sunday a group of enthusiastic volunteers was to complete the renovation of the ceiling by repainting the interior of St Mary's. Since then questions have been raised over the length of time required, insurance and health & safety considerations. So we shall have a meeting in church this Wednesday at 7.30pm to decide a way forward.

After almost 30 years leading the scouts Iain Grimshaw has retired. Many parents and boys are indebted to him for the time and enthusiasm he gave. St Michael and St John's scout group, has a long and proud history but now will close unless a new leader or leaders come forward to replace Iain. Sadly our Guides Company closed recently for the very same reason. So please, if you can help to keep our scouts running, contact Bernard Mercer ☎ 429960. If you don't, who will?

Today we celebrate this year's **Day for Life** by reflecting on what it means to live a full and happy life. It takes as its starting point the words of Pope Benedict during his recent visit to Britain, when he said: "Happiness is something we all want, but one of the great tragedies in this world is that so many people never find it, because they look for it in the wrong places. The key to it is very simple – true happiness is to be found in God. We need to have the courage to place our deepest hopes in God alone, not in money, in a career, in worldly success, or in our relationships with others, but in God. Only he can satisfy the deepest needs of our hearts."

Day for Life invites us to work for a society in which all are valued as created, loved by God, redeemed by Christ; not for their fame, or power or what they own but for their intrinsic worth. It is a call to rediscover the truth that our deepest happiness and joy comes from the knowledge that we are all loved by God from the very beginning and that trusting in God's love, through our setbacks and difficulties, our own 'joy will be complete'.

There will be a retiring collection for life-related projects supported by the Church.

Enjoy the holiday.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

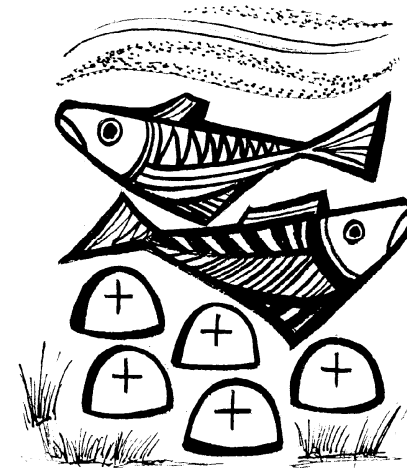
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18th Sunday in Ordinary time - 31st July 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (6th August)

11.15 - 11.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 - 11.55am Exposition 1.30am - Rosary

Noon—Eucharistic Service

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Friday - No Mass

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

David Devine, Catherine Murrin, Margaret Batts

LATELY DEAD

Fr Luis Ruiz SJ

ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth Hutchinson, Margaret Batts

**There will be a retiring collection for Day for Life
at both masses this weekend - Gift Aid envelopes are available
-from the shelves at the back of church**

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - C.Harkin **Sunday** - R & F Holgate

READERS

Saturday - L.Perrin **Sunday** - P.Donnely

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - R.Carter & B.Taylor **Sunday** - R.Embery, I.Parkes, P.Sutcliffe

TEA AND COFFEE

J.Marsden, M.Marsden & E.Thomson

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £706.49 Sabden £137.96

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. **MEETING FOR MEMBERS** on July 31st will now take place on Sunday 4th September at 7.30pm. Future Events : Johnny Solo Saturday 10th September.

CATHOLIC VOICES: media training for Catholic youth: Autumn 2011. Following last year's Catholic Voices speakers' programme, which trained young people during the Papal Visit to respond to the media, Catholic Voices are again offering training, in Leeds. The training will take place over three weekends in October, November and December 2011. The idea is to assemble a team of people who, after training, will be happy to talk on radio and television about being a Catholic and to discuss what the Church believes and teaches. **The training is free.** This is an opportunity for young Catholics between the ages of 20 and 45 to deepen their understanding of the contentious issues behind news stories and learn the techniques and outlook which Catholic Voices have developed. Interested? See me

S.V.P. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th August

TABOR Copies of the September - December programme are now available from the porch. Note especially 'Dare to be different' - a new young adult group, John Bell Workshop - a hymn writer from the Wild Goose group of Iona and 'A Call to Serve', a day for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers.

HELP! HELP! HELP! Needed with painting the old chapel in St Joseph's cemetery. We are starting this coming Monday night at 6.30pm. Ring Arnold on 01200 427096

URGENTLY NEEDED More volunteers for Eucharistic Services Monday to Friday please telephone Lily on 01200 426949

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT Friday 19th August 7.30pm at St James the Less Parish Centre, Rawtenstall. Cost £5 includes quiz entry and Pie and Peas Supper. More details ring Dominic 07999 512102 or Elysia 01706 215176

FR LUIS RUIZ SJ died on Tuesday 26th July at the age of 97 after a long lifetime's service to the poor and destitute of China. You may remember our parish of St Michael & St John's held two extraordinary collections in support of his work.

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

CAFOD Due to the worsening drought situation in countries of the Horn of Africa, the National EDC Appeal will remain open. Donations may be placed in the CAFOD box at the back of church and Gift Aid envelopes can be put into Mass collection box or handed in at the presbytery. Thank you. Our Lady of Africa, Pray for us.

LADIES GROUP TREASURE HUNT Wednesday 31st August in Downham with supper afterwards at the Assheton Arms. Cost £12 inc supper. If you have not already booked please ask Janet for a menu. Also a date for you diary - next Ladies Group trip on October 5th to Bradford for shopping or whatever you wish to do and then on to the Bronte Parsonage at Haworth. **COMMITTEE MEETING** Monday 8th August 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CRAFT AFTERNOON - the next Get together will be on Thursday 11th August from 2pm - 4pm in the presbytery - Everyone welcome

STONYHURST COLLEGE - Guided tours from July 25 - August 29. See poster
PUDDING FEST Could you donate a cold pudding for the Clitheroe Food Festival on Saturday 13th August? All money raised will be for the Friends of Chernobyl's Children. We also need help to serve the puddings on the day. If you could spare a couple of hours please pick up one of the yellow leaflets from the porch or go to www.stmaryclitheroe.com and click on Food Festival link, or see Janet

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER August leaflets now available from porch.

Look out for posters advertising the post of Manager for the Social Centre and Hall, in church, club, hall, the library, CAB, RVBC Information Office, supermarkets and few other spots around town, including our own and the Job Centre web-site. In an attempt to conserve our cash it will not appear in paid advertising sites. Meanwhile as announced last week the club remains open under the management of Aileen Evans, Gerry Harkin and Kevin Shepherd

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 39 S.Holmes. 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.

GIFT AIDERS please pick up your annual statement from the box in the porch

ROTA'S New rota's for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are in the sacristy - please collect

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.

CHURCH DECORATION we will start to paint the church from NEXT Sunday 7th August. We will start preparing after mass this Sunday. Anyone who can spare any time to help will be much appreciated. We hope to move furniture and clean the walls down first, then over the next week to get the painting done. Please come and help if only for the odd hour - many hands make light work.

MANY THANKS for donations to the Parish Hall in memory of the late Norman Bromley which totalled £360

