

Dear Parishioners,

Reporter and author John Allen is an internationally recognised authority on the Catholic Church. During a recent interview he was asked what he thought the Catholic Church does best and doesn't get much credit for? Here's what he said. "Fundamentally, I don't think the Catholic Church gets enough credit for being a hell of a lot of fun. There's great warmth and laughter in most Catholic circles, a rich intellectual tradition, a vast body of lore, an incredible range of characters, a deep desire to do good, an abiding faith against all odds, an ability to go anywhere and feel instantly at home, and even a deep love of good food, good drink, and good company. All that is part of the tapestry of Catholic life, but it rarely sees the light of day in commentary and reporting that focuses exclusively on crisis, scandal, and heartache." Well said, John.

Tonight, Sunday, we start this year's introduction to the Catholic Church. It will interest any who wish to learn more about the faith, have missed making their First Holy Communion wish to join the Church or are simply curious about what makes Catholics tick! If you have a friend who is interested but shy of walking into the Presbytery - then come along with them. At tonight's meeting we shall decide on which night we shall meet and also ask whether there is interest in an afternoon option.

Not one of the country's six medical professional bodies is in favour of euthanasia. Yet a blatantly biased report is to be published by a private commission headed by Lord Falconer. So biased, that the British Medical Association (BMA) refused to have anything to do it. Please take, read and share the leaflet, *Facts on Euthanasia*.

Sabden's Fashion Show was not only a thoroughly entertaining evening but also raised a splendid £475 towards the redecoration of the church (£1,680) and revamping of the heating system (£3,780). Congratulations to all who contributed towards its success.

Now that St Michael & John's is open every day for private prayer, we plan to open St Mary's for a period on one afternoon a week, probably to coincide with grand/parents collecting children from school. Are you interested? Anthony Galea is coordinating the venture. Contact him ☎ 01282 776511. Fr John

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th October 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (22nd October)

11.15am - 11.45am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 - 11.55am Exposition

11.30am - Rosary

Noon—Eucharistic Service

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Friday - 9.15am

LATELY DEAD

June Moore

Next weekend - Mission Sunday, there will be a retiring collection for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £732.81 Sabden £126.56 Many thanks
SOCIAL CENTRE . Future Events in the Top Lounge - **October 29th** - Andy Ash - Singer. **Friday 11th November** - Race Nite.
Saturday 19th November - Bernie Calvert (ex Hollies) and Friends entertain
Saturday 3rd December Johnny Solo
Please note: the Social Centre is now open 7 days a week from 7pm and Sunday lunchtime from 12noon - 3pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION There's another petition going round regarding Religious Education in the EBacc since the P.M has now stated that they have an open mind about RE. Please take a couple of minutes to sign. <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/129>

H.C.P.T.SPONSORED WALK Will all please pay their sponsorship so a total can be published. Donations are still being accepted. If you wish you can put your money in an envelope - clearly marked with your name and for the attention of Arnold Marsden on the collection plate.

CATHOLIC SINGLES an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel: 0161 941 3498 or visit the website www.catholicssingles.org.uk Email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

ST MARY'S COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENINGS - See poster in porch

CAFOD Grateful thanks for a total of £524.10 collected from Harvest Fast Day envelopes in our Parish of Our Lady of the Valley. Also special thanks to helpers and supporters of our stall at Hurst Green last Sunday. Enough money was taken to buy 4 bicycles for medical workers in Mozambique, to visit people in need of medical care. Again, grateful thanks.

R.C.I.A.MEETING an Introductory and Information meeting tonight, Sunday 16 October at 7.30pm in the presbytery. If you want to find our more about Catholics and our faith please feel welcome to come along. Contact Mary Sellers 01200 428653

ARE YOU A CARER? Did you know that here in the Ribble Valley the charity Crossroads Care supports and gives respite to carers. If you need help or advice please contact Laura Grasby 01200 422104 or email admin-rvc@btconnect.com

PARISH ACTION GROUP Next meeting Thurs 27 Oct 7.30pm, in the presbytery

YOUTH MASS a diocesan wide Mass for Youth only will be held at 6pm on Sunday 30th October in the Spiritan Centre, Northallerton, Lower Kersall, M7 3TP followed by things youth do. For details 0161 792 4195 or aspire@dioceseofSalford.org.uk

FASHION SHOW Thankyou to everyone who helped with or came to the Fashion Show at St Mary's Sabden, last Saturday

TEA DANCE NEXT Wednesday 19th October in our Parish Hall - 2pm - 5pm. Traditional and Sequence dancing with excellent afternoon tea - all for £3.50!. Everyone welcome to come along for a dance, a chat or just the afternoon tea.

BAPTISMS We welcome, Samuel Baron, Charlie Lockley and Kailum Walsh who were baptised recently.

A CALL TO SERVE
A day for Eucharistic Ministers & Readers led by the Carmelite Friars at Tabor in Preston.
SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER
10am - 4pm
Bring a packed lunch, drinks provided. Please car share as parking is limited. Booking essential. If you would like to go please put your name on the list in the porch. Enquiries to Teresa Mercer 429960

LADIES GROUP Wednesday 26th October A.G.M. at 7.30pm followed at 8 o'clock by a presentation by the well known broadcaster and journalist Dr Ron Freethy on the Natural History of Lancashire. This sounds very interesting and could appeal to the men of the Parish also. Admission £1.50. Everyone welcome
BIBLE READING anyone interested in joining us please ring Elsie on 01200 424714

CLITHEROE

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND **Sat** - J.Bentley **Sun** - B.Marker & K.Peel
READERS **Saturday** - R.Carter **Sunday** - P.Donnolly
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS **Saturday** - B.Worden & A.Southworth
Sunday - C.Morgan, T.Mercer, P.Donnolly
P.Byrne & Family

TEA AND COFFEE

S.V.P. There will be Benediction next Sunday 23rd October at 4.30pm. Bromley Cross S.V.P. are bringing some of their parishioners for a visit, ending with Benediction. We hope that as many as possible, of our own parishioners will also attend.

CATHOLIC COMPANION October edition now on sale - still only £1.

PIETY STALL at the back of church has been replenished - Rosary beads/bracelets, Novena booklets and prayer cards plus many more greeting cards are now available at very reasonable prices. Please put money in the C.T.S. box that can be found on the wall.

CLITHEROE BIBLE SOCIETY are organising 'BIBLE QUESTION TIME' on Tuesday 18th October 7.30pm - 9pm at St Mary Magdalene's Parish Church. Refreshments available. Come and ask your difficult questions.

ROTA'S There are still some of the current 'Rotas' for Welcomers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers left in the box in the sacristy. Please collect yours as soon as possible.

MODERN BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING in our Parish Hall with bar to refresh you on Saturday 15th October and Saturday 12th November at 7.30pm. Cost £5

ADVANCE NOTICE K.S.C. Jumble Sale Saturday November 5th

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 45 John Shorter Please collect winnings from Carol or Harry. There are a numbers still available for this draw, please join in it's only £1 per week.

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

HALLS FOR HIRE

for
**Birthday's,
Celebrations,
Anniversaries
Funeral
Receptions
etc**

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