

Dear Parishioners,

As you leave church you are invited to take a faith card. These have been made available to all our churches in England and Wales with a note from Bishop Kieran Conry who heads up mission activities in the bishops conference. He writes:

"We all carry a variety of cards in our purses and wallets which reflect something of our identity and the things that are important to us. The faith card for Catholics aims to offer a daily reminder of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. We can't summarise the whole of our faith in bullet points, but we hope that the card simply inspires people to do, read and learn more."

These are the bullet points he mentions

Share with others the joy of knowing Jesus Christ

Pray

Celebrate the sacraments regularly

Love my neighbour as myself

Use the gifts that I've been given wisely

Forgive as I have been forgiven.

The Parish Form meets this Thursday, 26th April, at 7.30pm in the Hall. Remember, this is your parish council of which all parishioners are members with the right to speak and to vote; so come along. Please let me or Margaret Donnelly have agenda items by this (Sunday) evening

Our children receive the sacrament of Confirmation next month on Pentecost Sunday, 27th May. In Clitheroe there will be the usual Sunday morning Mass at 9.30am with Confirmation conferred at a service without Mass at 3pm. In Sabden it will be conferred during the 11am Mass.

Children will receive their First Holy Communion in Clitheroe during a Mass beginning at 2pm on Sunday 17th June and in Sabden on the following Sunday, 24th June during the 11am Mass.

This year's Barbecue organised by all the churches in Clitheroe will be on 25th & 26th May. It will have a family feel with lots of activities for children. Needless to say, a good number of volunteers are required to help it go with a bang, so if you can lend a hand please do volunteer. To pray for its success there will be services open to all at 7.30pm at the King's Centre on 26 April, the Salvation Army on 2nd May and St James' on 8th May. Information and volunteer sheets at available at the back of the church.

I recommend the Blackburn People's Choir a week on Saturday in St Mary's Sabden. Unfortunately I can't be there, but it was a superb night last year. Details inside.

Do you answer the call of the Angelus bell?

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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3rd Sunday of Easter (B) 22nd April 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am (sung) followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am

Funeral Service at 11am Brian Balshaw

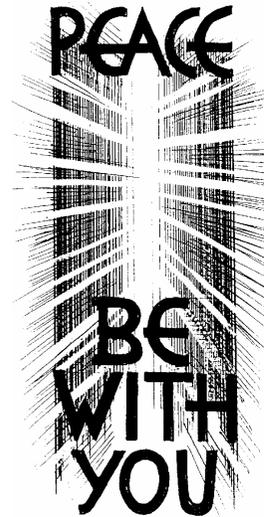
Saturday (28th April)

11am - 12noon Exposition

11am - 11.45am Reconciliation

11.30am - Rosary 12noon Eucharistic Service

6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)



St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am (sung)

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Clifford Barcroft, Helen Haughton, Maureen Tiernan, Sally Hickling, Bernard Gilroy

SICK

Sally Hickling, Bernard Gilroy, Helen Haughton,
Margaret Cross (nee O'Donnell) Australia

LATELY DEAD

Clifford Barcroft, Maureen Tiernan, Brian Balshaw

*There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for
The Ecclesiastical Education Fund (Priest's training fund)*

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £664.34 Sabden £167.28 Many thanks
JESUIT MISSIONS QUARTERLY COLLECTION £250.85 Many thanks
APF RED BOXES (Clitheroe) £669.10 Many thanks

Please note: the Social Centre is now open 7 days a week from 7pm and Sunday lunchtime from 12noon - 3pm

SOCIAL CENTRE Sunday evening In addition to the usual Quiz on a Sunday evening is 'Play your Cards Right'. Please come along - Everyone welcome

SOCIAL CENTRE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Memberships can be renewed from 8.30pm every Monday or Friday evening

LADIES GROUP TRIP our next day out will be on Wednesday May 9th to Southport. Set off from Interchange 8.45am. Still a few seats left on coach. Ring Daphne 427912 or Janet 424657 to book

VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOL for both Tesco and Sainsbury's are being collected by St Michael & John's school. Please pop in Red Communications Box in porch.

JUMBLE SALE NEXT Saturday 28th April at 2pm in our Parish Hall. Jumble will be collected Friday 27th early evening - contact Les 427029 or Arnold on 427096

CAP (Christians against Poverty) MONEY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY There are some places available on a one day training day to become a CAP Money and Budgeting trainer. This would enable all the local churches to join together to run the three week, two hour course on household budgeting for the local community. If anyone would like to attend the training course taking place in Bradford on Saturday 12th May 10am - 4pm as a cost of £45 please give Carol a call on 01200 444929 or 0758 118 7615 or visit www.capuk.org

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

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE & BISCUITS in the Ribble Valley Mayors Parlour on Saturday 12th May 10am - 12noon. Admission £1. Bring and Buy Stall

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Mass in preparation for the will take place in Salford Cathedral at 7.30pm Friday 25th May. See poster in porch

DAY OF RENEWAL 'Life to the Full' at Salesian Convent, Kendal See poster

CLITHEROE

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK runs from 13th - 19th May. Would the loyal band of helpers be willing to help again this year? then please let Janet know. We need someone to **COLLECT ONLY** the envelopes (which will have already been delivered) on the following - Henthorn Road, Faraday Avenue, The Crescent, Seedall Avenue and Bayley Fold. If you would be willing to do so again let Janet know.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Tues June 5th 7.30pm as St Mary Magdalene's a special service of thanksgiving to mark the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION CARDS at very reasonable priced are on sale at the back of church - hurry, they are selling fast

Please note: Please collect 2012/2013 Gift Aid envelopes from the sacristy. Thankyou

NEXT WEEKEND	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Roberts	P.Dixon & E.Thomson
Readers	L.Perrin	S.Shore
Eucharistic Ministers	R.Carter & B.Taylor	G.Lambert, E.Lambert, A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee Rota		Embery family

CAFOD "THIRST FOR CHANGE" the recently launched water campaign calling for safe water for the 884 million people who still lack clean water to-day. If YOU did not have a safe water supply would you try to do something about it? Here is a chance for you to do something for someone else who does not have a safe water supply. Simple, but extremely effective, sign a card to ask the Prime Minister at the G8 Summit to call on world leaders to end water poverty. This weekend cards will be available in the porch. BE A DROPLET TO TURN THE TIDE

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES NEXT WEEK Monday 9am - 12.30pm, Thursday - CLOSED, Friday 1.30pm - 5pm

LADIES GROUP This coming Wednesday 25 April at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. Trekking to Everest Base Camp - gasping for breath in the Himalayas - with speaker Norman Harris. Admission £1.50 including Tea & Biscuits. Everyone welcome

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 40 The Brown Family **VOUCHERS** Our Primary school are collecting both Tesco & Sainsburys vouchers. Please note Sainsbury's scheme has now finished. Can you please hand in the vouchers as soon as possible so that we can add them up. Each year we waste 100's of tokens that are handed in too late.

BLACKBURN PEOPLE'S CHOIR 7.30pm Saturday 5th May in St Mary's Church. Tickets £6 available from St Mary's, Uschi Mueller 01282 774324, Susan White 01282 433455 or Janet at St Michael & St John's 01200 423307 and also after masses. Please support this event, it will be an evening not to be missed, with a good and varied programme. Something to suit everyone

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

OUR DAY OUT We have a lot of interest from the young people but still need some adults to make this a success. There must be some thespians with or without experience in such a large parish as Our Lady of the Valley. Please give it a go and support the youth. Next Rehearsal Tuesday 24 April 6.30pm - 8pm. We will need a lot of help getting this to the stage. If you would like to be involved in any capacity please come along.

HALLS FOR HIRE

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

ST MICHAEL & JOHN'S



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**ST MARY'S
SABDEN**

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