

Dear Parishioners,

On this great feast of Pentecost we heartily congratulate the children who are confirmed today in Sabden and Clitheroe. We pray that they will live their lives in fidelity to Jesus Christ and discover the unique gifts and vocation that God invites each of them to follow as they grow in wisdom.

Recently Archbishop Vincent Nichols at a conference attended by 200 concerned Catholics spoke of the pain experienced by friends and family when faith is lost. He said: "The loss of faith or the absence from the practice of faith is something which touches many families and many friendships. Faith is of great value to those who, as it were, have put their lives into the community of faith, so when it is lost or even scorned by somebody close to them it is quite painful. He continued: "...people drift away or leave the church because of hurt or simply because of neglect. What is interesting is that when those who have left are asked, they comment quite often that: 'Nobody seemed to notice whether I was there or not.' 95% of such Catholics when interviewed say they would welcome an approach which addressed this issue in their lives."

Today we remember when on that first Pentecost Sunday the Apostles under the impetus of the Holy Spirit rushed into the street and the Church was born. So if you are concerned for a friend or family member struggling with faith then why not commend them to the Holy Spirit by today beginning a nine day novena for them?

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Grant me also, O Holy Spirit, Giver of all good gifts, the special favour for which I ask [*name your request*], if it be for your honour and glory and for my spiritual wellbeing. Amen. Fr John

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Pentecost (B) - 27th May 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am (sung) followed by Coffee
3pm - Confirmation

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (2nd June)

11am-11.55am - 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) and Confirmation

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Robert Graham, Angelina Telese

SICK

Sally Hickling, Margaret Cross (nee O'Donnell) Australia

LATELY DEAD

Valerie Haworth, Mary Johnston

ANNIVERSARIES

Raymond Calvert, Angelina Telese

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £773.08 Sabden £184.66 Many thanks
COMBONI MISSIONS Clitheroe £498.82 Sabden £148.77

**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

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

CARITAS Annual Garden Party on Saturday 9th June at The Barlow RC High School, Didsbury 1pm - 4pm. There are some Raffle tickets £1 each, available from the Parish office. This year there will be a silent auction, including two signed photographs of Manchester City FC donated by the club more details 0161 817 2252 or fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk

CARITAS JOB VACANCIES - Three job vacancies - please see poster in porch

ST MARY'S COLLEGE Three Evening Degree Courses - Education & Special Needs - Education & Early Childhood Studies - Accounting and Business Management (ACCA Accredited) to commence September 2012. Tuition fees £5,500 per year - more affordable than majority of universities. Further information contact Jean Isherwood on 01254 586977 or j.isherwood@stmarysblackburn.ac.uk or go along to the Information Evening on Monday 28th May between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. Also St Mary's College will be offering free transport on the College bus services in the new academic year.

JOB VACANCY Methodist Church - Pendle Circuit - see poster in porch

CAFOD The Governments Department for International Development which created the initiative UK AID MATCH will match £ for £ all money given in collections, donations and fund-raising activities for Cafod between Feb 17th and May 17th. Cafod's national target was £2million. By March 23rd £2.5 million had come in. A 'cap' of £5 million which had been put on - was removed. At present £8million has been raised with money still coming in. Here in our parish a total of £2,540.66 was collected. Indeed, may God bless you for your heartening generosity.

THE GRAND Wednesday 20th June - 'IN YER FACE' - Christian Theatre Company. See poster in porch

CLITHEROE

LADIES GROUP The next Ladies Group meeting will be NEXT Wednesday 30th May 'The Bra Spa' and entertaining talk on Optifit bras

DIAMOND JUBILEE - a special service of thanksgiving to mark the Diamond Jubilee H.M. Queen Elizabeth II at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th June at St Mary Magdalene

REVISED HALL CHARGES - Please see poster in outside notice board.

FROM THE ARCHIVES Universe Diamond Jubilee Edition now on Sale £3.50

PARISH DRAW MAY WINNERS £100 - 197 B. Calvert, £25 - 65 P. Jones, £10 - 85 R. Conti, 156 P. Bennett, 154 T. Wilkinson, 5 E. Worswick, 172 B. Collinson

NEXT WEEKEND	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M. Manning	D. Marsden & J. Byrne
Readers	A. McGuire	M. Donnelly
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Worden & A. Southworth	G. Lambert, E. Lambert, A. Marsden
Tea & Coffee Rota		C. James/M. Tomlinson/A. Pritchard

LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR Our Annual Mystery Tour this year will be on Wednesday 27th June. Set off from Interchange at 4.45pm. Eat at approx 6.30pm. The cost this year unfortunately has had to be increased to £22 (last year we made a loss) but does include tips for driver and waitresses. Everyone - friends, husbands etc are also very welcome. Flyers available in porch with menu options. Please bring with you to the meeting next Wednesday or ring Janet 01200 423307 or Daphne 01200 427912.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION CARDS at very reasonable prices on sale at the back of church

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 22 Heather Kerr

FR BIRMINGHAM'S JUBILEE is organised for Wednesday 13th June at 7.30pm. Notices will be in porch this week for anyone wishing to contribute to the refreshments afterwards, cakes and savouries

GARDEN PARTY will be on Saturday 16th June 2pm-4pm all usual stalls. We would like to make this a memorable event. Again there is a list at the back of church for people to help with stalls.

SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS both promotions have now finished. Can you please hand the vouchers in to school or leave them in the porch before half term.

GARDEN There will be a working party in the garden next Saturday 2nd June. There is lots to do if the grounds are ever to be brought under control. Will start around 9.30am. Please bring any garden tools you think may be useful. Coffee and bacon etc will be provided. If you can just spare an hour, the more the easier. Please try to join us 0 it's fun and good exercise.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - an Olympic Quiz on Saturday 30th June and Bingo on Wednesday 11th July.

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

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP - SABDEN SEEDLINGS starts in St Mary's Hall on Monday 11th June at 9.30am. £1 including Tea or Coffee and snacks for the children. Many thanks to those who have donated Toys and Books etc. Please contact Katy Collins on 01282 680617 or Suzanne Brown on 01282 771517

MYSTERY TOUR - Clitheroe Ladies Group - flyers available from back of church

HALLS FOR HIRE

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

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