

Dear Parishioners

Pope Benedict has invited Catholics to rediscover the great gift of faith and to seek new ways of sharing it during a **Year of Faith** which begins on 11 October, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The year will end on 24 November 2013, the Feast of Christ the Universal King. The **Year of Faith** will also coincide with a meeting of Bishops in Rome to discuss how Europe particularly may be re-evangelised.

Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love and when it is celebrated as an experience of grace and joy. This week I met with priests of the deanery and we decided that during this **Year of Faith** we shall both celebrate our Faith and our heritage and also promote a study programme in all our parishes.

We propose a cycle of events exploring the roots of our faith and heritage that the many martyrs from our part of Lancashire witnessed to. These will focus on our patron, locally born St. John Southworth, an icon of whom will provide a focal point for major celebrations and will tour parish churches within the deanery. Now this is the important point: we want what promises to be an exciting project to be a laity led enterprise. Volunteers are required to organise events and liturgies, others to research the lives of local saints and martyrs and still others to produce materials for schools. The first volunteer I need is a coordinator to replace me!

We are also negotiating to buy 20,000 YOUCATS as the basis of the parish study programmes. More of that later.

Next Sunday, 1st July, is Weld Day. There will be only one Mass for both Sabden and Clitheroe on our field at 10.30am during which newly ordained deacon Frankie Mulgrew will exercise his ministry for the first time. Mass will be followed by a parish picnic. As last year there will be a free glass of wine with strawberries and ice-cream to follow. You bring yourselves, picnic bags, blankets or stools and pray that we enjoy again last year's glorious weather. The Saturday evening Mass on 30th June will be celebrated as usual at 6pm.

Also Deacon Frankie will lead a special 2 part course for all Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturdays, 7th and 14th July and on two mid-week evening. Full details later.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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The Baptism of John the Baptist (B) - 24th June 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am (sung) followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (30th June)

11am-11.55am - Exposition

11am - 11.45am Reconciliation

11.30am - Rosary 12noon Eucharistic Service

6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)

Friday - SS Peter & Paul - Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at Clitheroe 9.15am and 7.30pm

Mass at Sabden at 11am

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am (sung) First Holy Communion **Friday** - See above

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Ada Graham, Michael & Stephen Pryle, Margaret McGough, Paul Trotter

SICK

Sally Hickling, Raymond Wailing, Mark Jezierski

LATELY DEAD

Peter Williams

ANNIVERSARIES

Ada Graham, Margaret McGough, Paul Trotter

There will be a retiring collection after all masses this weekend for Peters Pence

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £ 1031.91 Sabden £145.90 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

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.catholicssingles.org.uk or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

ST MARY'S COLLEGE Three Evening Degree (ACCA Accredited) to commence September 2012. Tuition fees £5,500 per year - more affordable than majority of universities. For more information contact Jean Isherwood on 01254 586977 or j.isherwood@stmarysblackburn.ac.uk or go along to the Information College will be offering free transport on the College bus services in the new academic year.

CARITAS (the Rescue Society) has published a report on the crises in Foster Care in the UK. For more information fostering@caritassalford.org.uk

CAFOD Mass of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the 50th Anniversary of Cafod will be offered at St Wilfrid's Longridge at 11am TODAY Sunday 24th June. Principal celebrants Bishop Brain of Salford and Bishop Campbell of Lancaster. Mass will be followed by an afternoon at Lee House, Chipping Road, Thornley. Light lunch provided, afternoon programme ending with Afternoon Tea: cake and social time. More details on the Cafod notice board in the porch. Everyone welcome to join us in celebration.

HALLS FOR HIRE for Birthdays, Celebrations, Funeral receptions, Anniversaries etc. For St Michael & St John's contact Kevin Shepherd 01200 428915 and for St Mary's, Sabden contact Suzanne Brown 01282 771517

MASS OF HEALING will take place on Sunday July 15th at 2pm in our Parish Hall. If you would like to attend please fill in a form from the back of church and return it to the box in the church porch by Wednesday July 11th.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for the late Phyllis Bowman founder and director of Right to Life Tuesday July 3rd 5.30pm Westminster Cathedral, London. See poster in porch for more details

CATECHESIS part time courses - see poster in porch

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Wednesday 4th July Parish Forum, Sabden - Saturday 7th July School Summer Fete

CLITHEROE

CHORAL EVENSONG A number of people remarked after the Diamond Jubilee service in St Mary Magdalene how much they had enjoyed the choral parts and wondered if anyone would be interested in the following:- Royal School of Church Music at St Mary Magdalene TODAY Sunday 24th June at 3.30pm followed by light refreshments.

ROTAS New Rotas for Welcomers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Coffee Rota are now available. If we have your email address you should have received yours by now (they were sent last Monday 18th June). If you still haven't had your copy please let Janet know. For those of you who haven't an email address can find them in the box in alphabetical order on the table as you enter the sacristy.

NEXT WEEKEND	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Illingworth	B.Barker & K.Peel
Readers	R.Carter	M.Barrett
Eucharistic Ministers	L.Perrin & B.Taylor	C.Morgan, E.Lambert,G.Lambert
Tea & Coffee Rota		Weld Day

OLYMPIC QUIZ For those wishing to enter a team in the Quiz to be held next Saturday 30th June at 7.30pm in St Mary's Hall, Sabden you will find a poster together with a Team sign up sheet in the porch. Any money should be put in an envelope and given to Fr John.

LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR Wednesday 27th June. Set off from Interchange at 4.45pm prompt Eat at approx 6.30pm. This event is now fully booked.

FOOD BANK The SVP represented the parish at a meeting of Clitheroe Christians in Partnership, Christians against Poverty and others at St Paul's church to discuss the setting up of a Food Bank in the town. As the recession deepens, more and more people are not able to afford even basic food. There was total agreement that a Food Bank would be a good thing. The next stage is a meeting with a professional advisor as to how to set up, organise and run such a Bank. This will be at the Grand this coming Wednesday June 27th at 7.30pm. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC COMPANION June edition now on sale - still only £1

LADIES GROUP are having a Bottle Tombola at the School Fete on Saturday 7th July. Please can anyone donate a bottle for this event. We will be very grateful. Proceeds are for the school. Many thanks for your past generosity

SABDEN

BONUS BALL The bonus ball this week is no 35 Margaret Parsons

OLYMPIC QUIZ Next Saturday 30th June at 7.30pm. Get your teams organised - list at back of church to put team names on. Remember it's an Olympic theme, teams of 4 - entrance £1 per person. Further information from our resident Olympic ambassador, Tim Clarkson. Please join in and support this effort.

PRIZE BINGO NIGHT The date has been changed to Thursday 5th July. Admission £5 which includes supper and first game of Bingo, (more books can be purchased if you wish). We are looking for donations of prizes for this event, and these may be handed to Margaret Parsons, Kay Galea or Jean Haythornthwaite or left at church. There will also be a Raffle. Come along for a good fun night.

GARDEN you will notice a rockery taking shape near the church entrance. We still need more rock/alpine type plants - donations welcomed If you have some that you can split and donate that would be great. Any help with the garden would be greatly appreciated. There will be a working party in the garden NEXT Saturday 30th June from 9.30am - please come and join in it's good exercise and fun - plus refreshments.

GARDEN PARTY Thanks to everyone who made the Garden Party such a success a total of £1059.80 was raised. All prizes were claimed except raffle ticket green 472 chocolates. Please collect from hall after mass. A great effort despite the rain.

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