

Dear Parishioners

At this Sunday's 9.30 Mass Mr Murray will hand our Year 6 children over to the staff of St Augustine's in the person of Headmaster, Mr Anthony McNamara.

Please do remember in prayer the children of our three schools and particularly those graduating to high school. As they take this step I remind them that though they leave our primary school it doesn't follow that they leave our parish!

While he is with us we take the opportunity to thank Mr McNamara for the outstanding leadership he has given to St Augustine's over the past 18 years and we wish both him and Val many happy years of well-earned retirement.

Last Sunday St Mary's celebrated their 'crossroads' Mass when Claire Halstead presented her children to Mr Michael Wright the new head of St Augustine's. Mr Wright is an experienced teacher, currently the head of St Mary's RC High School in Leyland.

At the parish Forum parishioners approved the proposal that next year First Holy Communions at St Michael and John's be celebrated on Saturday morning, allowing time for family celebrations in the afternoon. The following morning children will process into church at the 9.30 Sunday Mass to receive Holy Communion with the parish community and to be congratulated by parishioners.

Also today we remember the work of the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) a charity that supports chaplains (priests, deacons and laity) who offer pastoral and practical care and assistance to the crews of the thousands of ship that dock in our ports each year. The majority of merchant seamen are recruited from developing countries to work in the least regulated industry in our world. So in many respects the AoS is a "Third World" charity and is totally dependent on the collections taken in Catholic churches. I recommend today's retiring collection to you.

Finally, today we say goodbye to our deacon Frankie who is off to London to join the chaplaincy team at the Olympic games. He has worked hard during his short placement and particularly so in our schools. Our prayers go with him during his final year of training that, please God, will lead to ordination next summer.

Summer, what is that?

Fr John

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 15th July 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee
2pm Mass of Healing in Parish Hall

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 11am - School Leavers

Saturday (21st July)

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

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

Saturday 1.30pm Wedding Kieron Smith and Helen Bywater

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Conway Holt, Eric Stringer, Michael Gillibrand, Robert Driver, Eryk Manhold

SICK

Bernard Lawton, Mark Jezierski, Sally Hickling

LATELY DEAD

Joseph Harrison

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Driver, Eryk manhold

There will be a retiring collection for The Apostleship of the Sea at all masses this weekend. Should you wish to Gift Aid your donation you will find an envelope on the shelf at the back of church

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £732.83 Sabden £231.92 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.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

CARITAS (the Rescue Society) has published a report on the crises in Foster Care in the UK. For more information fostering@caritassalford.org.uk Caritas have a vacancy for an Apprentice Admin Assistant - see poster in porch

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

CAFOD "OPEN TO ALL" Concert Series, a wide range of musical performances, folk, jazz, gospel, the highlight being the BBC Symphony Orchestra Players. During the 2012 British open Golf Championships at Lytham St Annes, a joint venture between CAFOD groups at Our Lady Star of the Sea church St Annes, and St Josephs Church Ansdell, will provide the venues for the concerts. From Monday 16th to Saturday 21st July. Further information and a full list of the concerts, which includes The A Cappella Singers from the Ribble Valley, can be seen on the notice board in our church main porch. Do have a read - a nice day out!

TABOR SCHOOL OF PRAYER September 2012 - May 2013 - Sharing the journey of prayer with others. The School of Prayer is for those who realise the importance of personal prayer in their lives and are seeking a deeper relationship with God. The course is intended to be experimental. Participants will be invited to take an active part in spiritual conversation, workshops and small group sharing. Please contact us for a brochure and application form. Closing date 8th September 2012

FIRST CHOICE CREDIT UNION Drop in at the Citizens Advice Bureau, 19-21 Parson Lane, Clitheroe 01200 428966 on Fridays between 2pm and 3pm. See poster in porch

PUDDING FEST 2012 Following last year's successful event at the Clitheroe Food Festival we are holding a Pudding Fest in the Lower Hall at St Mary's Centre on Saturday August 4th. All proceeds will go to Friends of Chernobyl's Children. We are hoping that you can support the event by making/donating a **COLD** pudding that can be sold on the day. If you can please pop your name on yellow list pinned up in the church porch.

SCHOOL FAYRE last Saturday - over £2,000 was raised. Our Ladies group would like to thank all those who kindly donated bottles for their tombola.

CATHOLIC TIMES/UNIVERSE for sale can now be found in the plastic holder hanging from the book table. See Janet if you would like last weeks (8th July) edition

NEXT WEEKEND	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	C.Harkin	M.Rogers
Readers	C.Carr	Volunteer please
Eucharistic Ministers	L.Perrin & B.Taylor	C.Morgan, T.Mercer, P.Sutcliffe
Tea & Coffee Rota		Sims Family

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PARISH DRAW One of the items at the Parish Forum was whether or not to continue running the Parish Draw. Back in 1996 we had 409 members each paying £10 for a year which brought in, after the deduction of £2,000 prize money, a profit of £2,090. Since then the numbers have declined significantly and this year there are only just over 200 members. In order to run the draw and make a reasonable profit we need at least 100 new members or we would have to put up the yearly entry fee which we don't really want to do. Could you ask around your friends and family to join - its only £10 for the year (less than 20p a week) and you have the chance of winning £100, £25 or £10 each month. If you have never had a ticket before for whatever reason and you would like to join then please sign the forms provided at the back of church or please contact Janet

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE meet tomorrow Monday 16th 7.30pm in presbytery, **TEA DANCE** NEXT Wednesday 18th July 2pm - 5pm in our Parish Hall. Come and enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea - still only £3.50

APF MISSIONS The quarterly magazines have now arrived - please pick yours up from the church porch.

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

CHRISTIAN AID there is to be a collection on Thursday July 26th at Clitheroe Tesco; volunteers needed for an hour (or more) - please contact either andyfroud@gmail.com or Sue Shepherd on 01200 425053

CARDS A fresh supply of cards, rosary beads etc are now on sale at the back of church - excellent value for money. New are some beautiful Gift Wallets

BAPTISM We welcome Abigail and Henry Bywater and Bradley and Kevin Kemp who were baptised last Sunday.

LADIES GROUP Meeting Wednesday 25th July - 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. 'Growing Old Gracefully' with Linda Sawley.

JESUITS & FRIENDS magazine Summer edition now available free from porch.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL The bonus ball this week is no 6 Joan Thompson

BINGO Despite the weather last Friday £220 was raised at the Bingo night. Thankyou to all who helped and supported.

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

OLYMPIC QUIZ Wednesday 18th July at 7.30pm - teams of 4 - £1 per person. Please enter your team on the list in both Sabden and Clitheroe porches. Come and support the young people. It should be a fun night. Further information from Tim Clarkson our Olympic ambassador.