

Dear Parishioners

The summer break has begun and even the weather is on the mend as we enter into holiday mode.

With so many families away during August and with not a single parish meeting planned I think that we should help save the earth's resources and suspend the newsletter until September. It will also give Janet and me a breather! Any necessary notices will be given after Mass and funerals or other unplanned services will be published on the outside notice board

One event to mark on your calendar is the annual Mass for deceased parishioners and friends on the Bank Holiday, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August, at 10o'clock in our old cemetery. This is an hour earlier than last year to allow for a quick change and the annual 'Right to Life' sponsored walk which starts at 1pm. Nearer the day we shall be looking for volunteers to help tidy up the cemetery

Sadly, Lancashire is not immune to the curse of alcohol and drug addiction. If you are caring or praying for someone who suffers from an addiction then you may be interested in the 'Cenacolo' prayer meeting held on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in St Mary's on Todmorden Road, Burnley. Further information may be had from Fr Peter Hopkinson ( 01282 422007).

The Higgs boson particle hit the news last week. Some named it the 'God Particle'. Why? Jesuit Guy Consolmagno explained in the Tablet "The God Particle was a book written 20 years ago by the physicist Leon Lederman. Ever since the title was nicked by journalists, he has been trying to live it down. From the beginning it was meant only as a metaphor, a way to describe the importance of this particular particle which, if discovered, would cap the Standard Model; a particle which, in its elegance, might reflect the elegance of God; and a particle whose existence, like that of God, its believers have had to take only on faith. In discussing this name, Lederman once joked that it came about because his publisher wouldn't let him call it "the god-damn particle"."

Fr Peter Birmingham will celebrate Mass next Sunday but as Mass both in Clitheroe and Sabden makes Sunday rather pressured and in recognition of his 79 years I have suggested that he doesn't preach. But will he....?

Enjoy the holidays

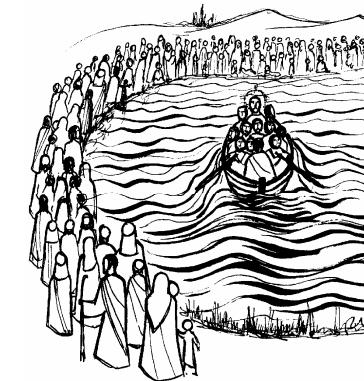
Fr John

*Parish of Our Lady of the Valley*

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**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 22nd 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**

Mass at 9am

**Tuesday, Wednesday**

**Thursday & Friday**

Eucharistic Service 9am

**Saturday (28th July)**

11am-11.55am - Exposition No Reconciliation/Confession  
11.30am - Rosary 12noon Eucharistic Service  
6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)

*St Mary's Church Sabden*

**Sunday** - Mass at 11am

**Friday** - No Mass

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Jack & Maria Middleton, John Ferguson

**SICK**

Mark Jezierski, Sally Hickling

**LATELY DEAD**

Joseph Harrison

**ANNIVERSARIES**

John Ferguson, Sheila Shepherd

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £855.10 Sabden £141.97 Many thanks  
**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** Clitheroe £264.01 Sabden £17.00  
**DONATION** Many thanks for the donation of £200 towards of the roof repairs

**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](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:fostering@caritassalford.org.uk) Caritas have a vacancy for an Apprentice Admin Assistant - see poster in porch

**CAFOD** a friend of ours in Africa recently sent some pictures of life there. We would like to share them with you for their sense of humour, ingenuity and resourcefulness. They can be seen on the CAFOD notice board in our church main porch. Our favourite picture is the one of the giraffe!

**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** at the Citizens Advice Bureau, 19-21 Parson Lane, Clitheroe 01200 428966 on Fridays 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.

**CCP FLASH MOB** As a witness to the people coming to the Food Festival on 4th August CCP (Clitheroe Churches in Partnership) want to form a flashmob which will sing two Christian songs unexpectedly in the middle of the town and then disperse. The point is to make an impact, so the more people the better and we would like to encourage people from all the churches in Clitheroe to participate. There will be two short rehearsals Sunday 29 July 2.30pm, and Thursday 2 August at 7.30pm both at Trinity Church. Attendance at one of these rehearsals will be sufficient, but if you intend to sing you MUST register at one or there of the rehearsals.

**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

EXT WEEKEND ROTA	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Welcomers</b>	M.Manning	C.Riley & M.Marsden
<b>Readers</b>	A.Southworth	P.Sutcliffe
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	B.Worden & H.Mercer	E.Lambert, G.Lambert, A.Marsden
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Rota</b>		B.Barker & K.Peel

**LADYEWELL** Programmes from July - December available from porches

### **CLITHEROE**

**LADIES GROUP** Meeting Wednesday 25th July -7.30pm in our Parish Hall. 'Growing Old Disgracefully' (not gracefully as in last weeks newsletter) with Linda Sawley.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Wednesday 3rd October our Ladies Group - 'Local Heroes and Villans a talk with Simon Entwistle. More details later

**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

**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 andy-froud@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

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

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** The bonus ball this week is no 28 the Parsons family

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

*There will be a special appeal at all masses on the weekend of 4th/5th August for SURVIVE-MIA (Missionary Vehicle Association) the only UK-based Catholic Lay Association funding transport in the developing world.*