

Dear Parishioners

There will be a short introductory and information meeting next Sunday in the Presbytery at 7pm for anyone interested in finding out who Catholics are, what they believe and even how to become one. No compulsion, no obligation, just come along.

It is two years since St Mary's and St Michael and St John's parishes merged into the new parish of Our Lady of the Valley and by all accounts the amalgamation has run smoothly. Now is an appropriate time to look back and evaluate what has gone well, whether there are any problems rumbling under the surface and plan how our community may best move forward. This will be the main topic for the next Parish Form that meets a week on Wednesday here in Clitheroe. I further propose to meet with Sabden parishioners to discuss matters that relate directly to them on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30pm in St Mary's.

We must now look to recruit more Readers, especially from the younger ranks of the parish. Volunteers please step forward before I am forced to twist a few arms.

St Mary's Sacramental Initiation Programme team please meet in the School at 7pm this Tuesday.

Maintenance Committee please meet in the Presbytery on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

It has become something of a fashion nowadays for parents to choose any number of friends and relations to be godparents at their child's baptism – I recently had a request for 6! However, Church rules are quite clear: there may be only two Godparents and one at least must be a convinced Catholic and the other maybe convinced Christian. This reflects the important role of Godparents which is indicated by their title. Godparents are Spiritual Parents, who help parents fulfil the promises they make in the ceremony to give their child the example and instruction it needs to grow in faith and friendship with Christ. Only a convinced Christian can do this by example!

On a practical level, experience has shown that when a child has more than two godparents then, more often than not, none shows any real interest in the child leaving it to the others to do so!

Godparents should be chosen carefully for the benefit of the child and not to honour friends.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

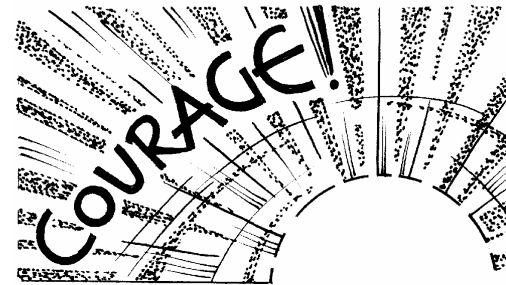
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 9th Sept 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Evening Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday (15th September)

11am-11.55am - Exposition 11am - 11.45am Reconciliation (Confession)

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

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Catherine Murray, Bill Southworth, Michael Nolan, Gerry Cooper, Special intention, Lily Prendergast, Carol Anwyl x 2, Pat Morris x 2, Helena (Eileen) Thompson x 2, Alice and Pat Emerson

SICK

Sally Hickling, Mary Shepherd, Raymond Wailing, Lily Prendergast

LATELY DEAD

Bernard Lawton, Pat Morris, Helena (Eileen) Thompson, Carol Anwyl, Catherine Murray, Gerry Cooper,

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Southworth, Alice & Pat Emerson

**Today is Racial Justice Sunday - there will be a retiring collection after all masses
Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for Home Mission Day**

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £800.73 Sabden £135.60 Many thanks
Please note: the Social Centre is now open 7 days a week from 7pm and Sunday lunchtime from 12noon - 3pm. Take a look at the newsletter on the porch notice board to see a full programme of events

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

BAR STAFF required for the Parish Centre - please contact Kevin 423073

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

BINGO will be starting in our Parish Centre on Tuesday 18th September - we are in need of a caller - anyone out there interested - ring Kevin 423073.

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

CARITAS - FAITH IN PEOPLE at Holy Cross Sixth Form College Bury Saturday 13th October 9.30am - 4.30pm see poster in porch of pick up a flyer.

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 experiential. 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

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

VACANT POST due to Anne Marie Coppock's retirement, applications are now invited for the post of CAFOD Salford Diocesan Manager. Full or part-time applications will be considered. Job description and application form on www.cafod.org.uk/jobs. Closing date 15th September 2012

PRO-LIFE WALK Could anyone with unpaid sponsor money please put it in an envelope marked with details and put in the offertory basket

JUSTICE AND PEACE ASSOCIATION at Holy cross College, Bury on 30th September. See poster in porch

CYCLE CHALLENGE QUIZ NIGHT Geraldine Hennigan and Jane Miller are taking part in the Women for Women Cycle Challenge in Sri Lanka in Sept 2013 - a 400km bike ride in aid of the Genesis Research Trust (promoting science for the health of women and babies). To raise money we are holding a Quiz Night in our Parish Hall 7.30pm Friday 21st September. Teams of 4 - £5 per person which includes a Pie and Peas supper.

CARITAS of Salford wishes to recruit a registered Social Worker to the Fostering team, full time (37 hours per week), twelve month fixed term contract. SCP26-36 £22,221 - £30,011. The post will be based in Salford. For more information and to apply, please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/jobs. See poster in porch

Please note: Could items for next week's newsletter be in by Thursday 10am.

Thankyou

CAFOD BACK TO SCHOOL. In Biera, the village we are supporting in Ethiopia, some of the primary school pupils walk many miles, over mountains, to get to school EACH day. You can see a picture of them on the CAFOD notice board in our main church porch. Did you see the one about the bride going to church, African style? There will be a meeting of parish CAFOD supporters at 10am in the presbytery on Wednesday 12th September. New members welcome

APOSTLESHIP OR PRAYER leaflets for September available from porch

TEA DANCE Wednesday 19th September 2pm - 5pm in our Parish Hall. Come and enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea - still only £3.50

NEXT WEEKEND ROTA	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	C.Harkin	B.Barker & K.Peel
Readers	L.Perrin	School
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & L.Perrin	C.Morgan, S.Smith, A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee Rota		P.Byrne & family

CLITHEROE

LADIES GROUP Our next big event will be on Wednesday 3rd October when Simon Entwistle will be giving a talk - Local Heroes and Villains. Tickets will be on sale 22/23 and 29/30 September £5. Proceeds in aid of Scouts and Guides Headquarters. Prior to this event we will be holding our monthly meeting on 26th September when Steve Thorpe will give an amusing talk on school and local gardening - 7.30pm cost £1.50

PARISH DRAW We are now compiling the new list for 2012/2013. You should be receiving your tickets in the next couple of weeks. If you have not been in the draw before you can still join - put your name on the list available at the back of church. Janet will be collecting money this weekend before mass on Saturday and before and after mass on Sunday.

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR There has been a suggestion that we change the day and time of our Annual Christmas Fair this year. This will be discussed after the next Parish Forum which will be here in Clitheroe a week on Wednesday - September 19th in our Parish Hall. Please come along and give us your views..

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this week no 2 Peggy Fielding

NEXT SUNDAY 9th September Steve Robinson will be with us

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

Our S.V.P. group would like to thank you all for your generosity at last weeks collection £426.06 was raised

