

Dear Parishioners

The Catholic Chaplaincy at the London 2012 Olympics was the largest of any previous Games and for me it was a great joy and blessing to be part of it. The Olympic Village in the lead up to the opening ceremony was full of life with a great atmosphere as nations from all around the world moved in and athletes of so many nations lived peaceably alongside one another.

During the weeks of the games we had Mass twice a day in the multi-faith chaplaincy in the village Welcome Centre. Then as the events began it became obvious there was going to be a terrific spirit about these Games. I personally feel a lot of that may have been generated by the many prayers, Masses and services that were being celebrated for the good of the whole Games. There were, just miles away from the stadium, 200 young adult Catholics from all around the world, living in the 'Joshua Camp' who devoted their time to praying for the games and helping spectators and visitors to the games.

I was equally inspired by the athletes and coaches alike who shared their Christian faith with us and who through their faith were living out their vocations. They appreciated both the peace of the chaplaincy and the support they received in prayer and fellowship. It was a real pleasure to journey in faith with these coaches and Olympians as they prepared for some of the biggest events of their lives.

One of the highlights for me was a chance meeting with an American coach who was a lapsed-catholic, who from our encouraging encounter and from sitting next to a priest on the flight over felt God was trying to say something to him through the prayers of his mum back home!

I had tried previously to book tickets for some of the events but to no avail and was resigned to watching them on the TV. But as a parishioner pointed out to me – if it's God's will, you'll get in! I did and was blessed to be given last minute tickets to attend the women's basketball, a swimming finals night and the closing ceremony! This certainly made the whole experience of London 2012 a memorable one, which will remain with me for years to come.

With best wishes to all in Clitheroe, *Deacon Frankie*

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 30th Sept 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9.15am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday (6th October)

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

Marie Joyce McDonald, Christine Blackledge, Ruby Wedding

SICK

Sally Hickling, Mary Shepherd,

ANNIVERSARIES

Marie Joyce McDonald, Christine Blackledge

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £618.05 Sabden £159.17 Many thanks
RETIRED PRIESTS FUND Clitheroe £212.18 Sabden £71.51 Many thanks
MISSIO (APF RED MISSION BOXES) Sabden £93.20

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

BINGO every Tuesday in our Parish Centre every Tuesday at 7.30pm

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 September to December programme now available from 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

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

GIFT AID STATEMENTS are now available from the temporary card table that can be found on the right hand side as you enter the sacristy. They are in alphabetical order.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Saturday Nov 3rd K.S.C. Jumble Sale in the Hall

DUNSOP BRIDGE St Hubert's are holding a Quiz Night in Newton Village Hall, NEXT Friday 5th October 7.30pm start. Tables of 4 £7.50 oer head - Supper included and Bar available. Ring Marie 446630 or Christina 448231

K.S.C.DANCE Friday 12th October at 7.30pm. Dancing to John Lancaster. Tickets £6 including supper. Tel 01200 427029 or 01200 427096

COFFEE MORNING The Clitheroe & District Bible Society Action Group are holding a Coffee morning at Clitheroe United Reformed Church on Saturday 13th October 10am - 12noon. £1 pay on door.

K.S.C. SPONSORED WALK for Handicapped Childrens Holiday will take place on Sunday 14th October at 1.30pm. Please take a sponsor form from the back of church. We would like as many children as possible to walk in support of less fortunate children.

JUMBLE SALE Saturday 3rd November in our Parish Hall.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER LEAFLETS for October available in porches

SCHOOL REUNION Saturday 6th October at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall for those who left school in 1961, 1962, 1963. £8 including Hot Pot supper. Contact David Bleazard 444388, Barbara Barker 424564 or John Dewhurst on 01254 823912

CAFOD Next Friday, October 5th, is Harvest Fast Day. Envelopes will be given out this weekend. Please return them next weekend. Thank you

JOY TO THE WORLD Clitheroe Churches in Partnership Christmas Concert to be held at Trinity Methodist Church Saturday 15th December. Rehearsals for the choir will start on Sunday 25th November. Anyone wishing to join the choir please pick up a leaflet from the porch with dates and times of rehearsals

NOVENA the magazine of Catholic devotions now on sale at the back of church in both Clitheroe and Sabden. Price £3.50

CLITHEROE

| Next weekend rota | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Welcomers | J.Bentley | S.Shore & M.Rogers |
| Readers | A.Southworth | P.Sutcliffe |
| Eucharistic Ministers | S.Kerr & T.Woodhead | C & J Leeming & R.Embery |
| Tea & Coffee Rota | | L & B Collinson & R.Conti |

LADIES GROUP Our next big event will be on this coming 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.

PARISH DRAW If you have still not put your name down for a Parish Draw ticket there is still time - just put your name on the list you will find over the shelves at the back of church, and someone will contact you. First draw next weekend

LOYOLA CUBS/SCOUT/GUIDES Bernadette Worden (nee Marsden) is organising a reunion for anyone in Loyola Scouts/Guides/Cubs or Brownies in the 70's/80's. This will be at Clitheroe Rugby Club on Saturday 13th October at 7.30pm. Cost is £6 which includes a supper of Meat and Potato Pie or Cheese and Onion Pie. Please let Bernadette know if you wish to attend on 01200 427345 or 07732265863 or Bernadette.worden@tiscali.co.uk

ROTAS for October, November & December are now available from table in presbytery for those who do not have email addresses

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this week no 44 Jack Haythornthwaite

FUNDRAISING There will be a meeting on Tuesday 9th October in the Hall to discuss Autumn/Winter fundraising - especially the Christmas Fair and Grand Draw

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

Meeting of all Sabden parishioners on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the hall, to review the past two years and to plan the future.