

Dear Parishioners

First I must acknowledge all those who contributed to the liturgies and celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. These ceremonies don't just happen but follow on from a lot of preparation and hard work and I thank all those who were involved.

On Wednesday St John Southworth will arrive in St Michael and St John's – not in person but an icon commissioned by the Deanery to help celebrate the Year of Faith. Since November it has visited our parishes in Darwen and Blackburn and will arrive here via Langho and Whalley. On Wednesday night at 7.30 the Icon will be received into the church for a one hour vigil service during which we shall pray for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese and an increase in faith and commitment in our deanery where John Southworth was born and ministered before his first exile. There will be a similar vigil in St Mary's Sabden next Wednesday, 24th April.

Daphne has booked a coach for Deacon Frankie's ordination on 13th July. It will depart Clitheroe Interchange (avoiding the restrictions of Lowergate) at 9.30am, call at Sabden at 9.50 to allow sufficient time to arrive at the Cathedral by 11.30 for the ordination at noon. The ordination will be followed by refreshments and the return coach will leave at 3.30pm. The total fare is £6 which includes a tip for the driver. Teresa Mercer will collect the Clitheroe fares and Pat Whitwell the fares from Sabden. At the last Forum it was agreed that a gift and a spiritual bouquet should be presented to Frankie at a later date. Margaret Donnelly is to organise the collection and Maureen Mercer the bouquet.

For the past number of weeks there has been an appeal for volunteers to help run the parish Brownies on Tuesday nights in term time only. Due to a lack of leaders both our Guides and Scouts have closed. Unless help is found for the Brownies, they too will be forced to close! Please read the appeal inside and if you cannot volunteer then help look for someone who might.

The Bishop will be here a week on Thursday at 7pm to confer Confirmation. The Ladies have kindly agreed to organise refreshments during which Bishop Brain will be happy to meet parishioners and parents.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

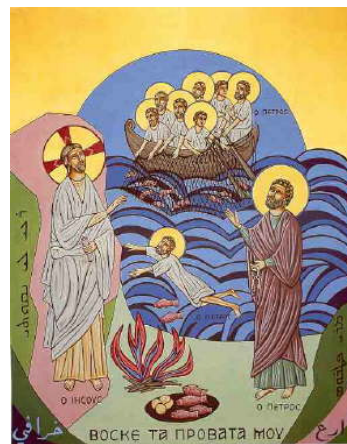
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Third Sunday of Easter - 14th April 2013

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

7.30pm Year of Faith Vigil Service
and reception of St John Southworth icon

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday (20th April)

11am - 11.55am Exposition 11am - 11.45am Reconciliation (Confession)
11.30am Rosary 12noon Eucharistic Service 6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)

Next Sunday 21st April 2.15pm Scouts St George's Day Service

St Mary's, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

MASSSES RECEIVED THIS WEEKS

Sr Mary Geraldine x 2, Margaret Maden, Nello Luciani

SICK

Olive Bromley, Sally Hickling

LATELY DEAD Margaret Maden **ANNIVERSARIES** Nello Luciani

**There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for
The Ecclesiastical Education Fund**

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £629.10 Sabden £167.98 Many thanks
NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE A Catholic Conference for all ages 7/8/9 June at Hope University Liverpool. Speakers include Lord David Alton. Please see poster in porch

GIFT AID ENVELOPES for 2013/2014 are now available for you to collect from Clitheroe (on the table near to the entrance to sacristy) and Sabden

CAFOD SYRIA The appeal in our parish will close this weekend. Make a difference to someones life, today. Thank you

THE SALVATION ARMY are now collecting food for people in emergency situations. You can either drop any donations you may have into the Salvation Army shop or place in the box that has been provided at the back of church. A list of suggested food can be found in the porch.

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, visit the website www.catholicssingles.org.uk or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

JESUIT MISSIONS We still collect used stamps for Jesuit Missions - see poster in porch. Please put in an envelope and hand them to Janet or pop them in the parish communications box in the porch. Please remember to leave around a quarter of an inch border around the stamp - it helps if you cut round the stamps rather than tear the stamp off the envelope

LADYEWELL Why not visit the Shrine of Our Lady and the Martyrs at Ladyewell - a Place of Pilgrimage, Prayer and Peace. You can gain a Plenary Indulgence when you visit the shrine in this year of Faith 2013. Pick up a leaflet from the back of church and read the information relating to the plenary indulgence on the notice in the porch.

S.V.P.APPEAL Wanted for a family in need. Any suitable clothes for a 10yr old girl and/or a 4month old baby. Please ring Peter Donnelly 01200 441081

CLITHEROE

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

The Social Centre is now open through from 12noon on Saturdays & Sundays

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH Saturday 11 May at 7.30pm - The White Rosettes (Ladies Barbershop Choir) Tickets 01200 423235 or 01200 424849. See poster in porch.

TEA DANCE This coming Wednesday 17th April in our Parish Hall 2pm - 5pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon dancing, followed by Afternoon Tea. Still only £3.50

TRADE UNION PRO-OLIFE GROUP

Defending Life, Upholding Justice

The PCS (Public & Commercial Services Union) are holding their elections to the National Executive commencing April 18th. The PCS have an aggressive pro-abortion policy. Mr Peter Hunter, a Catholic from Blackpool and a pro-life campaigner will be seeking election to the PCS National Executive Committee, taking a firm pro-life stance. It is important that Catholic trade unionists support Mr Hunter in opposing policies which are an affront to human dignity and are imposed on trade union members in an undemocratic and draconian fashion.

If you are a member of the Public & Commercial Services Union (PCS) please read the pink poster in the porch

	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	R & C Conti
Readers	C.Carr	M.Donnelly
Eucharistic Min	M.Illingworth & A.Southworth	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee		B.Parkinson, M.Maffia, M.Manning

LADIES GROUP COFFEE MORNING Next Saturday April 20th 10am - 12noon at Ribble Valley Mayor's Parlour. Donations of cakes, tombola prizes would be gratefully received. These can be left at the presbytery. Tickets for the Coffee Morning (£1) will be on sale after masses this weekend. Proceeds from this event will go towards the Defibrillator.



ADVANCE NOTICE K.S.C. Jumble Sale Sat 27th April

BROWNIES St Michael & St John's 4th Clitheroe Brownies are looking for Unit leaders to take over from Easter. The unit has 24 little girls who are all fabulous! The little ladies enjoy meeting up during term time on Tuesday evenings in Clitheroe. If you would like to know more about becoming a unit leader or helper please email Rachel@gofirebird.co.uk

CLITHEROE & DISTICT BIBLE SOCIETY Our next Action Group meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 18th April 7.30pm in the United Reformed Church. All interested are welcome to attend. Would anyone like to represent St Michael & John's ??, then please go along to the meeting.

BBQ Friday 14th & Saturday 15th June organised by CCP. Would anyone like to volunteer to help, cater, or distribute leaflets, set up etc. Please give your names in to Janet at the presbytery.

DEFIBRILLATOR Anyone wanting to donate to the Defibrillator (Heart Start Machine) may do so by putting money in an envelope and popping it in the collection. Please mark envelope 'Defibrillator'. **RAFFLE TICKETS at £1 each** to raise funds for the Defibrillator are now on sale from school or from Janet at the presbytery. List of prizes is in the porch

YEAR OF FAITH GROUP meets on Thursday after evening Mass

SABDEN

BONUS BALL 36 Peggy Fielding

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL collect batteries and Nestle cereal tokens. Please hand in at school or in the container in porch. They are also collecting Sainsburys vouchers

ST GEORGE'S DAY Celebration in memory of Raymond who would have been 80 on 20th April. Details to follow. at the cost of £1 per item. This promises to be an exciting and fun event.. Donations for this event will be gratefully received. Contact Margaret or Jean

BAPTISM We welcome Simon Mount who was baptised last weekend

LOST PROPERTY Several items of lost property have accumulated. If you think anything may be yours please collect from the Sacristy. If not claimed we will have to dispose of them.