

Dear Parishioners

An extract from Pope Francis' Angelus address on Vocations Sunday.

"Jesus wants to establish a relationship with his friends that is a reflection of His relationship with the Father, a relationship of mutual belonging in full trust, in intimate communion. To express this relationship of friendship Jesus uses the image of the shepherd with his sheep: he calls them, and they know his voice, they respond to his call and follow him. How beautiful this parable is! The mystery of the voice is suggestive: from our mother's womb we learn to recognize her voice and that of our father, from the tone of a voice we perceive love or disdain, affection or coldness. The voice of Jesus is unique! If we learn to distinguish it, He guides us on the path of life, a path that goes beyond the abyss of death.

But at a certain point Jesus, referring to his sheep, says: "My Father, who has given them to me..." This is very important, it is a profound mystery, that is not easy to understand: if I feel attracted to Jesus, if his voice warms my heart, it is thanks to God the Father, who has put in me the desire of love, of truth, life, beauty ... and Jesus is all this to the full! This helps us to understand the mystery of vocation. Sometimes Jesus calls us, invites us to follow him, but maybe we don't realize that it is Him. There are many young people today, here in the square. I would like to ask you: have you sometimes heard the voice of the Lord which through a desire, a certain restlessness, invites you to follow Him more closely? Have you heard it? I can't hear you...there you are! Have you had any desire to be apostles of Jesus? Youth must spend itself for high ideals. Do you agree? Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave! Be brave, ask Him!!! Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community ... That's why Jesus said, "Pray the Lord of the harvest - that is, God the Father - to send out labourers into his harvest". Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. I like to underline this today, the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray especially for the new priests of the Diocese of Rome. Today there were 10 young men who said "yes" to Jesus and were ordained priests this morning This is beautiful! Let us invoke the intercession of Mary who is the woman who said "yes." Mary said "yes," all her life! She has learned to recognize the voice of Jesus since she bore him in her womb. Mary, Our Mother, help us to know better the voice of Jesus and follow it, to walk the path of life!"

Fr John

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Sixth Sunday of Easter - 5th May 2013

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday

Mass at 9am

Tuesday

Requiem 10.30am - Albert Blockeel

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Requiem Mass 11am - Margot Barlow
No evening mass

Friday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Saturday (12th May)

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

St Mary's, Sabden

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

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEKS

Albert Blockeel x 5, May Hughes, William Lambert

SICK

Sally Hickling, Winifred Taylor, Matthew Gallagher

LATELY DEAD

Albert Blockeel, Margot Barlow, Dominic Lee

ANNIVERSARIES

William Lambert, Robert Hutchinson

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £616.30 Sabden £120.66 Many thanks
FOOD BANK the Clitheroe Christians in Partnership plan to open the Clitheroe Foodbank on Monday 1st July. Until the foodbank is set up the Salvation Army are preparing food parcels and would welcome food donations. There are a list of suggested foods on the notice board in the porch and a box has been provided at the back of church for anything you wish to donate.

CRB CHECK We have received the revised forms for new volunteers who need to apply for a CRB (now renamed 'safeguarding' check). These can be collected after masses this coming Saturday and Sunday. Newly commissioned Special Ministers (Eucharistic Ministers) do need to apply.

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.

CAFOD In 2005 many of you came to the rally in Edinburgh to 'MAKE POVERTY HISTORY' when the G8 Summit was held in Scotland. Your presence MADE A DIFFERENCE for people in poor countries. This year the UK hosts the G8 once again, in Ireland on June 15/16th. On the weekend before, there will be a Rally in Hyde Park, London. Once again we call on you to come and make a difference. On these occasions EVERY person present counts, be assured, whenever you stand up for the poor it bears fruit. So join us on Saturday June 8th to make some more meaningful memories to add to the Edinburgh ones. A block of seats has been obtained on the train from Preston, cost £21 return. To book or for further information contact Maureen 01200 443499 or CAFOD Lancaster 01772 733310 or IFinPreston@cafod.org.uk

CIVIC SOCIETY next meeting at Ribble Valley Mayors Parlour on Monday 13th May at 7.30pm - 'The History of Whalley Abbey', an illustrated talk by Nigel Neil.

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

LADIES GROUP COFFEE MORNING this event which was held a couple of weeks ago raised £461 which will go towards the Defibrillator appeal.

BEDDING PLANTS Still not bought your bedding plants? Why not order them from Clitheroe URC church - very reasonable prices. There are some order forms available from the porch. Orders and cheques/cash to Janet by next Friday 10th May.

HELP!!! Is required to give St Joseph's Cemetery it's annual spring clean - just a good tidy up, picking up sticks etc. Please come along if you would be willing to help on Tuesday 7th May at 7pm - if weather is very wet then we will try Wednesday at the same time. Any queries ring Arnold 01200 427096



	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Luciani	R & F Holgate
Readers	C.McGuire	P.Donnelly
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & S.Kerr	C & J Leeming, R.Embery
Tea & Coffee		B.Barker & K.Peel

'A TASTY EVENING' back by popular demand. The Friends of St Michael & St John's are holding their taster evening on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. We are looking for volunteer chefs and musicians and of course people to come and eat all the tasty dishes. Tickets are priced at £6 each and can be bought from Janet at the Presbytery. Bar will be open. More info Geraldine Hennigan 01200 425504

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING Saturday 11th May 10am - 12noon at United Reformed Church, Castlegate. Traidcraft & Bring & Buy Stall

LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR JUNE 26 Names are now being taken for this outing. Please give your names to Janet 424657 or Daphne 427912

A.P.F.MISSION BOXES Could collectors please drop off money to the Sacristy or Presbytery by Sunday 12th May. problems please ring Janet or Sion Any on 01200 428949

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after each Mass/Service this week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

JUMBLE SALE £416 was raised at last weeks Jumble Sale - thankyou to everyone who came along to help.

TEA DANCE Wednesday 15th May in our Parish Hall 2pm - 5pm. Come along and enjoy a delicious tea. Still only £3.50

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed this coming Thursday 9th May

SABDEN

BONUS BALL No 26 Harry & Carol Waterworth

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

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.

RED MISSION BOXES There are some receipts on the notice board for people who had their mission boxes emptied - please collect.

SPRING FAIR/GARDEN PARTY is fast approaching - 15th June this year. We are looking for donations of anything saleable, e.g. unwanted gifts, bottles, tombola items. No clothes or toys. Please leave any items in the sacristy.