

Dear Parishioners

Today we commemorate the occasion when the Holy Spirit transformed a group of fearful disciples into courageous witnesses to Christ. In a short time thousands were baptised and the Church was established. The miracle of languages that took place on that first Pentecost day demonstrate that from the very beginning the Church was founded to embrace people of every race and country; that she is universal (which is what the name Catholic means) and that she is missionary. To this day at the centre of the Church there remains the beating heart of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Forum met on Wednesday and presumably the poor attendance was the clash with the Europa Football League final?

Nigel Rix opened the meeting with a clear explanation of how the Foodbank came to be and how it will operate. In response Mike Bradley was elected as the parish representative on the charity's executive committee and it was agreed that we take a retiring collection towards its setup costs. This will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The enterprise needs a posse of volunteers willing to give only a few hours of service one day a week. If you would like to help, please complete a form at the back of the church. The Foodbank will serve this end of the Ribble Valley, including Sabden.

An excellent Power point presentation gave a clear overview of the parish finances for the past two years. Of interest is that only just over half of our income comes from Sunday collections. More of facts and figures later.

For the past number of years Marina Barrett has faithfully run the parish baptismal preparation course by herself but is looking now for assistance. A couple of volunteers are needed to share the task. If you are interested, please contact me or Marina.

Mike Bradley has been struggling for over four years to coax the Council to provide adequate signs for our church. At the moment there is only one sign that points the wrong way up a one way street! It is important because many visitors to the town (Catholic and non-Catholic alike) are delighted to discover a church that is open. At last Mike has succeeded and we are confident that 5 signs will be erected because we have paid £122 towards their cost! Perseverance!

Fr John

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## Pentecost Sunday - 19th May 2013

### St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

#### Monday

Eucharistic Service 9am

#### Tuesday

Mass at 9am

#### Wednesday

Mass at 9am

11am Funeral Service Jim Whittaker  
1.30pm Funeral Service Winifred Taylor

#### Thursday

Mass at 9.15am - No evening Mass

#### Friday

Requiem Mass 11am - Anthony Brazendale

#### Saturday (25th 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

Tony Brazendale, Jim Whittaker, Special intention x 3, Mark Bennett, Dorothy McGregor

#### SICK

Sally Hickling

#### LATELY DEAD

Stowell Musgrove, Jim Whittaker, Winifred Taylor, Anthony Brazendale

#### ANNIVERSARY

Mark Bennett

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £696.43 Sabden £211.43 Many thanks

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** Clitheroe £94.55 Sabden £33.47

**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.



**CAFOD 'ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE IF'** is this years campaign in the run-up to the G8 Summit meeting of world leaders in the UK. We are calling on our Prime Minister to lead the way to rebalance our food system so that it can benefit everyone. Next weekend you will have an opportunity to show your concern by signing a card challenging our Prime Minister to make a difference. Please support. There will be a

meeting of the parish CAFOD group on Tuesday 21st May at 10am in the presbytery. Would you care to join in?

**DAY OF RENEWAL** Next Saturday Sat 25th May in Kendal. See poster in porch

**CARITAS AND LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCIES** - See posters in porch

**DEFIBRILLATOR RAFFLE** Prizes and winners in the church porch. Will the lady who won the 'Piccolino's Voucher' ticket 1628, please collect it from the presbytery

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** Sunday 7th July - Weld Day - Mass at 10.30am, Mass of Healing, Sunday 30th June at 2pm

**RIGHT TO LIFE SPONSORED WALK** this year will be on Monday 27th May at 1pm from church. Fr John will again lead the walk along with Jim Dobbin MP. Lord Alton will attend and Archbishop Kelly has again promised to start the walk. Sponsor forms available from Arnold. Arnold and others will be collecting sponsorship money at both masses for the next two weekends 18/19 May & 25/26 May.

## **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*



To mark the occasion of the ordination of Deacon Frankie in July, it has been agreed that we present him with a cheque and a Spiritual Bouquet.

Contributions for the Spiritual Bouquet can be written on the sheet provided at the back of church - Masses - Holy

Communion - Rosaries - Acts of Charity, but no names please. Envelopes will be available from next weekend for you to put donations in (they can be put on the collection plate or popped through the presbytery door).

**CHRISTIAN AID** Thankyou to all those parishioners who have helped by both delivering and collecting envelopes this week. The total amount collected will be published in next weeks newsletter

**A.P.F.MISSION BOXES** Would collectors please note that we have not yet received the magazines. As soon as they do arrive they will be put in the church porch

	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Roberts	S.Shore & M.Rogers
Readers	C.Astin	S.Shore
Eucharistic Ministers	M.Illingworth A.Southworth	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee		P & A Geldard & T.O'Donnell

**'A TASTY EVENING'** back by popular de-  
mand. The Friends of St Michael & St John's are holding their  
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

**CANCELLED**

**FIRST COMMUNION CARDS/GIFTS** are now on sale at the back of church. Please put money in C.T.S. box situated on wall next to the War Memorial

**LADIES GROUP MEETING** Wednesday 29th May 'Lives & Troubles in Humorous Rhyme' with Ann Wareing & Kath Eddleston, two Lancashire housewives nicknamed Doris & Elsie, who recollect their lives in rhyme. £2 inc refreshments. There will be a raffle to help with the farewell party for Children of Chernobyl. At this meeting we will be taking names and money for the Mystery Tour on Wednesday June 26th Price £22 which includes the coach fare, two course meal, Tea or Coffee, and tips for driver and waitresses. Coach leaves the Interchange at 4.45pm and arrives back around 9.30pm - 10pm.

**ROSSENDALE MALE VOICE CHOIR** Tickets will be on sale on the weekend of 8/9 June and 15/16 June for the Rossendale Male Voice Choir who will be appearing in church on Saturday 22nd June.

**FOUND** a small unusual pocket watch has been found in the vicinity of the church. Please ring 01200 427029

## **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** No 3 Sue Aspin.

**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** This has not been claimed and therefore will be disposed of

**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** There will be a meeting on Tuesday 28th May at 7.30pm in the Hall to organise the Garden Party. Please come along and bring your ideas. Let's make this years event a good one.

**BAPTISM** We welcome Imogen Rose Shipston who was baptised at Sabden last Sunday.