

Dear Parishioners,

This is part of an interview with Pope Francis. He was asked how faith grows and how it is strengthened.

"I had the grace to grow up in a family in which the faith was lived in a simple and concrete way; but it was above all my grandmother, who marked my way of faith. She was a woman who explained to us, who spoke to us of Jesus, who taught us the Catechism. I remember that on Good Friday she would take us to the candle procession and, at the end of this procession, the "dead Christ" would arrive, and our grandmother would have us children kneel and said to us: "Look, He is dead, but tomorrow He will rise." I received the first Christian proclamation from my grandmother! And this is most beautiful! The first proclamation at home, with the family! And this makes me think of the love of so many mothers and so many grandmothers in the transmission of the faith. They are the ones who transmit the faith. This happened also in the first times, because Saint Paul said to Timothy: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother" (cf. 2 Timothy 1:5). All mothers who are here, all grandmothers, think of this, transmit the faith, because God puts us next to persons that help us on our journey of faith. We don't find faith in the abstract. No! It is always a person who preaches, who tells us who Jesus is, who transmits the faith to us, who gives us the first proclamation. And this was the first experience of faith that I had.

However, there is a day that was very important for me: September. 21, 1953, for us the beginning of Spring. It is also a holiday for students. Before going to a party, I went to the parish I frequented, I met a priest whom I did not know, and felt the need to go to Confession. This was for me an experience of encounter - I found that someone was waiting for me. But I don't know what happened, I don't remember, I don't know in fact why that priest was there, whom I didn't know, why I felt this desire to go to Confession, but the truth is that someone was waiting for me. He had been waiting for me for some time." After Confession, I felt something had changed. I wasn't the same. In fact I heard something like a voice, a call: I was convinced I had to become a priest."

This interview will be concluded next week, Fr John

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Corpus Christi - 2nd June 2013

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by coffee

**Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday**

Eucharistic Service
at 9am

Saturday (8th June)

11am - First Holy Communions.
No Exposition or Reconciliation
6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)

St Mary's, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am **Friday** - No Mass

Sunday 9th June - 11am First Holy Communions

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEKS

Winifred Covey, Vincenzo Ditri, Robert Graham, Barbara Muller,
Alice Hurst, Norman Bromley x 4,

SICK

Sally Hickling, Peter Wright, Barbara Muller

LATELY DEAD

Thomas Parfitt, Doreen Whittam, Jim Whittaker, Winifred Taylor, Anthony Brazendale

ANNIVERSARY

Winifred Covey, Vincenzo Ditri, Alice Hurst, Norman Bromley

There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend for The Food Bank

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £719.58 Sabden £146.00 Many thanks
FOOD BANK Open Evening Wednesday 5th June at Trinity Methodist Church, for all those who have already volunteered and for any who have not yet done so and who want to find out more. There are many different roles to be filled. In the meantime please bring your donations of food along to church and place them in the box provided. More information on 07849 534431 or info@clitheroe.foodbank.org.uk

CAFOD IF Due to circumstances beyond our control, the previously announced Mass to pray for the success of the Rally in Hyde Park, London on June 8th and the G8 Summit Meeting planned for the evening of this coming Thursday June 6th is now cancelled.

FOSTERING FORTNIGHT began 13th May focusing on the need for foster carers and many 'Looked After' children who need the stability of good foster care. If you are able to meet this challenge or would like to do more - Caritas Diocese of Salford is an independent Fostering Agency and will be available to talk through your own situation and will be arranging information meetings. Ring 0161 814 2250 or visit website www.caritassalford.org.uk who will be arranging these meetings.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE Liverpool Hope University from Friday June 7th - Sunday 9th. Outstanding speakers - Lord David Alton, Sister Catherine Holum, Pascal Uche and Fr Pat Deegan. Accommodation is available Cost £155 per person for whole weekend, (£60 for under 18 if with parent or guardian). Day visitors most welcome. See www.northerncatholic.co.uk on how to book

ORDINATION To mark the occasion of Deacon Frankie's ordination 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 are now available, also at the back of church for donations. They can be put on the collection plate or popped through the presbytery door.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER leaflets for June now available from porch

DEGREE COURSE a brand new Degree Course at St Mary's College, Blackburn

BA (Hons) World Religions and Education - See poster in porch. Flyers are available from Janet

PRO-LIFE WALK Many thanks to all those who walked last Monday - 60+ people came along. Please hand in any sponsorship money to Arnold Marsden as soon as possible or put it in the collection plate in an envelope clearly marked - Pro Life Walk with your name inside.

MASS OF HEALING Sunday 30th June 2pm. Please take forms for this from the back of church from this weekend onwards. Forms should be returned to the box by Wednesday 26 June for transport and refreshment arrangements.

CLITHEROE

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

PARISH DRAW - MAY WINNERS £100 141 J.Trattles, £25 218 M.Carr £10 288 P.Ryan, 99 J.Kerr, 126 B.Stell, 72 M.Firth, 195 M.Miller. Please collect any winnings from your agent.

	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	C.Riley & Volunteer
Readers	C.Moxham	G.Lambert
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	E.Thomson, P.Sutcliffe, I.Parkes
Tea & Coffee		Fellows family

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

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 Mystery Tour on Wednesday June 26th Price £22 which includes the coach fare, two course meal, Tea or Coffee, and all tips. Coach leaves Interchange at 4.45pm and arrives back around 9.30pm - 10pm.

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

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

BAPTISM We welcome Joseph Paul Naylor Preston, and Joshua Edward Stephen Mashiter who were baptised recently

SABDEN

BONUS BALL No 43 Peggy Fielding

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL collect batteries and Nestle cereal tokens.

Please hand in at school or in the container in porch. Sainsbury's promotion is now finished. Please bring in any vouchers S.A.P.

ST GEORGE'S NIGHT CELEBRATION thanks to this recent very successful sell out event in Sabden we have donated £600 to the chemotherapy unit at Royal Blackburn Hospital in memory of Sabdener Raymond Waling, who was treated there before his death. We have also donated £200 to Fr John for church funds.

GARDEN PARTY Saturday 15th June from 2pm. The theme this year 'Beach Party', with sea, sand and end of the pier attractions, a teddy bear show, so spruce up your teddy and dig out your bucket and spade. We are looking for things to sell with a holiday theme, also prizes for a raffle, again with a beach theme. See list in porch with raffle prize ideas if anyone is able to donate something. There is also a list of stalls - we will need volunteers for on the day. Get involved it's going to be a real good fund day, rain or shine!

BONUS BALL ALERT We have 5 numbers available. The format being:- Pay £1 weekly, monthly or annually. On Saturday's Lotto Draw should your number match the Bonus Ball you win £20. **'IT COULD BE YOU'**. All proceeds to Parish Funds. Please contact Harry or Carol on 01254 823748