

Dear Parishioners

This is the continuation of Pope Frances' interview that was carried in last week's newsletter.

"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 experience in faith is important. We say that we must seek God, go to Him to ask Him for forgiveness, but when we go, He is waiting for us, He is first! In Spanish we have a word that explains this well: "The Lord always is first, is waiting for us! And this is, in fact, a great grace - to find someone who is waiting for you. You go as a sinner, but He is waiting for you to forgive you. This is the experience that the Prophets of Israel described saying that the Lord is like the flower of the almond tree, the first flower of spring (cf. Jeremiah 1:11-12). He is there, before the other flowers come out. The Lord waits for us. And when we seek Him, we find that He is waiting for us to receive us, to give us His love. And this brings to your heart such astonishment that you don't believe it. This is how faith grows - by encounter with the Lord. The important thing is the encounter with Jesus, the encounter with Him, and this gives you faith, because it is precisely He who gives it to you!

You also spoke of the fragility of faith, what can be done to overcome it. The enemy that is greater than fragility is fear. But don't be afraid! We are fragile, and we know it. But He is stronger! If you go with Him, there's no problem! A child is very fragile but he is with his father, with his mother, he is safe! We are safe with the Lord. Faith grows with the Lord, in fact, from the hand of the Lord; this makes us grow and makes us strong. But if we think we can arrange things on our own then think what happened to Peter: "Lord, I will never fall away!" and then the cock crowed and he had denied Him three times! Let us reflect: when we have too much confidence in ourselves, we are more fragile, more fragile. Always with the Lord! And to stay with the Lord means to stay with the Eucharist, with the Bible, with prayer -- but also in the family, also with our Mother, also with her, because she is the one who takes us to the Lord; it is the Mother, the one who knows everything. Hence pray also to Our Lady and ask her as Mother, to make me strong. One thing that makes me strong every day is to pray the Rosary to Our Lady."

Fr John

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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th June 2013

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday

Mass at 9am

Tuesday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9.15am - No evening mass

Friday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Saturday (15th June)

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 - First Holy Communions **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEKS

Maria Middleton, Michael Riley, Grace Warren, Alice Brown

SICK

Sally Hickling, Peter Wright, Barbara Muller, Peter Tomlinson

ANNIVERSARY

Michael Riley, Grace Warren, Alice Brown

*There will be a quarterly collection for the
St Vincent de Paul Society at masses next weekend*

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £624.45 Sabden £ 220.38 Many thanks

FOOD BANK Clitheroe £275.12 Sabden £44.71 Many thanks

PRO LIFE WALK Please hand in any sponsorship money in for the Pro-Life Walk held on Bank Holiday Monday to Arnold Marsden as soon as possible or put it on the collection plate in an envelope clearly marked - Pro-Life Walk with your name inside.

CAFOD As this notice went into print there were 12 people from Clitheroe preparing to go to the big IF Rally in Hyde Park, London on the Saturday. They will share their experience with you in the next newsletter! You are asked to continue praying for the G8 Summit Meeting taking place next weekend 15th/16th. That world leaders will make just choices and 'hear the cry of the poor'. Nearly 60 signed cards have been sent to the Prime Minister calling on him to be a voice for those who are voiceless. Your support is greatly appreciated, on behalf of poor countries. THANK YOU

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

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.

COFFEE MORNING Geraldine Hennigan and Jane Miller are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 15th June from 9.30am - 12noon at 23 Castle View. Home made cakes and bring and buy books. All money to their Sri Lanka bike ride for Genesis Research Trust.

BIBLE SOCIETY Strawberry Tea - Saturday 22 June 2pm - 4pm at Clitheroe United Reformed Church. Admission £2.50

LADIES GROUP MEETING Monday 10th at 7.30pm in the Presbytery

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 11th at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

YEAR OF FAITH

Meetings this week

Monday 10th June
2pm 10 Claremont Ave

Tuesday 11th June
2.30pm
In the presbytery



YEAR OF FAITH 2013

	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	A.Harkin	A & J Marsden
Readers	C.Riley	Martha Barrett
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & S.Kerr	J.Hall, S.Hall, R.Embery
Tea & Coffee		C.James/M.Tomlinson/A.Pritchard

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 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.

APF - RED MISSION BOXES Some people drop their mission boxes off in between collection dates. If you are one of these people who have not received your box back there are some spare ones available from the sacristy. Summer 2013 magazines are now available from porch.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL No 9 L.Holmes

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! **TEDDY BEAR SHOW** - bring along your favourite teddy. There will be prizes for the oldest, cutest, best dressed etc. Cups and rosettes will be presented, so calling all teddies - It's your day!. Also has anyone got any plants available for sale on our plant stall? Please bring them on the day if so. There are bags in the porch to put donations in of anything suitable for sale.

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