

Dear Parishioners

For the past number of years pubs, clubs and restaurants have faced tremendous challenges, causing many to close. Here in the Ribble Valley upmarket restaurants offer excellent three course meals for as little as £10 to entice in customers during off-peak hours. So it is little surprise that our Parish Centre is struggling despite its refurbishment and the best efforts of Kevin Shepherd and his staff. To meet the challenge and in consultation with the Diocesan Trustees we have engaged the services of a marketing consultant who in the past couple of years has turned round three diocesan social centres similar to ours from loss to profit. This will inevitably involve change, some of which Kevin mentions inside. Please do cooperate with these as we work to ensure the future viability of our parish centre.

In 1797 Thomas Weld wrote to the local Jesuit superior: *"I shall certainly be very happy to give the ground where on to build the Chapel at Clitheroe, upon condition of a perpetual anniversary mass for both Mrs Weld and myself after our decease."* That chapel has grown to be our church and the ground to which Thomas Weld refers was Dove Syke meadow on which our parish buildings stand and includes the field used by the school for its sports. It was to honour his request that four years ago we instituted *Weld Day* to be held on the first Sunday of July each year. So, next Sunday there will be only one Sunday Mass for both Clitheroe and Sabden celebrated at 10.30am to be followed by a parish picnic. A complimentary glass of bubbly will be offered along with strawberries and ice-cream. You bring along a picnic rug or chair and a picnic. At the time of the gift Sabden was a part of the parish and Sabden folk walked up and over the Nick and back again to attend Mass until a Catholic school was built in 1877 and Mass was celebrated there by a priest from Clitheroe. So Sunday is a day of celebration for both our communities. Do come along and enjoy the festivity the Saturday evening 6pm mass is unaffected.

Today is a special day for the sick and housebound of both our communities. It begins with Mass in the parish centre at 2pm during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be conferred and will be followed by a tea party.

There were quite a number of complaints last year when this newsletter went on holiday during August. So this year it will continue and this back page will be open to any who wish to share reports or thoughts with the parish – subject to editorial approval!. *Fr John*

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

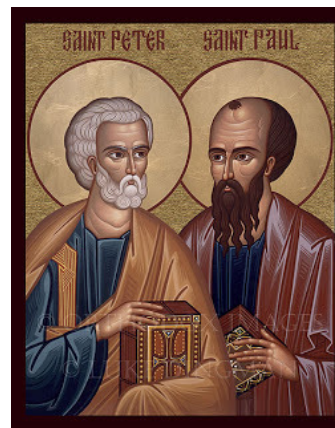
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SS Peter & Paul - 30th June 2013

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee
2pm Healing Mass for the
housebound in our Parish Hall

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

11am - Funeral Service Brian McLernon

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday (6th July)

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

Next Sunday July 7th No Mass - Weld Day - Mass at 10.30am in Clitheroe

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEKS

Kathleen Snape, Derek Birtwell, Harry Barlow, Dorothy O'Brien, Ada Graham,
Special intention

SICK

Sally Hickling, Peter Tomlinson, Peter Wright, Barbara Muller

LATELY DEAD

Harry Barlow, Brian McLernon, Dorothy O'Brien

ANNIVERSARIES

Ada Graham

There will be a collection at all masses this weekend for Peter's Pence

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £697.09 Sabden £ 165.44 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.

WELD DAY NEXT SUNDAY 7th July. Mass at 10.30am in the church garden, followed by a picnic lunch (weather permitting) afterwards. Please note there will be no mass at Sabden this day.

CAFOD Thank you for every kind of support in these recent weeks especially your prayers, God Bless you

FOODBANK opens 8th July. Still needed - a medium sized table and a shelved cupboard for the distribution centre - ring Ruth Haldane (see below). More volunteers for 2hour sessions or during the day to give out leaflets, thank people for food or sort/stack food. Email Rachel McMeekin at Rachel.mcmeekin@talk21.com or Ruth Haldane on 07849 534431

CATECHIST GATHERING at Salford Cathedral Saturday 6th July from 11am - 3.15pm, Jacobs Join (please bring a gift to share). See poster in porch which gives all details and programme for the day.

CARITAS Diocese of Salford help local people to lead happier lives. We need a skilled photographer to volunteer time to show the work they do. Could you help? Then email a portfolio of up to 10 images, including shots of the interior of your church, a portrait and a busy event by 19 July. See poster in porch

MARYVALE INSTITUTE CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA IN CATECHESIS A two-year, part time, collaborative-learning course in Salford Cathedral commencing October 2013. Like to know more - see notice in porch or ask Janet for application form.

FRANKIES ORDINATION Due to sickness 3 seats are now available on the coach - £6 each. Coach will leave Interchange at 9.30am, pick up at Sabden on the road outside church at 9.45am - expected arrival at Cathedral 11am. Anyone needing refreshments before Mass please bring it with you - bags may be left on the coach. Refreshments at the Cathedral after Mass approx 2pm. Coach will leave Cathedral at 3.30pm, for return journey. Still time to put your contributions for his gift (envelopes at back of church) and Spiritual Bouquet - Masses - Holy Communion - Rosaries - Acts of Charity, but no names please.

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 open through from 12noon on Saturdays & Sundays

SOCIAL CENTRE As a result of what Father has explained on the back page regarding the Social Centre, there will be many small but significant changes over the next few months. I hope that our customers will understand the need for these. During the summer we have decided that the centre will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings until late August or early September.

Rota 6th/7th July	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	R & C Conti
Readers	L.Perrin	C.Morgan
Eucharistic Ministers	T.Woodhead & B.Taylor	P.Sutcliffe, + two Sabden parishioners

SCOUT HEADQUARTERS Each section of the units that use the Scout HQ is asked to send a representative to a meeting in the Social Centre on Tuesday 2nd July at 7.15pm. The meeting will consider use of the main room, booking, use of the equipment store, fire and health, and safety regulations. Please inform me if you will attend tel: Julia Kennedy on 01200 538793 or 07925699578 or email julia_kennedy83@hotmail.com

NEW ROTA'S If ready you can find them on the table in front of the sacristy door - if not available they will be sent out early this coming week.

LADIES GROUP Next outing is Thursday 19th September to Kendal for shopping or whatever you want to do until lunchtime, and then onto Leighton Hall (Historic seat of the Gillow family) in the afternoon. The price is £15 which includes the coach fare, entrance and tour of the Hall and all tip for the driver. Names to Daphne 01200 427912 or Janet 01200 423307

The Ladies Group and Rossendale Male Voice Choir thank you for coming along to the concert last Saturday evening. An amount of £900 plus, will be shared between the Choir and the Ladies Group Charity. We really do appreciate you giving us such valued support - we couldn't achieve our goals without you. Thank you all

PARISH DRAW WINNERS £100 55 A.Carpanini, £25 173 B.Collinson, £10 - 274 G.Morton, 172 L.Collinson, 175 B.Parkinson, 174 L.Quinton, 266 A.Marsden

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

SABDEN

BONUS BALL No 34 The Keane family

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.

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

PARISH RECORDS with a view to bringing Parish records up to date. The parish record list will be available again after Mass - please make sure your details are correct. If you are not on the list, but regard St Mary's as your parish please add your details on the slips provided. An email address may also be useful.