

Dear Parishioners

Many of you will have heard the news, announced by the Bishop on Monday, that he has appointed Fr Frank Mulgrew as assistant priest to our parish and Fr Nathan Horne, the priest ordained with Fr Frank, to St Joseph's Heywood. As things stand at the moment Fr Frank's appointment will be for three years after which he will be appointed to a city parish for two years and then having served his 'apprenticeship' he'll qualify to go solo! By that time, of course, a new bishop will have been appointed, so who knows what changes are afoot!

Fr Frank will reside here in Clitheroe but will also be available to help out in the deanery and give some time to St Augustine's school. Otherwise his appointment will not be the occasion for any major changes – except that I'll be able to attend some Sunday morning coffee sessions after the 9.30 Mass and maybe baptisms will move back from 3pm to Sunday mornings. The plans that were announced some weeks ago to train people in the 23 parishes of the deanery to provide a Sunday Eucharistic services to cover any unforeseen emergency will continue. And needless to say, when Fr Frank leaves he will not be replaced by another priest. He will take up his appointment in September.

On the flight back from Rio Pope Francis gave an impromptu press conference an hour and 21 minutes during which he stood the whole time. Here's a taster of what he said.

Cardinals and their life styles. "Everyone has to live in their own way. The cardinals in the Curia, at least the ones I know, don't live like wealthy people. They have fairly modest apartments. But in a general sense, austerity is necessarily for all those who work in the service of the church. There are saints in the Roman Curia, among the cardinals, priests, religious, sisters and laity. They work hard, and also do things that are often hidden. I know some who concern themselves with feeding the poor or who give up their free time to work in a parish. As always, the ones who aren't saints make the most noise - a single tree falling makes a sound, but a whole forest growing doesn't."

Resistance to his planned reforms. "If there's resistance, I haven't seen it. It's true that I haven't done a lot yet, but so far I've found helpful, loyal people. I like it when someone says, 'I don't agree with you,' and I have found that. That's better than those who say, 'That's great, that's great,' but then say the opposite later - maybe people like that are there, but I haven't run into significant resistance."

Enjoy the holidays, *Fr John*

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18th Sunday in Ordinary time - 4th August 2013

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday (10th August)

Reconciliation (Confession) 11am - 11.45am

Exposition 11am - 11.55am Rosary 11.30am

Eucharistic Service 12 noon First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Friday Mass at 9.15am

MASSSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Derek Birtwell x 2, Walter Jackson, Margaret Batts, Successful outcome

SICK

Sally Hickling, Peter Wright, Barbara Muller, George Weld-Blundell, Pat Pozzi

ANNIVERSARY

Frank Salwiczek, Walter Jackson, Margaret Batts

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £804.43 Sabden £109.54 Many thanks
DAY FOR LIFE Clitheroe £242.25 Sabden £21.42

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.

JESUITS & FRIENDS Summer edition now available FREE from porch

CARITAS VACANCY Finance Officer on a twelve month Fixed Term Contract. Based in Salford. More info download application - www.caritassalford.org.uk/jobs

DEFIBRILLATORS A date has been booked for Defibrillator training this coming Tuesday August 6th at 7.30pm in the Hall. The session, comprising of Basic First Aid and a demonstration on how to use a defibrillator will last about 1hour. We need as many as possible to attend but please let us know before hand if you are coming. Please ring Arnold Marsden to book - 01200 427096

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER August leaflets now available from porch

CLITHEROE

TEA AND COFFEE ROTA The area under the stairs in the PARISH kitchen is no longer available to us for the storage of Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Cordial etc that are used for Sunday morning refreshments after mass or Seedlings on Wednesdays. The cupboard that was used previously is only small and limits the storage to a minimum. We will in future have to store the bulk of the supplies over in the presbytery. Janet will try and see all those on both the Tea and Coffee rota and Seedlings individually in the next few weeks.

FR JOHN TAYLOR would like parishioners to know that when he returns to this country his address will be Mill Hill General Council, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL7 7GZ tel: 01628 673178. He takes up residence the last week in September and officially takes on his new duties by 1st October. He would appreciate your prayers to help him make the transition and fulfil what will be expected of him.

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

APF MISSION (RED BOXES) This quarter's Mission Box collection is due to take place shortly. Please could we once again ask for your help. If it is possible could collectors consider sending their donations in the form of a cheque or notes rather than change. Due to the limited time we have available to count and bank the money - when we took the money from the last collection to the bank the change alone came to well over £300 (much of it bags of 1p & 2p), which is far too heavy for one person to carry as you can well imagine. Your help would be very much appreciated

Rota 10/11 Aug	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Bentley	R & F Holgate
Readers	C.McGuire	P.Donnely
Euch Min	T.Woodhead & B.Taylor	P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, T.Mercer
Tea & Coffee		Embery family

Please note: the rota above does not take into account any changes made by individuals

LADIES GROUP Committee Meeting Monday 12th August at 7pm (please note earlier time)

LADIES GROUP Next outing 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. Cost is £15 which includes coach fare, entrance and tour of the Hall, Birds of Prey display and all tip for the driver.

ANNUAL TREASURE HUNT *Please note change of date, now on Thursday 22nd August*, and will be in Longridge. Cost £15 including supper at the Newdrop. Would **EVERYONE** (even if you have already arranged a lift) please assemble on Lowergate Car Park to leave at 5.45pm prompt. Both of the above can be booked by ringing Daphne 01200 427912 or Janet 01200 423307.

CLITHEROE FOOD FESTIVAL The Pudding Fest at St Mary's next Saturday 10th August is being run by Friends of Chernobyl's Children to raise funds. They are appealing for donations of puddings, which can be taken up to St Mary's Centre in the morning. If possible please use disposable containers, otherwise please mark tin/basin etc clearly with your name and telephone number to ensure it gets back to you .Tel:Liz Patten 01282 680717 or email liz_patten2002@yahoo.co.uk for any other details.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 31 - The Taylor family

SUMMER FUN QUIZ Quiz sheets are available after Mass today at the cost of £1. Test your knowledge whilst the sun shines. Return completed sheets any time - leave in porch, or give to Peter or Susan. Closing date 11am Mass 25th August. Prize will be a bottle of Bubbly. Join in, it could be you and the money will help with the garden work. Clitheroe parishioners are also invited to take part. Entry forms also available from Janet in the Parish Office (Clitheroe)

FR BIRMINGHAM will celebrate his 80th Birthday on August 15th. He will celebrate a Vigil mass (feast of the Assumption) on **Wednesday 14th August** at 7pm in St Mary's Sabden, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.