

Dear Parishioners

Each year priests worldwide collate the statistics of their parishes. These are sent to bishop who incorporates them into a diocesan report and off they go to Rome, where eventually they are published and give a snap shot of the Church worldwide. The data for 2011 has been published and includes the following.

The number of Catholics has increased from 1,196 billion in 2010 to 1,214 billion in 2011 representing a growth of 1.5%. Growth differs from continent to continent, but is greatest in Africa and Asia and is not simply the result of population growth. In Africa Catholics growth of 4.3% outstripped population of 2.3%. In Asia the increase in Catholics was 2% whereas population growth was 1.2%. In the Americas and in Europe the increase in numbers of Catholics was equal to the population growth of 3%. In 2011, the number Catholics worldwide were distributed: the Americas 48.8%; Europe 23.5%; Africa 16%; Asia 10.9%; and Oceania 0.8%."

The report also shows an increase in the number of priests which now stands at 413,418. Again this growth was greatest in Africa which enjoyed 39.5% increase and Asia with a 32% increase. In the Americas the situation is stationary and Europe suffered a decrease of more than -9%.

Seminarians in training for the priesthood globally increased by 7.5% to 120,616. Again it was Africa (+30.9%) and Asia (+29.4%) which showed a lively growth while in Europe and America there was a decline of -21.7% and of -1.9%; respectively.

The number of Permanent Deacons increased dramatically, passing from a total of around 29,000 in 2001 to about 41,000 in 2011. In Europe deacons who numbered little more than 9,000 in 2001 grew to almost 14,000 in 2011, an increase of over 43%. In America the number grew from 19,100 in 2001 to more than 26,000 in 2011. These two continents, alone, account for 97.4% of permanent deacons worldwide.

The number of professed religious sisters (nuns) decreased dramatically in Europe and America but in Africa and Asia grew by 28% and 18% respectively. It was a similar picture for professed religious men (brothers).

The profile of the Church is shifting!

Fr John

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19th Sunday in Ordinary time - 11th 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 - The Assumption

Mass at 9.30am & 7.30pm

Saturday (17th 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

Wednesday - eve of Fr Birmingham's 80th birthday

Vigil Mass of The Assumption at 7.30pm followed by reception

Thursday - The Assumption - Mass at 11am

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Ann Wharton

SICK

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

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £730.55 Sabden £183.12 Many thanks
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

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER August leaflets now available from porch
DEFIBRILLATOR Around 26 people attended the First Aid and Defibrillator demonstration given by Mark Evans last Tuesday evening. Thankyou for coming along

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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.

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

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING this coming Tuesday 13th August at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

SOCIAL CENTRE Sunday evening In addition to the usual Quiz on a Sunday evening is 'Play your Cards Right'. Please come along - Everyone welcome

SALFORD DIOCESE LADYEWELL PILGRIMAGE Saturday 14th September. Starts at 12noon and will be led by Canon Anthony McBride. Mass, Eucharistic procession, Rosary Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Benediction, finishing around 4pm. Bring along a packed lunch. See poster in porch

Rota 17/18 Aug	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Luciani	B.Barker & K.Peel
Readers	A.McGuire	M.Barrett
Euch Min	B.Worden & M.Preedy	J.Hall, S.Hall, R.Embery
Tea & Coffee		P & A Geldard, T.O'Donnell

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

LADIES GROUP Committee Meeting tomorrow night 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. Nearly fully booked - just 4 places left.

ANNUAL TREASURE HUNT *Please note change of date, now on Thursday 22nd August*, 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. You will find a copy of the menu choices in the church porch

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S CUB PACK are needing new cub leaders to have adventures with our young people from September. Full support from current leaders will be given. Contact: Julia Kennedy 01200 538793 or email julia_kennedy83@hotmail.com

SALVATION ARMY Lowergate, Clitheroe are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday August 17th from 10am - 12noon. Craft and Cakes stalls. Admission £1 pay on door

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No15 - S.Brown

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.