

Dear Parishioners

A few dates for your diaries

26th August: Requiem Mass in the Old cemetery for deceased parishioners, family and friends at 11am.

29th August: Fr John Taylor arrives for a week's visit.

6th September: Fr Frankie takes up his post.

27th September: Presentation evening and parish social to thank Vincent Murray for his years of service and to congratulate and welcome Fr Frankie.

The Muslim fast of Ramadan ended last week with the feast of Id al-Fitr and to mark this important date in the Muslim calendar the Cardinal in charge of the Vatican's office for promoting inter faith relations sends a message of goodwill to Muslims worldwide. This year Pope Francis chose to send this message himself.

In his message, the Pope proposed a topic for common reflection "that concerns both Muslims and Christians: promoting mutual respect through Education."

Emphasising that respect is a reciprocal process, Pope Francis invited Muslims and Christians to respect each and every person "their life, their physical integrity, their dignity and the rights deriving from that dignity, their reputation, their property, their ethnic and cultural identity, their ideas and their political choices. We are therefore called to think, speak and write respectfully of the other, not only in their presence, but always and everywhere, avoiding unfair criticism or defamation. Families, schools, religious teaching and all forms of media have a role to play in achieving this goal."

He continued: "we are called to respect the religion of the other, its teachings, its symbols, its values. Particular respect is due to religious leaders and to places of worship. How painful are attacks on one or other of these!"

"We have to bring up our young people to think and speak respectfully of other religions and their followers, and to avoid ridiculing or denigrating their convictions and practices. I reiterate my hope that all Christians and Muslims may be true promoters of mutual respect and friendship, in particular through education."

He concluded; "I send you my prayerful good wishes, that your lives may glorify the Almighty and give joy to those around you. Happy Feast to you all!"

Fr John

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20th Sunday in Ordinary time - 18th August 2013

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Tuesday

Requiem 10.30am - Monica Blockeel

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Funeral Service for Elizabeth Walmsley at Accrington Crematorium at 2.20pm

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday (24th August)

Reconciliation (Confession) 11am - 11.30am

Exposition 11am - 11.30am Rosary 11.30am

Wedding at 12noon - no Eucharistic Service First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Dorothy Hunt, William Brown, Brian Hodgson, Bernard Lawton,
Special intention, Monica Blockeel x 5, Donors intention.

SICK

Sally Hickling, Peter Wright, George Weld-Blundell, Pat Pozzi, Ken Carden,
Mary Shepherd

LATELY DEAD

Monica Blockeel, Elizabeth Walmsley.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard Lawton, Brian Hodgson, William Brown, Dorothy Hunt

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £668.12 Sabden £120.59 Many thanks
DONATION Many thanks for the £300 anonymous donation to the bench fund
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.

CARITAS SALFORD Admin Asst for Blackburn, and Support worker for both Blackburn & Bolton. More details on poster in porch

FOOD BANK Thanks to everyone who have donated food to the foodbank. In the first 5 weeks we have fed 140 people with 1226 meals! Some of our warehouse stocks are getting low, and we are urgently in need of UHT milk, sugar (preferable 500g packets), packets of rice (500g) and tinned sponge pudding. If you can help us by donating food at the St Michael & St John's collection point, or bringing it to the foodbank at Trinity Church on one of the days we are open (Mon, Wed, Fri 11am - 1.30pm) or to one of the collection points in town e.g. Ribble Valley Homes, Library, Barclays and Skipton Building Society then that would be great.

CLITHEROE

APF MISSION (RED BOXES) This quarter's Mission Box collection is due to take place shortly. Please could we ask for your help. If 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

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

TEA DANCE next Wednesday 21st August. Still only £3.50 admission

MOSQUE the people from the Mosque are having an informal 'meet the neighbours' get together on Sunday from 4pm and anybody from our church would be very welcome for a cup of tea and a chat at this time. They would be delighted to see you there.

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

ANNUAL TREASURE HUNT Next Thursday 22 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 (ext 3). You will find a copy of the menu choices in the church porch. Money and menus in please by today (Sunday)

| Rota 14/25 Aug | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Welcomers | M.Manning | S.Shore & M.Rogers |
| Readers | C.Astin | L.Embery |
| Euch Min | F.Ellis & S.Kerr | G.Lambert, P.Donnely, A.Marsden |
| Tea & Coffee | | S.V.P.Group |

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

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.

FOOD FESTIVAL Thankyou to everyone who supported our stall last Saturday at URC. To highlight International/Natiional food poverty we displayed the 'Enough Food IF' campaign banner and Food Bank Banner. It was lovely having to many helpers from different churches - we will keep you informed of further events.

ANNUAL TIDY-UP OF ST JOSEPH'S CEMETERY prior to Mass for our deceased parishioners on Bank Holiday Monday (26th August) we shall be having a general tidy-up. Please be at the cemetery on Wednesday 21st August from 6.30pm. If wet on Friday 23rd. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

BAPTISM We welcome Charles James John Lawson baptised last Sunday

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 18 Grimshaw family

SUMMER FUN QUIZ Quiz sheets are available after Mass today at the cost of £1. Test your knowledge whilst the sun shines. This is the last week, entries must be in by 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)

SUPER SAUSAGE SIZZLING SUPPER Wednesday September 25th in St Mary's Hall Bangers and Mash supper from Burnley sausage supremo George Heys. Who has created sausages for royalty, football clubs and special events, and he will be breating one just for us. The jolly butcher and his boys will then entertain with his sausage making skills and amusing anecdotes. Tickets £6 on sale at the back of church or from Margaret Waling, Margaret Parsons, Kay Galea or Jean Haythornthwaite. Starts 7pm for 7.15pm

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - VARIETY CONCERT with the 50 Something Theatre Company, Thursday November 14th at 7.30pm. All types of songs from popular tunes to operatic arias along with comedy sketches and much more. More details later.