

Dear Parishioners

Pope Francis has called for a special synod in Rome next year from 5th to 19th October to discuss the challenges facing the family, probably the biggest challenges facing the Church in our part of the world. In preparation he has asked bishops' conferences world-wide to conduct a consultation of Catholics, asking for their opinions on how the church's teaching is known, accepted or rejected today.

The accompanying document, technically known as a Lineamenta, makes for heavy reading! But fortunately our bishops have broken it into a user friendly questionnaire which may be downloaded and printed off to be responded to by pen and ink or completed and returned online. This is the first time that a world-wide, parish level survey has been conducted by the Church. So, do go to <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/Synod-of-Bishops-on-the-Family-2014> and have your say.

Since these issues profoundly affect every family, I wonder whether you would prefer a parish meeting/s to discuss them more fully and perhaps contribute to a parish response? Please let me or Fr Frankie know your thoughts.

Now for another family matter: It is great to see *Little Church* numbers building up again but we are becoming victims of our own success! It has been suggested that the children span too great an age range for our catechists to cater adequately for them all. So, it has been proposed that we restrict *Little Church* to children aged 4 years and above and that they continue to meet in the large meeting room and that a crèche for children aged 3 and below meet in the smaller room. No decisions have been taken: this is simply an idea made to set interested parents discussing the issue before we take the matter to the Parish Forum a week on Wednesday, 20th November.

There has been an excellent response to the SVP appeal for volunteers. On behalf of the parish I thank all who responded.

You may remember that two weeks ago Pope Francis asked for continual prayer for persecuted Christians – our brothers and sisters! Last week Sadad, a predominantly Syrian Christian town was attacked by Islamic militants. 45 Syrian Orthodox Catholics were killed, 30 injured, 10 are missing and 2,500 have fled. Churches were pillaged and destroyed. Archbishop Alnemeh pleads: "We have cried out to the world for help but no one has listened to us. Where is the Christian conscience? Where is human consciousness? Where are my brothers? We ask everyone to pray for us." Please do remember them. *Fr John*

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary time - 10th November 2013

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday

Mass at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday (16th November)

Reconciliation (Confession) 11am - 11.45am

Exposition 11am - 11.55am Rosary 11.30am

Eucharistic Service 12noon First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am followed by coffee **Friday - Friday** Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Leo Warren, David Bamber, Winifred Barlow, Robert Taylor, All Souls
Susan White's retirement, Christopher & Matthew Perrin, Teresa Tomlinson,

SICK

Sally Hickling, Teresa Tomlinson, Peter Wright,
Anthony Cornwell, Mary & Pat Shepherd, Ann Fox

LATELY DEAD - David Bamber

ANNIVERSARIES

Winifred Barlow, Leo Warren

*There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend
Bishops Administration Fund*



OFFERTORY Clitheroe £703.99 Sabden £169.46 S/Orders £201 Many thanks

R.C.I.A. The R.C.I.A. programme continues on Thursdays at 8pm after 7.30pm Mass in the presbytery. Sessions will last for one hour only. It caters for those who wish to learn more about their faith, for those thinking of joining the Church and for any who are simply interested. It will be run by both Fr John and Fr Frankie.

H.C.P.T Anyone with any sponsorship money still to hand over please place it on the collection plate in an envelope clearly marked with your name and for the attention of Arnold Marsden. Thankyou

CAFOD There will be a meeting of the group 10am Tuesday 12th Nov in presbytery. 2013 Booklets of "World Gifts" are now available in the church porch. Some good ideas/suggestions for Christmas gifts, take a look.

CLITHEROE

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

PARISHIONERS ADDRESSES in readiness for delivering Christmas Cards this year we are in the process of updating our name and address records, and we need your help. If you are new to the parish, have moved address, or you know of anyone, a neighbour perhaps who is new to the parish please inform one of the priests or write the name, address, telephone number and email address on one of the green slips which can be found on the shelves at the back of the two centre aisles. Pop it in at the presbytery or in the red Parish Communications Box in the porch.

ADVENT CALENDARS now on sale at back of church

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday 12th November 7.30pm in presbytery

WANTED

FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER

We are making an appeal this weekend
for goods in good time for this event

Home made cakes - jams - pickles etc

Items for our two Tombola stalls e.g. Bottles
of Spirits, Wine, Chocolates, Boxes of Biscuits,
Unwanted presents

Jewellery, House plants, Raffle prizes
Children's books, Sweets, Toys

Donations may be left at the presbytery from
now until the day before Friday 29th November

Please note: no clothes or tins

*Book signing by Fr Frankie of
his book 'Does God LOL' at
this year's Christmas Fayre*

NEW SVP MEMBERS

There will be a meeting on
Thursday 14th November at
8pm in the presbytery (after
the 7.30pm Mass) for those
who gave their names in at
masses last weekend.

PARISH DRAW OCTOBER WINNERS

£100 198 J.Hennigan

£25 152 N.Berry

£10 - 78 P.Worswick,

101 F.Nelson 225 T.Pearce

5 L.Quinton 72 J.Schofield

Rota 16/17 Nov	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	Volunteer	P.Dixon & E.Thomson
Readers	A.McGuire	M.Barrett
Euch Min	T.Woodend & B.Taylor	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, P.Donnelly
Tea & Coffee		S.V.P.Group

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

CHRISTIAN AID a note for your diary - Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon at U.R.C. on Saturday 30th November.

CLITHEROE FOOD FESTIVAL a meeting to review this years festival and to plan for next years event, will be held in the Choir Vestry at St Mary's at 4.30pm on Friday 15th November. Contact Rev Andrew Whitehead 01200 444734

YEAR OF FAITH Tuesday 12th November at St Gabriel's High School, Bury see poster in porch

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES Leaflets are available from the back of church. Please drop your shoe box at the presbytery or school by next Friday 15th November

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING Mon 11th November 7.30pm presbytery

SEEDLINGS Our Seedlings group are holding a Table Top Sale in our Parish Hall

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 27 A.Barker
CHRISTMAS FAYRE will be on Saturday 7th
December - yes it's that time again. Monica is
collecting toys and we need items for the main
tombola. Decent Teddies are wanted for the Ted-
dies Tombola. Please take one of the plastic
bags available and put in any donations you may
have. There is a list in the porch for people who
could help on the day. In addition this year there
will be a stall selling Christmas cards at very rea-
sonable prices and Fr Frankie will be doing a
'book signing' of his recent publication 'Does God
LOL'

GRAND DRAW We are looking for pledges to-
wards the two major prizes - an iPad mini and a
Kindle Fire. There is a list in the porch of sug-
gested raffle prizes - please put your name
alongside the one you wish to donate or if you
wish to donate something else just write it on the
bottom of the list. Raffle tickets now available
after Mass £5 per book

ADVENT CALENDARS now available to buy -
please see Susan White

CHRISTMAS WREATHS available again at the
knock down price of £6. Please order - list in
porch

VARIETY CONCERT

An Autumn Concert is being
presented by the 50 Something
Theatre Company in St Mary's Hall
Sabden, on Thursday
November 14th at 7.15pm. There
will be songs from the musicals
such as 'Climb Every Mountain',
'The Sound of Music', to 'Oh what
a Beautiful Morning' from
'Oklahoma' and 'I'm Gonna Wash
that Man' from South Pacific and
numbers from 'Singin in the Rain'.
There will also be popular songs
such as 'Love Changes Everything'
and lots more, even a Christmas
medley, poems and sketches. Ad-
mission is £6 on the door including
supper, or tickets from here at St
Mary's or Janet at St Michael & St
John's.

*Your support would be
very much appreciated*