

Dear Parishioners

During the Easter Vigil, in the darkness of Easter night, Brent, Rebecca and Benjamin Kelly, and Lauren Bate were baptised and Thomas Clay was received into the Church. We welcome them most warmly to Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Community and pray that they will be ever faithful to the Lord who has chosen them.

RCIA reconvenes this Thursday at 8pm.

On the Tuesday of Holy Week there was a splendid attendance in Sabden to discuss matters relating to the Sabden community. After a fruitful and frank discussion it was decided that the Friday Mass should move from Friday to Wednesday morning at the usual time of 9.15 and that to satisfy the requirements both of the Diocesan Religious Education Syllabus and the National Curriculum there will be a school Mass once a month instead of weekly. This new arrangement commences a week on Wednesday, 7th May, at 9.15 with a school Mass.

The future of St Mary's Community Centre was also discussed and it was agreed that a committee should be formed to oversee every aspect of the running of the Centre. As St Mary's is a part of the parish it was decided that parishioners in Clitheroe as well as Sabden are eligible for nomination to the committee. Next Sunday, boxes will be placed in both churches for nominations. Please remember that if you wish to nominate someone then you must first ask their permission. Parishioners wishing to join the committee may nominate themselves.

Finally it was determined to begin fundraising to replace the somewhat tired and bashed Christmas Crib figures.

Pope John Paul II nominated the 2nd Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday to emphasise the overwhelming and unfailing love of Jesus Christ for each and every one of us. So Pope Francis has chosen this day to declare as Saints both Pope John XXIII (Good Pope John as he was popularly acclaimed) and Pope John II. (The Pope doesn't make saints! After a careful examination of their lives and an acknowledged miracle he declares that the Church is convinced that they are with God)

Finally back to the mundane: Social Centre Committee meet on Tuesday in the Presbytery at 7.30pm.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

Lowergate, Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 1AG

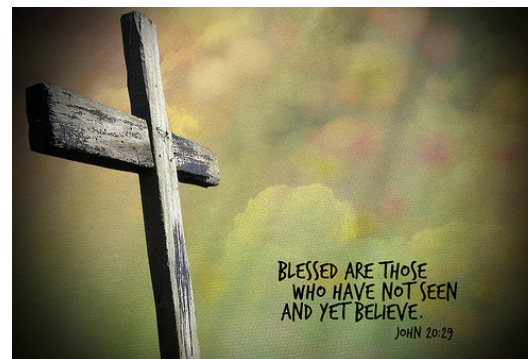
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2nd Sunday of Easter - 27th April 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

SATURDAY (3rd May)

11am - 11.55am Exposition 11am - 11.45am Reconciliation

12noon - Eucharistic Service 6pm - First Mass of Sunday

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

Masses received this week

Paul Smith, Margaret & Arthur Peters, Jimmy & Lily Drain,
John & Kath Barber, Fr Peter Birmingham, Maria Middleton

SICK

Peter Wright, Fr Peter Birmingham, Maria Middleton, John McGough, John Lofthouse

LATELY DEAD

Kathleen Bradley, Paul Smith, Trevor Wilson
Philip Morris (former Head teacher at St Augustines)

ANNIVERSARIES

Hubert Jackson

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £1388.77 Sabden £259.84 S/Orders £194 Many thanks
GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION for Shrines of Palestine £376.39 Many thanks

Should you wish to Gift Aid your weekly offertory and would like a set of envelopes ring Janet 01200 423307 ext 3 or mention it to Fr John or Fr Frankie

WANTED - CLEANER for our Parish Centre (Clitheroe) as soon as possible, to work Sunday mornings from 7am for 4 hours. Must be trustworthy, honest and reliable. This position involves moving chairs and tables about, so the applicant needs to be fairly fit and healthy. More details please contact Theresa (01200 423073

LADIES GROUP . Ladies Group meeting this coming Wednesday 30 April at 7.30pm 'Buried Treasure of James Dixon' - A delve into the archives of Child Action Northwest with Harriet Roberts. Admission £2 inc tea & biscuits. At this meeting we will be taking names for all the rest of the trips planned for this year, and the money for the Leyburn trip which is on Wednesday 14th May (still a few spare seats on coach). We also need to know those who wish to go to the Afternoon Matinee Music Hall starring Jimmy Cricket - we have to book the seats by the end of this coming week. We are making an appeal for any new goods, cakes, raffle and tombola prizes for our Coffee Morning NEXT Saturday May 3rd from 10am - 12noon in the Ribble Valley Mayor's Parlour. Please bring any donations with you to this meeting or leave at the presbytery by Friday. Tickets for this event are £1 and will be on sale after masses today. Proceeds from this event will go to Maundy Grange.

NBCW (NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN) We are invited to join the first event organised by the newly formed NBCW in Salford Diocese - Saturday 10th May at St Sebastian's Hall, Douglas Green, Salford. This will take the form of a day of reflection on the letter of Pope Francis - 'The Joy of the Gospel'. Details in porch

CAFOD Join team CAFOD at the Pennine Lancashire 10k this June. Run for All Pennine Lancashire 10k from Burnley City Centre Sunday 22 June 2014. Please see poster in porch for details or website runforall.com

FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATIONS On 4 August Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will lead the nation in commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of WW1. Many church communities in the Ribble Valley will want to mark the centenary and honour the fallen too. These commemorations will be held over four years until 11 November 2018. In order to support and sustain any events it has been suggested a small group come together and share and plan them. We hope that a few from each church would be willing to come to a meeting which has been arranged for Tuesday 6 May at 7.30pm in Text House, Edisford Road. Please see Janet or ring her/leave a message on 01200 423307 ext 3 if you are interested.

FOOD POVERTY CONFERENCE 'Feed a Friend' food poverty conference to be held at St Mary's Centre on Saturday 10 May at 9.30am will cover food poverty at home and abroad marking the beginning of Christian Aid week. 'Feed a Friend' will start with findings about food poverty locally from Ruth Haldane, the manager of the Ribble Valley Foodbank. See poster or visit www.feedafriend.co.uk Sue Shepherd 425053. Light lunch for which offers of homemade soup would be most welcome.

ST AUGUSTINE'S ART EXHIBITION TUESDAY 13 May 4pm - 6pm at Whalley Library. See poster in porch

MASS OF HEALING Sunday 18th May at 2pm. Forms for this mass are available at the back of church. Completed forms should be placed in the box in church by Wednesday 14th May. Thankyou

CATHOLIC SINGLES an organisation which helps single adult Catholics to all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel 0161 941 3498 or visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

ORGAN RECITAL at St Mary's RC Church, Oswaldtwistle this Wednesday 30th April to raise money to fund a pilgrimage to Lourdes for 5 deserving people. See poster

PHILIP MORRIS Former Head teacher at St Augustine's died on Wednesday. Reception will be at 6pm next Thursday 1st May and the Requiem will be at 10am on Friday 2nd May at English Martyr's, Whalley

CLITHEROE

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

CHRISTIAN AID Only a few weeks away , (11-17 May) we are asking for help in delivering/collecting Christian Aid envelopes again this year. If you are willing to give a hand then please contact Janet at the presbytery ☎ 423307 ext3. There has only been a minimum response for help so far.

BAPTISM We welcome Maxi Gabriel Jepson who was baptized recently

TABOR RETREAT HOUSE 'Exploring the questions' - a series of sessions available October/November 2014 - pick up a leaflet from porch

May 3rd & 4th	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	A.Harkin	J.Clegg & E.Davies
Readers	A.Southworth	M.Donnely
Eucharistic Ministers	T.Woodhead & B.Taylor	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee		Sims family

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 11 A & C Brown

CHRISTIAN AID Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy in St Mary's Community Hall Saturday 10 May 10am - 12noon. Home made refreshments, raffle and tombola. Stalls will sell cakes, books, plants, bring & buy and there will be new jewellery, handbags and scarves by 'Goldilocks'. Admission £2 inc refreshments. Donations of raffle and tombola prizes or for any of the stalls can be given to either Betty Clarkson, Ann Barker or Margaret Parsons would be very much appreciated. Last year's effort for Christian Aid was very disappointing so please help if you can by going along on the day.

CARDS First Holy Communion cards for sale from the rack in the porch.

There will be the opportunity to buy Confirmation Cards, Holy Communion cards and gifts (e.g. Rosaries) after Mass on a Sunday (date to be decided) during May,