

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is Good shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, where the church takes the opportunity to pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and religious Life. The Church teaches that there are 4 vocations – Priesthood, Religious life, Marriage and Consecrated Life - and so it is important to pray for those that have not yet found their vocation and true calling in life. But it is with a heightened emphasis that this Good shepherd Sunday is seen as a great opportunity to pray and promote vocations for the priesthood and religious life. Currently within the Salford Diocese we have 7 students training to be Priests, two of them will be Ordained this July 18th at Salford Cathedral, they are Alfred Rebello (a former solicitor) and Laurence Gambella (a former R.E. teacher). Please keep them in your prayers along with our other Salford students in Seminary formation, Gavin Landers, Callum Brown at St Mary's College, Oscott; Michael Deas and Richard Howard at the Venerable English College, Rome; and Kevin Murphy at the Beda College, Rome.

The national director for vocations Fr Christopher Jamison OSB, encourages us to help nurture vocations by becoming a culture of vocation. He talks about how God has a way of inviting us to answer our own prayers. For example if I pray for the housebound, God might put into my mind an elderly lady who lives a few doors down from me who is housebound and would really appreciate a visit. The same is true of today's intention, as parishes pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life God may invite people to consider what they can do to further develop the culture of vocation in their Parish. A culture of vocation involves talking about all vocations throughout the year and offering active support to people as they seek to discover God's will in their life. There are a growing number of ways that this service is being offered by dioceses, parishes and colleges, for more information please go to www.ukvocation.org/discernment-groups

Finally I leave you with words of encouragement from Pope Francis on this matter "Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father or a community. Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."

"God calls each of us to be holy, to live his life, but he has a particular path for each one of us.

Frankie

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

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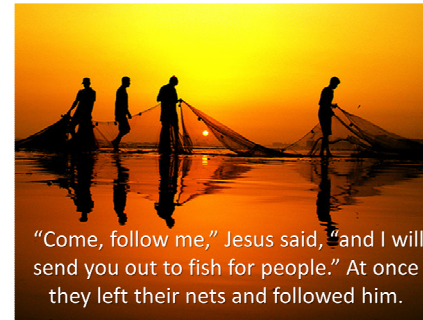
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4th Sunday of Easter - 11th May 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday & Wednesday
Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Friday
Mass at 9am

Thursday
Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

SATURDAY (17th 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 **Wednesday** - Mass at 9.15am

Masses received this week

Birthday intentions, William Lambert

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Philip Morris, Trevor Wilson,

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Hutchinson

There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend for The Ecclesiastical Education Fund. Next weekend there will be a Mission Appeal at all masses by Sr Rena, a Missionary Sister.

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £841.56 Sabden £212.95 S/Orders £194 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 We still have a few spare seats for the Leyburn trip which is NEXT Wednesday 14th May, leaving the Clitheroe Interchange at 8.45am prompt. We are also taking names for all the other trips during the year - please let Daphne 01200 427912 or Janet 01200 423307 ext 3 know if you wish to join us.

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE Committee meeting Monday May 12th at 7.30pm in the presbytery. The Ladies Group thank everyone who supported their Coffee Morning last Saturday. With your help we raised £465 for Maundy Grange

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

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

CARITAS Job vacancies-Fundraising Manager & Charity Shop manager see poster
NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE Fr Frankie is organising a minibus to this very special event that maintains to be an exciting, engaging, retreat experience - balancing just the right amount of spirituality, prayer and laughter. The day will include Mass, great talks, workshops, reconciliation, healing service, youth ministries. From age 7+, the event takes place on Saturday 14 June at Liverpool Hope University. The minibus will leave from St Michael & St John's at 8.30am and return just after 6pm. Please fill in the form at the back of church or see Fr Frankie. There will be a small charge of £5 per person for the minibus. The conference is run on voluntary donations.

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

ST AUGUSTINES GOLDEN JUBILEE PARTY Saturday 21st June 7pm til midnight Live Music - Bar - Food available. Over 18's - Dress: Smart/Casual. Tickets are available from school £10 or go to www.sarchs.com for details or email info@sarchs.com or see poster in porch.

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE - see under Sabden news

FINANCE COMMITTEE please meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the presbytery

RIGHT TO LIFE WALK The Annual sponsored walk for Right to Life is on Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday) at 1pm from Church. You are asked to walk and collect sponsorship if possible. Arnold and others will be collecting sponsorship money for Fr Frankie over the next two weekends.

Our weekly newsletter is posted each week on our parish website. You can also find back copies of newsletters and much more information about parish organisations and events.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS We are collecting the screw tops from plastic milk bottles - these are going towards helping to purchase a wheelchair for a disabled child. Please pop in the Parish Communications box in the porch or an hand to Janet or Teresa or put in the box provided at Sabden.

MASS OF HEALING NEXT 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

CAFOD There will be a meeting of the group next Tuesday, May 13th at 10am in the presbytery

WANTED

Home-baked cakes for reception after the Mass of Healing in our Parish Hall
NEXT Sunday. Any donations of cakes you have please take over to our Parish Hall between 10.30am and 11am

CLITHEROE

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

BAPTISM We welcome Oscar Jay Grimshaw who was baptised last Sunday

TABOR RETREAT HOUSE 'Exploring the questions' - a series of sessions available Oct/Nov 2014 - pick up a leaflet from porch. Early booking is advisable.

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

May 17th/18th	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Luciani	B.Parkinson & M.Maffia
Readers	Volunteer	J.Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, T.Mercer
Tea & Coffee		S.V.P. group

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 28 The Parsons family

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

NEW CRIB FIGURES Jesus, Mary & Joseph have already been donated, so if you would like to donate towards the rest or sponsor a figure there is a red box in the porch for this, or if you have any ideas for fund raising please let us know.

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE. Boxes are available at the back of both churches for nominations for people wishing to serve on St Mary's Hall Committee to be formed to run St Mary's Community Hall. Please remember to check with the person before if they wish to be nominated, and of course you can nominate yourself. Just write the name of your nominee on a piece of paper and place it in the box at either church.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS see article above - please put in box provided. Thankyou

There will be the opportunity to buy Confirmation Cards, Holy Communion cards and gifts (e.g. Rosaries) at St Mary's after Mass next Sunday 18th May