

## Dear Parishioners

Today we welcome Sr Renate Ziaja to preach this year's Mission Appeal on behalf of her sisters working in the developing world. As you probably know the Catholic Church is the largest provider of medical care, education and other social services in Africa alone. This practical application of the Gospel message worldwide – including countries such as India or Mongolia – is largely due to the work of religious sisters (nuns). Today offers us an opportunity to support them in prayer and with financial help.

When I was asked what the Church will do to protest the huge hike in bus fares for pupils attending St Augustine's my reply was to call a meeting. Parents have two great weapons: parent and voting powers. So there will be a meeting on Wednesday in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm that will be attended by Mr Michael Wright and myself to encourage parents to organise themselves to protest and create a great who-ha that politicians may ignore at their peril. The meeting is open to parents of pupils at St Augustine's regardless of parish.

Over the past couple of years there have been two attempts to legalise assisted dying (assisted suicide or euthanasia by other names) and both were decisively defeated not by hard hearted Jurassic remnants of another age but by people concerned to protect the vulnerable and the aged in our society who undoubtedly will come under pressure to die if such a law were introduced. It is no coincidence that every society and organisation in this country that supports disabled people is vehemently against the introduction of such a law! **Right to Life** has proved to be the most effective organisation in tutoring, lobbying and encouraging opposition within Parliament. But this work costs money. Please support the sponsored walk on Bank Holiday Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, either by walking and collecting sponsorship or by sponsoring a walker. Fr Frankie and I shall both be walking.

Finally, you may be forgiven for thinking that the Jesuits have returned to Clitheroe! On Friday, Fr Frankie and I shall be joined by Mark Paver who is nearing the completion of his studies for the priesthood. Mark will be with us for two months but should have arrived four months ago! However the Parish priest he was stationed with fell seriously ill, and Mark was left to run the parish for a couple of months. So, fingers crossed that he won't launch a takeover here.

Fr John

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 5th Sunday of Easter - 18th May 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 (24th 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

Maria Middleton, Margaret, Phyllis Bissett-Smith, Holy Souls x 2, Michael Newell

#### SICK

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

#### LATELY DEAD

Phyllis Bissett-Smith, Michael Newell

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Tresnan, Theresa Swarbrick, George Wilkinson

*There will be a Mission Appeal at all masses this weekend by Sr Rena, a Missionary Sister.*

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £772.39 Sabden £236.37 S/Orders £194 Many thanks  
**ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND** Clitheroe £355.35 Sabden £52.47

**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

**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.

**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](http://www.sarchs.com) for details or email [info@sarchs.com](mailto:info@sarchs.com) or see poster in porch.

**FOSTERING FORTNIGHT** the various media will be highlighting the great need for foster carers during the next two weeks. It is a critical need within our own Diocese, where Caritas places children/young people who need to be 'Looked After' with carers. Caritas urgently want to hear from anyone who could consider fostering, and asks parishioners to pass on this information to family and friends. ☎ 0161 817 2250 or email [info@caritasfostering.org.uk](mailto:info@caritasfostering.org.uk) or website [www.caritassalford.org.uk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk)

**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.

**MASS OF HEALING** TODAY Sunday 18th May at 2pm.

**ST HUBERT'S DUNSOP BRIDGE FUNDRAISING EVENT** at Newton Village Hall on Friday 6th June at 7.30pm - The Jimmy Cricket Laughter Show - Tickets £8 which include a Lite-Bite. Bar available. Tickets from Marie on 01200 446630 or Chris on 01200 448231. Strictly over 12's only.

**S.V.P. CHANGE OF MEETING DAY** from Tuesday 27th May the S.V.P.weekly meeting will be held each Tuesday at 7pm in the presbytery.

### WANTED

Home-baked cakes for reception after the Mass of Healing in our Parish Hall Today Sunday 18th May. Any donations of cakes you have please take over to our Parish Hall between 10.30am and 11am

**Our weekly newsletter is posted each week on the parish website, where you can find newsletters and much more info 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.

**CAFOD** Join team CAFOD at the Pennine Lancashire 10k this June. Run for All Pennine Lancashire from Burnley City Centre, Sunday 22nd June 2014. Please see poster in porch for details or website [runforall.com](http://runforall.com)

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

**LADIES GROUP** will be having a bottle stall at our School Summer Fayre on Saturday 28th June. All proceeds go to school funds. Would you like to donate a bottle?

### CLITHEROE

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

May 24/25th	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	D.Marsden & J.Byrne
Readers	Volunteer	P.Donnelly
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & H.Addy	J.Hall, S.Hall. R.Embery
Tea & Coffee		Fellows family

### SABDEN

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 46 Pauline Hindle

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

**BAPTISM** We welcome Peter Graham Flynn who was baptised last Sunday

**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 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. 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.

**BEACH PARTY** This year will be on 14th June at 2pm. There will be bags available for donations. Anything with a seaside theme. There will be a holiday themed raffle. A list will be in the porch for any ideas or donations. Get involved to make this a fun event.

**COFFEE MORNING** Sabden Christian Council would like to thank St Mary's RC Church for all the help and support in making last week's Coffee Morning a huge success, raising more than £840 for Christian Aid. The St Mary's Ladies ran the refreshment room and supplied tea, coffee and home-made biscuits for visitors and were busy throughout as the Hall was packed from start to finish. It really was a wonderful village event and to raise so much from a two-hour coffee morning is truly amazing. Thank you all so much - Sabden Christian Council

**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 today 18th May**