

Dear Parishioners

Robert Calderisi, the author of "An Open Letter to Pope Benedict XVI from a Gay Catholic", cannot be accused of being an uncritical friend of the Church. He was, however, the former director of the World Bank, the United Nations bank founded to combat world poverty. During a recent debate he is reported as saying "the Catholic Church has probably lifted more people out of poverty in more countries than any other organisation in human history". Having worked in this sector for almost 30 years I can categorically assert that this could never have been done and wouldn't continue to be done today without the work of our religious sisters (nuns) for whom Sr Renate appealed last weekend. Thank you for your extremely generous response of £666.74!

It is impossible to overestimate the importance of Pope Francis' pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He will be accompanied by two non-Catholic friends from his Buenos Aires days, Rabbi Abraham Skorka and Imam Omar Abboud. The very presence of the Pope, a Rabbi and Muslim leader together will demonstrate that the three Abrahamic faiths can not only live in peace but also in friendship. The Head of the Eastern Orthodox Church, Patriarch Bartholomew will also travel to the Holy Land to meet with Pope Francis and further consolidate the improving relations between Western and Eastern Catholicism. Pope Francis has asked for prayer that his pilgrimage will promote peace in this troubled land.

The SVP, Knights and Women superbly organised the transport and the Healing Mass last Sunday afternoon along with the bakers who produced a wonderful variety of cakes for the tea party that followed. Of course, every mass is a healing mass, repairing the fractured areas of our lives and strengthening our relationship with God and each other. However, this Mass celebrated with our sick and infirm, during which they received their special sacrament of anointing, invoked God's love and strength for them as they face the challenges that illness and infirmity bring. They were overjoyed to hear that in the future there will be two healing Masses each year, the next on Sunday 28th September.

And while thinking of cakes: bakers, please of your goodness, we need cakes this Bank Holiday for 3.30pm to provide tea for those who complete the Right to Life sponsored walk.

Enjoy the holiday.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

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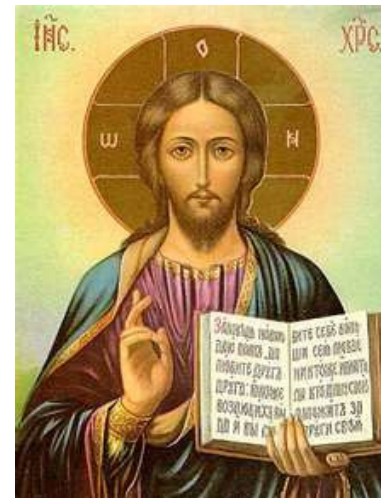
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6th Sunday of Easter - 25th May 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Mass at 10am

Tuesday Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

SATURDAY (31st 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

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Masses received this week

Catherine Griffin, Vincenzo Ditri, Vivienne Tingle

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Catherine Griffin

ANNIVERSARIES

Vincenzo Ditri

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection at all Masses for World Communications Day

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £784.62 Sabden £166.40 S/Orders £194 Many thanks

MISSION APPEAL Clitheroe £565.98 Sabden £166.40

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 Because of the demand for places Fr Frankie has now arranged for 2 minibuses to travel to Liverpool on Saturday 14th June for the Northern Catholic Conference, but there are only 2 remaining places left. Please see Fr Frankie as SAP if you would like those places.

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.

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 or website www.caritassalford.org.uk

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.

CHRISTIAN AID Many thanks to those parishioners who helped deliver and collect envelopes this year. The total collected was £575.08

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? Our next meeting is next Wednesday 28th May at 7.30pm, when Heather Slater gives a talk on her life in Saudi Arabia whose job as Royal Nanny, was to look after Prince Halid. Admission £2 including refreshments. We will also be taking money for our next trip on June 11th to Conishead Priory and Ulverston, and the Mystery Tour on 25th June, and names for the rest of our 2014 outings.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF - vacancy for Education Adviser and Education Officer - see poster in porch for details.

HEALING MASS Thankyou to all those parishioners who made cakes for the party after the Healing Mass last Sunday - they were very much appreciated.

T.H.O.M.A.S. (Those On The Margins Of Society) the charity based in Blackburn are appealing for items for their shop. Please see poster in porch for details

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

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER - June leaflets now available from porch

DEMENTIA AWARENESS SESSION Tuesday 3rd June 10am - 12 noon in Ribble Valley Council Chamber. See poster in porch

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

50th REUNION CONCERT 300 past and present pupils in a Gala Concert, performing songs from the musicals of Peter Rose and Ann Conlon at King George's Hall, Blackburn Sunday 22nd June 3.30pm. Proceeds to our CAFOD Connect 2 project, helping people of Sebeya in Ethiopia. Tickets £10, £8 (concessions) from KGH box office.

Our weekly newsletter is posted each week on the parish website, where you can find past newsletters and much more info about parish organisations and events

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Harry & Betsy Shaw who were married 60 years ago in St Michael & St John's, and celebrate their Diamond Jubilee at home in New Zealand

May 31/June 1	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Roberts	R & F Holgate
Readers	C.Astin	M.Barrett
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Southworth/Volunteer	G.Lambert, C.Meeming, A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee		C.James/M.Tomlinson/A.Pritchard

RIGHT TO LIFE WALK The Annual sponsored walk for Right to Life is tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday 26th May at 1pm from Church. Could all local walkers bring along their own hot drinks (these can be transported in Arnold's car). Please use the Social Centre Car park to park your car. Could the stewards be there by 12.45pm

Confirmation, Holy Communion cards, Rosaries, bookmarks etc are now on sale at the back of church

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 25 Jane Sharp

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.

Please note: today Sunday is the closing date for nominations

BEACH PARTY Saturday 14th June at 2pm. Please take a bag to put donations in (these are in the porch). There is also a list for raffle prizes. Again this year there will be a Teddy Bear show - pick up a form to enter your favourite Ted. We also need bottles and other Tombola prizes. Come and support on the day - all the fun of the seaside, sand, rock and end of pier attractions.

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