

Dear Parishioners

Now that we are two priests, Confirmations in both churches will be next Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost at 11am in Sabden during the Sunday Mass and in Clitheroe at a special Confirmation service without Mass at 11.30am.

First Holy Communions will be on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 22nd June, at 11am in Sabden during the Sunday mass and in Clitheroe during an additional Mass at 11.30am.

Over 100 people joined the *Right to Life* sponsored walk on a beautiful Sunday afternoon last weekend. Visitors commented on how privileged we are to live in the Ribble Valley as also they commended the hospitality and generosity of parishioners. So again, I thank all the bakers and all who contributed confectionary and our Ladies who made the sandwiches, organised the catering and cleaned the hall after the invasion of muddy boots. Three years ago the first *Right to Life* walk attracted only around 40 people and its growth is due in no short measure to your generosity.

Visitors to St Michael and St John's often comment on the beauty, cleanliness and prayerful atmosphere of our church. Despite its need of redecoration, the church is kept neat and tidy by a dedicated band of voluntary cleaners who generously offer an hour of their time with plenty of elbow grease from 9.30am on Monday mornings. Over the past eighteen months, age and eternal reward has thinned their ranks markedly. Please do consider whether you may offer an hour of your time on Monday mornings (or a little longer if you stay for tea, refreshments and good company!). And this appeal is not just directed to women: at least one man is required for some of the heaven work. Please do consider this request.

At last we have permission (it is a listed building) to renovate the Dower House. We have a budget of £20,000 which is just about sufficient to transform it into a desirable rentable, three bedroomed property in the centre of town with large back garden and parking. When this debt is cleared we shall further improve the property.

Finally, let us thank God for Pope Francis' successful visit to the Holy Land during which he danced through national and religious minefields. The next event will be the prayer meeting in Rome on Sunday June 8th when he will pray with Presidents Perez of Israel and Abbas of Palestine. When President Perez bid farewell to the Pope he said: "You walked in pilgrimage to the Holy Land and you paved a road. May you be blessed."

On another matter I recommend www.notdeadyetuk.org *Fr John*

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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The Ascension of the Lord - 1st June 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Mass at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 7.30pm

Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

SATURDAY (7th June)

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

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

SUNDAY (8th June)

Confirmation Service at 11.30am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

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

Sunday (8th June) - Mass at 11am including Confirmation Service

Masses received this week

Norman Bromley x 4, Winifred Covey, Alice Hurst

SICK

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Alice Hurst, Norman Bromley, Winifred Covey

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

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £709.37 Sabden £169.48 S/Orders £194 Many thanks

CARITAS Job vacancies-Fundraising Manager & Charity Shop manager see poster

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE Saturday 14th June The two min-buses are now full. Will those who have booked please note that will leave at 8.30am prompt from outside St Michael & St John's church. There is a list of those attending at the back of church - please check which Mini-Bus you are on. (The lists are on the green clip boards)

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE WALK A Big Thankyou to all who walked, collected sponsorship, sponsored or helped in any way last Monday. People are asked to complete their sponsorships as soon as possible. Donations are still welcome. Please note: after the event we found a Karimor Fleece - please contact Arnold if you think it maybe yours.

ST HUBERT'S DUNSOP BRIDGE FUNDRAISING EVENT at Newton Village Hall NEXT 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.

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.

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

CAFOD sponsored walk. Meet 1pm Gawthorpe Gatehouse, Burnley Road, Padiham. Walk to the hall for tea and cakes - Sat 21st June. Sponsor forms from Bernard 429960 or more details from Fred Utley 01282 773032 or just turn up on the day. "JUST ONE WORLD" St Augustine's Gala Concert Sunday 22nd June, 3.30pm at King George's hall, Blackburn. Proceeds going to support the Connect-2: Ethiopia project in the village of Sebeya. Tickets £10, cons £8 from Clitheroe Tourist Info Office. Meet Sebeya's parish priest ABBA SOLOMON together with TAMIRU LEGESSE, CAFOD's Communications Officer in Ethiopia on Thursday 12th June, 7pm - 9pm, at St Thomas of Canterbury's Parish, Lonsdale Road, Bolton BL1 4PN. Come along to meet in person people we are directly supporting. Directions map, info/details on CAFOD notice board in our church porch.

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

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

PARISH DRAW WINNERS £100 3 J.Dewhurst, £25 - 180 M.Firth £10 - 26 L.Marsden, 156 E.Bolton, 191 H.Grainger, 161 J.Carpanini, 182 G.Fox

TAIZE STYLE PRAYER EVENT to be held on Sunday 8th June at 7pm at Sacred Heart & St Edward's, Darwen, this is in response the very successful event held in Lent. See notice in porch for full details

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 event

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 Sunday 22nd June at 3.30pm - see CAFOD notice on opposite page for ticket details

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 day out is on Wednesday 11th June to Conishead Priory Buddhist Temple Ulverston then on to Windermere - there are still some seats left - Cost £15 which includes Coach fare, refreshments on arrival, guided tour of Temple, tip for driver. Leaves the Clitheroe Interchange at 8.30am prompt. **MYSTERY TRIP** on Wednesday June 25th £24 which includes coach fare, two course meal and drivers tip. See Janet or Daphne for a copy of the menu choices or pick one up from the porch. Sets off from Interchange at the earlier than usual time of 4pm. Please pay Janet or Daphne as soon as possible. See poster

**PARISH FORUM NEXT WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 7.30PM
ST MARY'S, SABDEN**

CLITHEROE

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

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass each morning this week for all Pro-life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

BAPTISM We welcome Heidi Beatrice Carr and Charlie Leo Mercer who were baptised last Sunday

June 8/15	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	B.Barker & C.Riley
Readers	J.Byrne	L.Embery
Eucharistic Ministers	T.Woodhead	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee		L & B Collinson

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

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 46 Pauline Hindle

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.

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. Let's make it a great afternoon!!!

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

BAPTISM We welcome Harriet Willow Collinge who was baptised last Sunday

**ST MARY'S
HALL COMMITTEE**

**There will be a
meeting in the Hall
this Tuesday 3rd
June at 7.30pm**