

Dear fellow Parishioners

When a journalist asked Pope Francis, "Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?" he replied, "I am a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon". While that may sound profound coming from Pope Francis, it perhaps sounds a bit pompous coming from a student for the priesthood and, though it may be equally true, I still have a large blank space to fill so I better say something more. I grew up in Manchester and went to Catholic schools until going to study for a degree in law at the University of Sheffield. After graduating I started a career for a large accountancy firm in Manchester and eventually transferred within the firm to their New York office. New York was a great place to live. I made some good friends and enjoyed the lifestyle, especially the sports – running, cycling and swimming mainly – although I did miss my football (the real kind, played with the feet). Work was going well but I had a sense that it wouldn't satisfy me for the rest of my life. After 6 years in New York and some soul searching I decided to respond to what had been a persistent, gentle prodding for a number of years: that the priesthood might be where the Lord wanted me. There was no great lightning strike, no whispers in my ear while praying and no visions of the Virgin Mary involved; just a sense that I might find fulfilment in the priesthood in a way that I would not were I to follow one of several possible alternative ways of life.

I entered the seminary in the Archdiocese of New York and completed the first two years in their diocesan seminary. I was then invited to continue to study in Rome at the North American College where I started a degree in Theology at the Gregorian University and gradually picked up a version of Italian in the process. Having completed two years of that degree, I am now in the process of a year of practical pastoral experience before continuing with my studies.

It's great to be here in Clitheroe and Sabden. Thank you for your kind welcome over the past week or so. I look forward to getting to know you all over the next couple of months. [Mark Paver](#)

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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Pentecost Sunday - 8th June 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee
Confirmation Service at 11.30am

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm

SATURDAY (14th June)

11am - 11.55am Exposition **No Reconciliation today**
12noon - Eucharistic Service 6pm - First Mass of Sunday

St Mary's Church, Sabden

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

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Masses received this week

David Cottam, Hughie & Joan Kelly, Grace Warren, Private intention, Maria Middleton
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Fr Peter Birmingham, Maria Middleton, John McGough,
John Lofthouse, Margaret Regan, Margaret Maffia

ANNIVERSARIES

David Cottam, Hughie & Joan Kelly, Grace Warren

Next weekend 14/15 June there will be a retiring quarterly collection at all Masses for S.V.P.

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £835.11 Sabden £162.71 S/Orders £194 Many thanks

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY Clitheroe £236.08 Sabden £60.95

S.V.P. COLLECTION The quarterly Society collection will take place at masses at the weekend of 14th and 15th June. Gift Aid envelopes will be available.

CARITAS vacancies for Head of Social Work and Team Manager - see poster in porch

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 We would like to thank the Knights of St Columba for the very generous donation of £200. Could all those people still owing money please put it in an envelope on the collection plate clearly marked 'Pro-Life sponsored walk and who it is from. Thank you

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 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.

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

TAIZE STYLE PRAYER EVENT to be held TODAY 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

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA - Feast Day Celebratory Mass, St Antony's Trafford Park Friday 13th June at 7pm. See poster in porch

OPEN DOOR RETREAT starting 15th July each Tuesday 2pm-4pm for nine consecutive weeks at St Antony's Centre, Trafford Park. See poster in porch

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

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

LADIES GROUP will be having a bottle stall at our School Summer Fayre on Saturday 28th June. Please give them to any of the Ladies Group Committee or leave at the presbytery. 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

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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

FASHION SHOW Tuesday 17th June - see poster in porch

WORLD CUP St. Michael and St. John's Parish Hall is open for the World Cup 2014. Every match will be screened on the large display projector. Fantastic drinks offers apply from kick off until the final whistle and everyone who comes in for kick off gets a free bacon butty at half time! Come along to enjoy a great atmosphere and a very memorable time!

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting tomorrow Monday at 7.30pm in presbytery

K.S.C.COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 10th June at 7.30pm in the presbytery



June 14/15	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	A.Harkin	S.Shore & M.Rogers
Readers	C.Moxham	S.Shore
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & S.Kerr	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, P.Donnely
Tea & Coffee		P.Byrne & Family

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

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 4 J & M Isherwood

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.

HALL COMMITTEE There will be a short get together for the Hall Committee after Mass next Sunday (15th June) to arrange a date for the first meeting

BEACH PARTY NEXT 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. Put your name on the list in the porch if you can help on the day. Let's make it a great afternoon!!!

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