

Dear Parishioners

How can we get teenagers to go to Mass, remain active in their faith and develop their commitment to Christ and the Church?

Here, I propose one effective answer: Youth 2000. Youth 2000 is a group run for and by young people. Their annual August prayer festival in Walsingham is the largest gathering of young Catholics in the country. They also run several other festivals around the country over the year. Each is a Eucharist centred weekend combining perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with daily Mass, Confession, healing services, praise and worship, prayer sessions including the Rosary, talks from internationally-renowned Catholic speakers, discussion groups, and – no less importantly – a chance to make new friends. It has proved to be a very successful recipe for getting young people excited about Jesus and the Church's mission.

What do young people want? What are they looking for? Love is the answer. They are searching for something all-consuming. At Youth 2000 events young people have such an intimate experience of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament that real conversions happen. They are touched by his love in a transforming way. The teachings of the Church challenge them. They come into contact with other young people who have an active and lively faith, which inspires them.

There is justified worry that the number of Catholic baptisms, marriages and ordinations have fallen significantly over recent decades. What is the problem? A crisis in vocation? Not at Youth 2000. In its 25 year history, over 100 men ordained to the Catholic priesthood testify that Youth 2000 has played an important role in the discernment of their vocation. Father Frankie is one of those. I am aware of many Catholic married couples who met through Youth 2000. My husband and I are one of those.

This works. This really helps young people to take ownership of their faith and live it. If you care about my first questions, please help! Pray for Youth 2000, invite someone you know in the 16-35 age-group to attend a Youth 2000 event, and consider whether you might have something as small as £1 a month to donate regularly to Youth 2000. Youth 2000 is addressing the spiritual poverty which Mother Teresa regarded as even more serious than material poverty, here, at home in the UK, and it needs your support.

Thank you! **Terrenia Morley**

(I live in Hurst Green with my husband and two children. I am a part-time GP in Blackburn)

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The Most Holy Trinity - 15th June 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm

SATURDAY (21st June)

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

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

SUNDAY (29th June)

Mass at 9.30am 11.30am First Communion Mass

St Mary's Church, Sabden

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

Sunday 29th June - Mass at 11am including First Holy Communion

Masses received this week

Alan Robinson, Margaret King, Alice Brown, Kitty Kelly, Jeff Cowgill, Derek Birtwell

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Alan Robinson, Margaret King, Kitty Kelly

ANNIVERSARIES

Alice Brown, Jeff Cowgill, Derek Birtwell

This weekend there will be a retiring quarterly collection at all Masses for S.V.P.

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £776.07 Sabden £235.87 S/Orders £194 Many thanks

S.V.P. COLLECTION The quarterly Society collection will take place after masses this weekend. Please give generously

CARITAS vacancies for Head of Social Work and Team Manager - see poster in porch
ST AUGUSTINES GOLDEN JUBILEE PARTY NEXT 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 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. No one has claimed the Karimor Fleece that was found after the event - please collect from Arnold Marsden 427096

CATHOLIC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY - a poster with a programme of events can be found in the church porch.

THE A CAPPELLA SINGERS at St Leonard's Church, Downham on Sunday 29th June at 2.30pm. See poster in porch for more details.

CAFOD WALK OF WITNESS A sponsored walk with prayers. Meet 1pm Gawthorpe Gatehouse, Burnley Rd, Padiham to walk to the Hall for tea and cakes. Sat 22nd June. Sponsor forms from Bernard 429960.

JUST ONE WORLD 'St Augustines Gala Concert Sun June 23rd at 3.30pm, King George's Hall, Blackburn. Proceeds going to support Connect2: Ethiopia project in the village of SEBEYA Tickets £10 concessions £8 from Clitheroe Tourist Info office or KGH box office Tel 01254 582579

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 NEXT Sunday 22nd June at 3.30pm - see CAFOD notice above for ticket details

BIBLE TIMES EXHIBITION Clitheroe Christians in Partnership has invited the Zephaniah Trust to set up a Bible Times Exhibition at Clitheroe United Reformed Church and will be open to the public as follows - Monday 16th June 7-9pm, Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th - 3.30 - 5pm & 7-9pm, Saturday 20th 10am - 12noon. This exhibition puts the Bible in an historical and human context, showing how translations from the original Hebrew and Greek have now multiplied into around 4,000 languages. Children from several local schools will visit to enjoy interactive teaching sessions in line with the Religious Education curriculum.

FOOD BANK Volunteers needed over the next month - 28th June 9am - midday (annual audit, all food to be weighed) - six strong people, ALSO on the same day in Longridge we need 3 strong people to help unload the collection from Sainsburys there 6pm - 7pm. On July 4th & 5th at Tesco we need people to hand out lists asking people to donate an extra item of food and to sort out the food at the back of the supermarket - time slots are half hour ones from 9am - 5pm we also need two strong people to help load and unload the Tesco supermarket collection. If you can help tel: 07849 534431 by 23rd June or email info@ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk

TEA DANCE Next Wednesday 18th June 2pm - 5pm in our Parish Hall. Admission £3.50 - come and enjoy a lovely afternoon.

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

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? Still some seats left on our **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 **'THE EDGE' NIGHTS** For Yr6 and Yr7 - these evenings are an exciting, engaging and enjoyable faith experience for young people aged between 10-12 years. The evenings are filled with spirituality, prayer, fun and socialising in order to help enliven and engage the young person's faith. "The Edge" continues to take place on the next two Wednesdays in June - 18th and 25th from 6.30pm - 8pm. This is a joint venture with our parish and St Mary's Langho and the evenings are held at St Mary's Parish hall, Whalley Rd, Langho, BB6 8EQ. If your young person would like to attend please see Fr Frankie for a consent form.

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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!

WANTED a cleaner for the Scout Hut. This is a weekly job and we are willing to pay a small amount. Please contact Julia 01200 538793 or 07925 699578.

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

June 21/22nd	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Bentley	P.Dixon & E.Thomson
Readers	C.Riley	G.Lambert
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, T.Mercer
Tea & Coffee		R & C Conti & E.Thomson

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 37 R.Waling

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 today Sunday (15th June) to arrange a date for the first meeting

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

SABDEN CHRISTIAN COUNCIL the next meeting which was scheduled for Thursday 12th June has been changed to Monday 30th June - same time, same place at 7.30pm in the Pendle Room at St Nicholas Church