

Dear Parishioners

During his historic pilgrimage to the Holy Land Pope Francis said: "I am convinced that the progress which has been made in recent decades in the relationship between Jews and Catholics has been a genuine gift of God, one of those great works for which we are called to bless his holy name."

He stated that progress would also not have come about "without the efforts of so many courageous and generous people, Jews and Christians alike", and he paid tribute to the "growing importance" of the dialogue between the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews.

"Inspired by the visit of Pope John Paul II to the Holy Land, this dialogue was inaugurated in 2002 and is already in its twelfth year. I would like to think that, in terms of the Jewish tradition of the Bar Mitzvah, it is just coming of age. I am confident that it will continue and have a bright future in years to come".

But the Pope stressed that Jews and Catholics need to do "more than simply establish reciprocal and respectful relations on a human level."

"We are also called, as Christians and Jews, to reflect deeply on the spiritual significance of the bond existing between us," he said. "It is a bond whose origins are from on high, one which transcends our own plans and projects, and one which remains intact despite all the difficulties which, sadly, have marked our relationship in the past."

"On the part of Catholics, there is a clear intention to reflect deeply on the significance of the Jewish roots of our own faith. I trust that, with your help, on the part of Jews too, there will be a continued and even growing interest in knowledge of Christianity, also in this holy land to which Christians trace their origins. This is especially to be hoped for among young people".

"Mutual understanding of our spiritual heritage, appreciation for what we have in common and respect in matters on which we disagree: all these can help to guide us to a closer relationship, an intention which we put in God's hands. Together, we can make a great contribution to the cause of peace; together, we can bear witness, in this rapidly changing world, to the perennial importance of the divine plan of creation; together, we can firmly oppose every form of anti-Semitism and all other forms of discrimination", he concluded. "May the Lord help us to walk with confidence and strength in his ways. Shalom!"

Fr John

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Corpus Christi - 22nd June 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee
11.30am First Holy Communion Mass

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm

SATURDAY (28th June)

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 including First Holy Communion

Wednesday - Mass at 9.15am

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Masses received this week

John Fryers, Anthony Valovin, Canon Kevin O'Connor,
Donna Maris Gaughan, Dennis McKenna x 2

SICK

Fr Peter Birmingham, Maria Middleton, John McGough, John Lofthouse,
Margaret Regan, Margaret Maffia, Jack Fielding, Harold Bradley, John Fryers

LATELY DEAD

Hilderline Tanner, Donna Marie Gaughan

ANNIVERSARIES

Fr George Carry SJ, Mary Livesey, Denis McKenna, Anthony Valovin

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence.

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £695.27 Sabden £148.24 S/Orders £194 Many thanks

S.V.P. Clitheroe £483.96 Sabden £45.36

CARITAS vacancies for Head of Social Work and Team Manager - 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. Thee Karimor Fleece that was found after the event has now been claimed.

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 next Sunday 29th June at 2.30pm. See poster in porch for more details.

JUST ONE WORLD 'St Augustines Gala Concert Today Sunday June 22nd 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 KGH box office Tel 01254 582579

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

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

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - WELD DAY Sunday 6th July - full details next week

'THE EDGE' NIGHTS & FREE ICE CREAM For Yr6 and Yr7 - these evenings are an exciting, engaging and enjoyable faith experience for young people aged between 10-12 years. "The Edge" continues to take place this coming Wednesday June 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. Also this week their will be free ice cream available from our young people for parishioners between 7.30-8pm at the aforementioned location.

STRAWBERRY TEA Clitheroe & District Bible Society invite you to their Strawberry Tea & Bring & Buy Stall next Saturday 28 June 2-4pm at Clitheroe United Reformed Church

EUCCHARISTIC RALLY on Feast of Corpus Christi organised by the Legion of Mary, at St Alban's, Blackburn today 22nd June at 3pm. See poster in porch

LADIES GROUP will be having a bottle stall at our School Summer Fayre next 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?

MYSTERY TRIP next Wednesday leaves from Interchange at the earlier than usual time of 4pm prompt. We are now taking names for the Treasure Hunt on Wednesday 27th August and our next trip to Little Moreton Hall & Stoke on Trent on Wednesday 22nd October. Please give your names to either Daphne or Janet

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

CAN ANYONE HELP? Temporary rented accommodation required in the Clitheroe/Hurst Green area from September onwards for a lady and young daughter - House/Flat or shared property considered. Please email Tonica on p.hebrea@hotmail.com

CATENIAN ROSARY GROUP are appealing for Rosary beads. Since 2009 we have been sending Rosaries to Aboriginals in Australia and to Third World countries in Africa, and now the work has spread to islands in the Pacific. To date we have sent 100,000 rosaries but many more are needed. Bishop Brain has given his permission to appeal for rosaries to all churches in the Diocese. Please either send any rosaries to John Riley, 112 Lonsdale Rd, Bolton or hand them in at the presbytery. Thankyou

SCHOOL FETE St Michael & St John's Primary School hold their annual fete next Saturday 28th June 1pm - 4pm on the School Field. Lots to stalls games and something for all the family. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

CLITHEROE

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

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!

YEAR 6 THANKYOU Our year 6 pupils would like to thank all parishioners who bought the Father's Day cakes that were on sale in our Parish Hall after mass last Sunday

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.

BOOKSALE after mass today in our Parish Hall.

June 28/29	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Luciani	A & J Marsden
Readers	V.Murray	K.Downes
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & H Addy	J.Hall, S.Hall, R.Embery
Tea & Coffee		B.Parkinson & B.Barker

ROTA'S for July, Aug & Sept are now available from the table near sacristy door. Those parishioners with email addresses should have received theirs by now. If you haven't please contact Janet at the presbytery.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 15 S.Brown

SABDEN CHRISTIAN COUNCIL the next meeting will be held on Monday 30th June - same time, same place at 7.30pm in the Pendle Room at St Nicholas Church

BEACH PARTY a great afternoon was had by all. Even the sun shone!. It was almost Mediterranean. Thanks to all who helped and supported - a grand sum of £760.80 was raised. All raffle prizes were claimed except one - green ticket 236-240 Jane and it was the picnic blanket. Please collect after Mass.

HALL COMMITTEE will have it's first meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 9th July in the Hall.