

## Dear Parishioners

Congratulations to the children of both churches who made their First Holy Communions last Sunday. We pray that they will grow in appreciation of God's greatest gift to us.

Please remember in prayer the Christians of Iraq. Mass was not celebrated in Mosul last Sunday for the first time in 1,600 years!

Next Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July is Weld Day, the day on which we remember the generosity of Thomas Weld who in 1798 gave the land on which our parish stands. Thomas asked for no payment other than our prayers for himself and his wife Mary. There will be only one Mass on the field for both Sabden and Clitheroe at 10.30am during which the school choir will lead the singing. The usual complimentary glass of wine, strawberries and ice cream will be on offer: you bring along the family, a picnic and some sunshine.

The following Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, in both churches Head teachers Zoe Mabbott and Claire Halstead will symbolically deliver their year 6 pupils from their tender care to the more robust hands of St Augustine's Head teacher Mr Mike Wright.

New gates have been erected on the parish field at a cost of £2,000. After almost 6 years chasing dogs and their owners from the field (doggy business and little children don't mix well!) as also teenagers holding secret drinks parties (and worse) I decided robust policing didn't enhance my priestly image! Hopefully the gates will give the message: no trespassing!

Some years ago Parish Forum agreed that we would support a seminarian in the developing world. We are currently sponsoring a young man in India during the final four years of his training for the priesthood by paying £500 a year. Last year, fundraising didn't get off the ground so the Knights paid the initial £500 instalment. I appeal to the parish as a whole to run small independent fundraising schemes along the lines of a coffee morning for friends with a small raffle to help raise this year's £500. There is a letter from the seminarian with his picture on the notice board.

Hopefully this will generate a greater awareness of the need for vocations in our diocese. Worryingly, last year no new student entered training and there is no one this year. Please do not be tempted to think that there are Fr Frankie Mulgrews or Mark Pavers in every parish.

**Fr John**

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## SS Peter & Paul - 29th June 2014 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

### Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

### Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

### SATURDAY (5th July)

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

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

### SUNDAY (6th July)

Weld Day - Mass at 10.30am Clitheroe

## St Mary's Church, Sabden

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

**Sunday (6th July)** - Weld Day - Mass at Clitheroe at 10.30am

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### Masses received this week

Ada Graham, Sick person, Special intention, Margaret McGough, Margaret Regan x 4

### SICK

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

### LATELY DEAD

Margaret Ryan, Linda Walker

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ada Graham, Margaret McGough,

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

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £1055.25 Sabden £271.20 S/Orders £194 Many thanks  
**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 today Sunday 29th June at 2.30pm. See poster in porch for more details.

**FOOD BANK** Tesco Food collection is 3-5 July - volunteers needed 4-5 July to hand out lists and sorting food. Half hour time slots from 9am to 5pm. Two strong people to help load and unload between 5pm & 6pm on 3rd, 4th and 5th July. Please email Ruth Haldane at info@ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk or text/phone 07849 534431 as soon as possible

**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

**LADIES GROUP** We are now taking names for the Treasure Hunt on Wednesday 27th August. Our next coach trip is to Little Moreton Hall & Stoke on Trent on Wednesday 22nd October. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange at 8.30am prompt. Little Moreton Hall dates back to 1504 that was owned by wealthy landowners. Find out more about the lives of the Tudors that lived and worked there. Price £20 or £13 if you are a National Trust member, includes a guided tour of the hall and a tip for the coach driver. Please give your names to either Daphne or Janet

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE** please meet on Thursday at 8pm in the presbytery

**VOCATIONS DAY** Vocations day of prayer Saturday 12th July - Our designated day of prayer for vocations from the Diocese will be Saturday 12th July. On this day our parish is invited in a particular way to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life for the Salford Diocese and so therefore we encourage you to join us for a holy hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between 11am - 12pm to pray for this special intention. Please join us if you can, as your prayers can be far more powerful than any leaflet or campaign promoting vocations.

**CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL** Fundraising events - Thursday 31st July - Gaynor Sutcliffe and her band - Western Valley Hotclub - are organising an evening of music and entertainment in St Michael & St Johns Social Centre at 7.30pm. For tickets please contact Geraldine Hennigan 01200 425504 or Heather Whittaker 01200 429112 Once again we are hosting the Pudding Fest (Food Festival) on August 9th at St Mary Magdalene's. We need help on the day and with donations of puddings. A poster will be put at the back of church with more details.

**FOUND** There was an umbrella and brochure left on the coach after the Ladies Group Mystery Tour last Wednesday. Please collect from parish office

**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

*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*

**CATENIAN ROSARY GROUP** are appealing for Rosary beads. Since 2009 we have been sending Rosaries to Aborigines 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

**JESUITS & FRIENDS** The summer edition of Jesuits & Friends is now available from the church porch - FREE

### **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!

**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.

**CATECHISTS** Catechists for the Clitheroe First Communion children's initiation programme please meet on Tuesday 8th July in the presbytery after the S.V.P.meeting

July 5th/6th	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	M.Swales & T.O'Donnell (Weld Day)
Readers	M.Taylforth	P.Sutcliffe
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Southworth & B.Taylor	G.Lambert, Volunteer, A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee		Weld Day no Tea or Coffee

**PARISH DRAW WINNERS FOR JUNE** £100 - 90 F.Aspinwall, £25 - 190 M.Gorrighan, £10 - 243 M.Swales, 180 M.Firth, 189 J.Gorrighan, 50 T.Charnley, 161 J.Carpanini.

Please collect your winnings from your agent (see poster in porch)

**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.

**LOVE CLITHEROE** please pick up the first edition of the newsletter 'Love Clitheroe'

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 19 Olive Bromley

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

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

**RAFFLE PRIZE** from the Beach Party event is still unclaimed - Green ticket 236 - 240 and it was for a Picnic Basket. Please collect after mass