

Dear Parishioners

Last Tuesday Pope Francis met informally with a youth vocation group at the Lourdes Grotto in the Vatican gardens .

“Our Lady is so important in our life. She accompanies us in our life’s decisive choice, our vocation choice, because she accompanied her Son on his vocational path which was so hard, so painful. She accompanies us always.

When a Christian says to me, not that he doesn’t love Our Lady, but that it doesn’t occur to him to seek Our Lady or to pray to Our Lady, I feel sad. I remember once, almost 40 years ago, I was in Belgium at a congress, and there was a couple of catechists, both university professors with their children, a beautiful family, and they spoke of Jesus Christ so well. And, at a certain point, I said: “And devotion to Our Lady?” “But we have gone beyond that stage. We know Jesus Christ so well that we have no need of Our Lady.” And what came to my mind and heart was: “But ... poor orphans!” It’s so, no? Because a Christian without Our Lady is an orphan. Also a Christian without the Church is an orphan. A Christian is in need of these two women, two Mothers: the Church and Our Lady. And to make a “test” of a correct Christian vocation, one must ask oneself: how is my relation with these two Mothers, with Mother Church and with Mother Mary. This is not a “pious” thought, no, it is pure theology. How is my relation with the Church, with my Mother Church? And how is my relation with Our Lady, who is my Mum, my Mother?

This does us good: we must never leave her and go on our own. I wish you a good journey of discernment. The Lord has his vocation for each one of us, the place where He wants us to live our life. But we must seek and find it, and then continue to go forward.

I would like to add something else – beyond that of the Church and Our Lady. We are living in a culture of the provisional: yes this, but for now only. Will you marry? Yes, yes, but only as long as love lasts, then each one to his own home again ...!

A Bishop told me that a young man said to him: “I would like to become a priest, but only for ten years.” The provisional is like that. We are afraid of commitment. And to choose a vocation, any vocation, but especially those vocations of state: marriage, consecrated life, the priesthood, one must choose unconditionally and with commitment.

Very good. In this regard, I think that one who has his way securely marked out is the Pope! Because the Pope where will the Pope end up? There, in that tomb, no?

A poor translation but an important message,Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th July 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday - Weld Day

Mass at 10.30am in church garden followed by Parish Picnic

Monday

Eucharistic service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 7.30pm

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9.15am

SATURDAY (12th July)

11am - 11.55am Exposition 11am - 11.45am Reconciliation
12noon - Eucharistic Service 6pm - First Mass of Sunday

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday - Mass 10.30am in Clitheroe Wednesday - Mass at 9.15am

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MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special intention, Holy Souls, Peter & Teresa Tomlinson, Betty Penny and deceased members of Catholic Girls Club, Leo Wells, Paul Byron, Franco Ricardi, Paul Trotter, Deceased Nolan family, James Albert Hartley, Greta Marsden x 2,

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Linda Walker, Paul Byron, Franco Ricardi, Dorothy Smith, Greta Annie Marsden

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Tomlinson, Paul Trotter, Betty Penny, James Albert Hartley

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for The Apostleship of the Sea

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £795.73 Sabden £181.17 S/Orders £194 Many thanks

SS PETER & PAUL Clitheroe £192.87 Sabden £39.45

CATHOLIC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY - a poster with a programme of events can be found in the church 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 and was owned by wealthy landowners. Find out more about the lives of the Tudors that lived and worked there. Cost £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

VOCATIONS DAY Vocations day of prayer NEXT 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.

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

RIGHT TO LIFE WALK the total raised in this years walk came to £4272.10. Many thanks to all those who took part and those of you who sponsored the walkers. Your help is very much appreciated.

PARISH FORUM Minutes of the last meeting can be found on the notice board in the church porch. Those will email addresses should have received theirs

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

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

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

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. We shall be serving Bacon Butties on the final of the World Cup (13th July 8pm). 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

SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE last Saturday. The Bucket Raffle was won by ticket 343 and the prize was £117 - it has been claimed.

July 12/13th	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Roberts	J.Clegg & E.Davies
Readers	C.Carr	P.Lambert
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & Volunteer	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee		Mrs P D'Souza

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING the meeting that would have normally taken place this Tuesday 8th July has been postponed and will now take place the following Tuesday 15th July in the presbytery at 7.30pm.

BAPTISM We welcome Austin James Curphey and Elliott Thomas Curphey who were baptised last Sunday

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

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

APF MISSIONS - MISSIO - RED MISSION BOXES could all donations be handed in to the church by Sunday 13th July. Thankyou

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BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 4 J & M Sherwood

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