

Dear Parishioners

Come Weld Day the rain disappeared and although it wasn't wall to wall sunshine it was a pleasantly warm day and after the Mass we enjoyed a wonderful parish get-together as picnics were opened and shared. Congratulations to our eight altar servers who received their guilds during the Mass and the school choir who led the singing. Our thanks go to Phil and Judith Byrne for the bubbly, Livesey's for the strawberries, the school for the cream and Dave Warbrick with his vintage ice-cream van for the cornets and 99's! Lastly, I mustn't forget Alan Moon who did sterling work preparing the garden. If you have any suggestions as to how we may improve the Weld Day celebration next year, then please do let me know.

Does your church bench feel any different this weekend and more comfortable? Two benches have been removed from each side of the centre aisle to create better access and more space. The resulting loss in seating capacity which will affect only a few high days and holidays will be more than compensated for by the more comfortable benches.

On the initiative of Imam Ashraf and Lily Perrin the Clitheroe Interfaith Friendship group which used to meet on a regular basis until five years or so ago met again a week last Tuesday in the Clitheroe Mosque. Most of the Clitheroe and Sabden churches were represented and resolved that we should meet on a regular basis to learn about each other and build bridges between our communities. Future meetings will be hosted by the different churches beginning with the URC on Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30pm. In the radicalised world in which we live such gatherings are important and so do consider coming along even if only out of curiosity. Meetings will end at 9pm sharp!

Today is Sea Sunday. Even in the 21st century seafarers lead tough lives, facing danger not only from the elements but also heavy machinery in the least regulated industry in the world. Most are from developing countries, often live in basic and cramped conditions, and spend eleven months at sea cut off from their families. Shipping is a competitive industry and ships spend little time in ports. But when docked their crews value the hand of friendship and the practical, personal and spiritual help the chaplains of the Apostleship of the Sea offer to them regardless of their religion. Once a year on Sea Sunday we are asked to support this work by our prayer and financial support.

Fr John

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th July 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Mass at 7.30am

Tuesday

Mass at 10.30am
Requiem - Greta Marsden

Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

SATURDAY (19th July)

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 followed by Coffee **Wednesday** - Mass at 9.15am

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MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Margaret Hope, Eryk Manhold, Clifford, Mollie & Peter Chatburn, Bob Driver,
Paul Norbury, Greta Marsden

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

Greta Marsden

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Hope, Eryk Manhold, Clifford, Mollie & Peter Chatburn, Bob Driver,
Bette Coleman, Paul Norbury

***This weekend there will be a retiring collection for The Apostleship of the Sea
Gift Aid envelopes are available from the shelves at the back of church.***

OFFERTORY Clitheroe & Sabden (Weld Day) £711.66 £194 Many thanks
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

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 Monica on p.hebrea@hotmail.com

LOVE CLITHEROE FUN DAY Tomorrow evening, Monday 14th July there will be an evening of practical preparation and prayer for the 'Love Clitheroe Funday & Barbeque' which will be held on the Castle field on Saturday 13 September. It is important for us to be equipped to love and serve our community and to commit our preparations to the Lord in prayer. The evening will begin at 7.30pm at St James' Church, Clitheroe. Everyone is welcome.

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.

WALSINGHAM Members of the Blackburn Branch of the Walsingham Association will be visiting our parish to join us for the Vigil Mass of the Assumption on Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm. After Mass light refreshments will be available in the presbytery (large end room). The Branch's annual pilgrimage to Walsingham in 2015 will take place May 19th - 21st. Cost from £150 per person for Standard room. Non-returnable deposit £50. Bookings will be taken on the night or by ringing Vincent 01254 209101. Come to honour Our Lady, both at the Mass and on the pilgrimage.

JOB VACANCY at St Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe for a Parish Administrator to work in the busy parish office for 9 hours per week. Closing date 31st August. More details from Details <http://www.stmaryclitheroe.com/jobvacancy.htm>

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

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

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

S.V.P. The recent SVP collection amounted to £625.32. Many thanks to everyone for your generosity

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 FINAL We shall be serving Bacon Butties on the final of the World Cup tonight. 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.

THANKYOU The family of Jack Fielding would like to thank parishioners for their prayers following his accident. He is now back in this country and at the moment is in The Royal Preston Hospital.

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MTG tomorrow Monday 14th 7.30pm in presbytery
CHORAL EVENSONG St Mary Magdalene's invite all the congregations in Clitheroe to join them for a festival Choral Evensong next Sunday 20th July at 3.30pm. Our choir will be joined by the choir of St John the Baptist, Knaresborough. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

July 19th/20th	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	A.Harkin	R & C Conti
Readers	A.Southworth	C.Morgan
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, P.Donnely
Tea & Coffee		M.Geddes, E.Curphey & P.Holgate

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING this coming Tuesday 15th in presbytery at 7.30pm.

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

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 9 L.Holmes. The previous week was no 42 Pauline Stansfield.

HALL COMMITTEE After a positive and lively initial meeting of the hall committee, it is planned to have an initial painting session in the bar, this coming Wednesday from 6.30pm. If you can spare an hour to help, our newly formed social committee will provide the beer.