

Dear Parishioners

The holiday season has begun and I wish all parishioners a restful break and safe travel.

Today the Church in the British Isles celebrates its annual 'Day for Life' dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life while respecting all God's creation.

Pope Francis tells us what being a protector of life is: "protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world... It means respecting each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live." The pope speaks of "protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about." He emphasises the importance of the family, "husbands and wives first care for each other, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents." He also stresses the need for us to care for society by "building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, all creation has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it."

Today we pray that we may prove to be builders of a better world and protectors of life. There is a retiring collection at Mass to support this work and prayer cards are available for you to take.

I write this on the eve of the Faulkner debate in the Lords. An international survey by The Economist in 2010 ranked Britain top among 40 nations, including the United States, for quality of end-of-life care. What is needed is to ensure that everyone has access to the best palliative care available. In contrast, assisted suicide is a counsel of despair. No one should ignore the fact that every organisation and lobby group representing the disabled in this country is totally opposed to this bill and we pray that it will be defeated.

When parishioners ask me for a character or a faith reference I'm happy to oblige, provided that I know the individual. However it may be many months before a school or whatever actually makes a request. So, to jog my memory and help me provide an honest and full reference I have produced a form for those seeking a reference. Needless to say, no one should give my name as a referee without consulting me first.

The 99 group (evangelisation) please meet on Thursday at 8pm in the Presbytery.

Fr John

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th July 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Tares - Darnell

Wheat

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Requiem at 11am - Betty Bolton

Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

SATURDAY (26th 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

Betty Bolton 3, Special Intention x 4, Tom Hodson, Mark Donnelly,
Joan Ferguson, Thurlo Hughes, Kay Keane x 2

SICK

Fr Peter Birmingham, John Lofthouse, Margaret Maffia, Jack Fielding, Peter Wright

LATELY DEAD

Betty Bolton, Greata Marsden, Tom Hodson, Mark Donnelly, Thurlo Hughes, Bob Morrison

ANNIVERSARIES

Joan Ferguson, Sheila Shepherd

There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for Day for Life

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £869.32 Sabden £280.67 S/Orders £194 Many thanks

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA Clitheroe £275.12 Sabden £102.64

SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE The total raised this year was £1372. Many thanks

LADIES GROUP At our next meeting on Wednesday 30th July Margaret Curry will give a talk 'Beatrix Potter - her Industrial Heritage'. Admission £2 inc Tea & Biscuits. At this meeting we will present a £600 cheque to Gary from Maundy Grange, who will explain more about the need for this facility. We will also be taking names for our annual **TREASURE HUNT** on Wednesday 27th August to Skipton - including supper - £16 approx and for our next coach trip to **LITTLE MORETON HALL/STOKE ON TRENT** on Wednesday 22nd October - 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 - at St Michael & St Johns Social Centre at 7.30pm. Tickets from Geraldine Hennigan 01200 425504 or Heather Whittaker 01200 429112. **PUDDING FEST** (Food Festival) August 9th at St Mary Magdalene's - we need help on the day and with donations of puddings.

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 Thursday 14th August 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.

RIBBLE VALLEY FOODBANK July 8th was the first anniversary of the opening of the Foodbank. In the last year we have fed 1,350 people, received over 21 tons of food and given out over 38,000 items of food. Many local people have been involved in giving time, food and finance, referring clients and praying for foodbank. We have met clients in many different circumstances and had the opportunity to show God's love to everyone who comes to the centres. Thank you again for your generous donations of food, there is a need. Our SVP have referral vouchers if you know of anyone who needs this support and is not getting it. All referrals are confidential. Please continue giving and praying for this important work.

CATENIAN ROSARY GROUP are appealing for Rosary beads. We send Rosaries to Aborigines in Australia and to Third World countries in Africa and the Pacific To date we have sent 100,000 rosaries but many more are needed. Please either send any rosaries to John Riley, 112 Lonsdale Rd, Bolton or hand them in at the presbytery. Thankyou

DONATION We have received an anonymous donation in an envelope marked 'Money for the Missionary', but no more details. We need to know exactly who the donation is for. Could you please let Fr John know. Thankyou

S.V.P. There will be no SVP meeting on Tuesday 22nd and Tuesday 29th July. Next meeting is on Tuesday 5th August.

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

CLITHEROE FOOD FESTIVAL Volunteers are needed for this years Food Festival which will take place on Saturday 9th August - you will receive a free t-shirt and a lunch voucher for your time. This can also be a fantastic opportunity to boost a CV. Contact Rachel.Wilkinson@ribblevalley.gov.uk to volunteer or request further information or 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

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.

CHORAL EVENSONG St Mary Magdalene's Choral Evensong today 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 26th/27th	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	B.Parkinson & volunteer
Readers	C.McGuire	P.Anwyl
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & H.Addy	P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, T.Mercer
Tea & Coffee		Embery Family

CHRISTMAS FAIR NOW AUTUMN FAIR - At a recent Parish Forum it was agreed to have an Autumn Fayre on Saturday 18th October in anticipation that it will not clash with other events. There will be a variety of stalls to which you could contribute i.e. Jewellery, Cakes, Preserves, Chutney, Woodcrafts, Paintings, Plants, Flowers, sweets, Craft items e.g. Knitted goods, Chocolates or any NEW unwanted gifts you may have. We are also hoping to have a **GIANT RAFFLE** and would appreciate offers to Sponsor (or partially sponsor) a significant 1st Prize or offers of other prizes. Please complete one of the forms you will find at the back of church for you to complete with your offer of a prize and then place it in the box provided. We need to start selling tickets mid August, so we only have three weeks in which to organize the prizes, get the tickets printed and distribute them to start the ball rolling. Please contact Janet or Carol if you have any questions regarding this. with your offers as soon as possible

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LANCASHIRE Copy of the summer newsletter for our county - please find copy in porch for you to read.

UNWANTED BATTERIES Please note: it would help if you put used batteries 'loose' into the Parish Communications box - sometimes they come in round empty vitamin pill containers - from which the batteries are difficult to take out. Thankyou Also please note: we do not take 'hearing aid' batteries

BAPTISM We welcome Theodore Lucas William Keighley who was baptized last

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 34 The Keane family

HALL COMMITTEE There have now been two enthusiastic hall meetings - watch this space for planned events