

Dear fellow Parishioners

Last Sunday Pope Francis spoke of Iraq.

"The news coming from Iraq leaves us in disbelief and dismay: thousands of people, including many Christians, brutally driven from their homes; children dead from thirst and hunger during the escape; women who are abducted; people slaughtered; violence of every kind; destruction everywhere, destruction of homes, destruction of religious, historical and cultural patrimonies. All this greatly offends God and greatly offends humanity. You cannot bring hatred in the name of God. You cannot make war in the name of God! All of us thinking on this situation, on these people, let us make a moment of silence and pray. I thank those who, with courage, are bringing relief to these brothers and sisters, and I hope that an effective political solution on an international and local level can stop these crimes and restore the law. To better assure my closeness to these dear people, I have nominated Cardinal Fernando Filoni as my personal envoy to Iraq."

Pope Francis also entrusted Cardinal Filoni with an undisclosed amount of money for the relief of the refugees.

Now, to a matter nearer to home. The NHS is consulting on its proposal to reorganise hospital chaplains by creating a generic chaplaincy service. In practice this means that chaplains regardless of their religion or denomination will be appointed to specific wards or numbers of beds regardless of the patients' religions and differing spiritual needs. At first glance this reorganisation of chaplaincy services may appear to be an efficient use of chaplains but it totally ignores the specific needs of faith communities like ours, and those of Jews, Sikhs or Muslims, all of whom have rites which only chaplains of their own faith can administer. So, a Catholic in hospital would want a priest to anoint them, or hear confession or a priest or lay minister to bring them Holy Communion that was consecrated at Mass in a Catholic church. A chaplain of another religion or denomination is not able to do this. So it is simplistic to think that a chaplain can be a one size fits all! At the present the NHS constitution guarantees the right to a chaplain of one's own denomination but now this is under threat. Please consider writing a simple letter to Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Health, Department of Health, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, London SW1A, stating that it is your right as a Roman Catholic to have the services of a Roman Catholic chaplain when a patient in a NHS hospital and this right should not be withdrawn. Also send a copy of your letter to Simon Stevens, Chief Executive, NHS England, PO Box 16738, Redditch, B97 9PTOR email England.ce@nhs.net or chaplaincy.guidelines@nhs.net

The collection for the material spiritual relief of Iraqi refugees will remain open for the next two weeks. **Fr John**

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th August 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

SATURDAY (23rd August)

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

Bernard Lawton, James Marsden, Breda Lightfoot, Moira Smithson,
Catherine Behan, William Brown, Dorothy Hunt x 2, Mary Feely, Josie Grice

SICK

Fr Peter Birmingham, John Lofthouse, Peter Wright

LATELY DEAD

James Marsden, Breda Lightfoot, Moira Smithson, Catherine Behan, Josie Grice

ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard Lawton, William Brown, Dorothy Hunt, Mary Feely,

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £729.78 Sabden £133.20 S/Orders £194 Many thanks
CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ APPEAL Clitheroe £335.04 Sabden £89.41 In addition
 the box at back of church £181.41 making a total of £605.86 Many thanks
APF MISSIONS (Red boxes) Quarterly collection £599.13

LADIES GROUP Our annual **TREASURE HUNT** on Wednesday 27th August to Skipton - cost including supper (menu's available from porch) £13. Our next coach trip is to **LITTLE MORETON HALL/STOKE ON TRENT** on Wednesday 22nd October - cost £20 or £13 (National Trust member) which Includes guided tour of the hall & tip for the driver. Please give your names and money to either Daphne or Janet. On Wednesday 11th February 2015 we are planning a coach trip to Manchester for shopping or whatever you want to do. For those who put their names down for 'Top Hat', we have now purchased the tickets - £46.50 each. You can either pay in full or pay a deposit of £25 to either Daphne or Janet



WATER AID In support of the charity Water Aid we are holding a Ballroom and Sequence Dance, Music by Rex, on Friday September 5th in our Parish Centre from 7.30pm. Tickets £8.50 including a hot supper are available from the Centre - please ring 01200 423073.

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

JOYFUL NOISE Monday 18th August. Joyful Noise is a group of people from Chatburn, Clitheroe and surrounding villages who meet fortnightly simply for the pleasure of singing hymns old and new. Tomorrow, Monday, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm we will be meeting for the first time at St Michael & St John's. Joyful Noise is not a choir, just people who enjoy a good sing. You are cordially invited to come along and sing your favourite hymns. Light refreshments provided. For more information ring Kevin Downes on 01200 443341

JUMBLE SALE the K.S.C. will be holding their next Jumble Sale on Saturday 4th October at 2.30pm.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS Thank you to everyone who brought in bottle tops for a child's wheelchair. We do not require any more - appeal now closed.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE This Wednesday 20th August - please meet in Presbytery at 7.30pm for the training session

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Mass of Healing - Sunday 28th September at 2pm
CARITAS JOB VACANCIES see posters 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.

AUTUMN FAIR an Autumn Fayre will be held on Saturday 18th October - more information and details in the next newsletter. In the meantime we would still be grateful for your donations.

CHURCH FLOWER TEAM in preparation for the Autumn Fair we would be very grateful for unused artificial flowers and Christmas decorations that you no longer want. Please leave these at the presbytery as soon as possible.

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

ROTA'S Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to remain on either Welcoming, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers or Tea and Coffee rotas or indeed volunteer to go on one of them. We need to know by 13th September prior to the new one being drawn up. We are always grateful for new volunteers.

TEA DANCE NEXT Wednesday 20th August in our Parish Hall 2pm - 5pm. Come and enjoy meeting up with friends and enjoy an afternoon of dancing. Still only £3.50 for a lovely afternoon tea

August 23/24	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Roberts	M.Rogers & C.Willman
Readers	C.Moxham	P.Donnolly
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & H Addy	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, T.Mercer
Tea & Coffee		Fellows family

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 10 P.Clarkson

ST MARY'S HALL The new social committee has a line-up of events planned. First up a **Family Quiz and Fun Night** with music/disco on Friday September 19th at 7pm. Adults £5 children 50p. Supper inc but bring your own drinks. Friday October 24th sees a **Family Games Night** from 7pm. Free entry, just 50p to take part in each game i.e. pool, darts etc. Friday November 14th **Motown Night** from 8pm with bar. Admission £5. Saturday 6th December **Christmas Fair**. Friday December 12th **Christmas Concert** featuring soprano Grace O'Malley and other artistes. Sunday December 14th **Christmas Market** from 3pm. We need lots of raffle and tombola prizes for these events. If you can help please drop them off in the church porch. Thankyou

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 events

CEMETERY MASS



Our annual mass in St Joseph's cemetery for deceased parishioners and clergy and for family and friends of those attending, will be a week on Monday, (Bank Holiday) 25th August at 11am.

This year we shall remember especially all those from our parish who died in the First World War and other armed conflicts.

Please note: prior to the mass we are asking for volunteers to come and help tidy-up the cemetery NEXT Wednesday 20th August from 6.30pm.

Please come and help! Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.