

Dear Parishioners, the following is an extract from a recent talk given by Pope Francis.

A Christian is part of a people with a history. The Christian belongs to a people called the Church and this Church is what makes him or her a Christian, on the day of Baptism, and then in the course of their education in the faith. But no one, no one becomes Christian on his or her own. If we believe, if we know how to pray, if we acknowledge the Lord and can listen to his Word, if we feel him close to us and recognise him in our brothers and sisters, it is because others, before us, lived the faith and then transmitted it to us. We have received the faith from our fathers, from our ancestors, and they have instructed us in it. If we think about it carefully, who knows how many beloved faces may pass before our eyes: it could be the face of our parents who requested our Baptism; that of our grandparents or of some family member who taught us how to make the sign of the Cross and to recite our first prayers. Or it could be the face of a priest, or a teacher or a catechist, who transmitted the contents of the faith to us and helped us to grow as Christians. So, this is the Church: one great family, where we are welcomed and learn to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus.

We are able to live this journey not only because of others, but together with others. In the Church there is no "do it yourself". At times one hears someone say: "I believe in God, I believe in Jesus, but I don't care about the Church". How many times have we heard this? And this is not good. There are those who believe they can maintain a personal, direct and immediate relationship with Jesus Christ outside the communion and the mediation of the Church. These are dangerous and harmful temptations. It is true that walking together is challenging, and at times can be tiring: it can happen that some brother or some sister creates difficulties, or shocks us. But the Lord entrusted his message of salvation to human beings, to us all; and it is in our brothers and in our sisters, with their gifts and limitations that he comes to meet us and make himself known. And this is what it means to belong to the Church. Remember this well: to be Christian means belonging to the Church.

Dear friends, let us ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, for the grace never to fall into the temptation of thinking we can make it without the others, that we can get along without the Church, that we can save ourselves on our own. On the contrary, you cannot love God without loving your brothers, you cannot love God outside of the Church; you cannot be in communion with God without being so in the Church, and we cannot be good Christians if we are not together with those who seek to follow the Lord Jesus, as one single people, one single body, and this is the Church.

Fr John

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th August 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Cemetery Mass at 11am (see inside page)

Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Requiem Mass 9.30am - Gemma Hanson

Thursday

Requiem Mass 11am - Harold Bradley

SATURDAY (30th 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** - No Mass today

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MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special intention, Rosena McVeigh, Thomas Kelly, Teresa Tomlinson x 2,
Tom Davies, Gemma Hanson x 2, Harold Bradley

SICK

Fr Peter Birmingham, John Lofthouse, Peter Wright, Teresa Tomlinson

LATELY DEAD

Gemma Hanson, Harold Bradley, Rosena McVeigh, Thomas Kelly, Fr Stewart Ansbro

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom Davies, Mary Agnes Clegg

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £658.32 Sabden £150.49 S/Orders £194 Many thanks

CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ APPEAL Clitheroe £416.69 Sabden £82.80

JESUIT MISSIONS QUARTERLY COLLECTION £153.63

LADIES GROUP Our annual **TREASURE HUNT** is next Wednesday 27th August. Would **everyone** please meet on the Lowergate Car Park (opposite Social Centre) at 5.30pm prompt. **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 Around 60 people came along last Monday evening to St Michael & John's and enjoyed singing hymns - some old, some new. The next get together will be on Monday 1st September and will be at St Paul's, Low Moor at 7.30pm.

INTERFAITH SERVICE In response to the dreadful suffering and violence caused by ongoing conflicts in the Middle East and Africa at the present time, Blackburn Cathedral is conducting a Universal Prayers for Peace Interfaith Service every Wednesday at 10.30am, through until the end of October, with the aim of unifying communities locally and sending out a signal of support to suffering groups around the world.

LOVE CLITHEROE BBQ Clitheroe Christians in Partnership (CCP) is arranging the 'Love Clitheroe Barbecue' and Funday on Saturday 13th September on the Castle Field 12noon - 3pm. We welcome help from volunteers to set up the stage, put up tents, welcomers and table hosts, people to give out leaflets in town, cook and serve food, and help with the various activities. If you wish to be involved, then please complete one of the forms that can be found at the back of church.

CARITAS JOB VACANCIES see posters in porch



CEMETERY MASS



The Memorial Cemetery Mass tomorrow (Monday) at 11am, depending on the weather, may be

celebrated in church. A decision will be made at 9.30am and a notice will be posted on the church door between 9.30am and 10.30am, or you may ring the Presbytery 423307, Arnold 427096 or Les 427029 for further information

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

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Mass of Healing - Sunday 28th September at 2pm

More details next week

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

MISSIO MAGAZINE Autumn edition 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.

AUTUMN FAIR an Autumn Fayre will be held on Saturday 18th October. We have now received some generous donations - wonderful, but would still be grateful for more. We are looking to start selling Raffle tickets in a couple of weeks time. Watch this space!

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

August 30/31	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	A.Harkin	P.Dixon & E.Thomson
Readers	C.riley	Martha Barrett
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Southworth & B.Taylor	P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, P.Donnelly
Tea & Coffee		C.James/M.Tomlinson/A.Pritchard

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.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 14 C.Cartwright

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