

## Dear Parishioners

Schools are back and a letter was sent on Friday to the parents of children in Year 3 informing them of the revised preparation course for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Reconciliation. Letters were sent by hard copy and by email to ensure that at least one arrives in parents' hands! If you know of any children living in the parish and not attending either St Mary's Sabden or St Michael and St John's and wishing to make their First Holy Communion, then please ask their parents to contact me or Fr Frankie.

A preliminary meeting for parents will be held in the school hall on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at which the programme and its requirements will be explained.

Catechists are asked to meet in the Presbytery a week on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

This year's RCIA course will begin in four weeks time. The RCIA is an introduction to Catholicism and would be of interest to those wishing to learn more about the faith, or who may have missed making their First Communion or Confirmation, those who wish to join the Church or are simply curious about what makes a Catholic tick! The course is led by me, assisted by Fr Frankie and some who have followed the course in the past. We meet on Thursday evenings in the Presbytery large meeting room on Thursday evenings for one hour between 8 and 9pm. If you have a friend who may be interested but maybe shy of coming alone, then do please consider inviting them and accompanying them to the opening session. There is no obligation on any to continue with the course once it has begun. Anyone wishing to know more or who definitely wishes to attend please have a word with either me or Fr Frankie.

Would graduates of past RCIA programmes who might be interested in being involved in this year's, please meet in the Presbytery briefly a week on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm.

You may have noticed that during the holidays we widened the distance between the church benches on either side of the central aisle in an attempt to ease access and make the benches more comfortable. Comments?

Following comments and suggestions made concerning the cushions on the front three central benches, the cushioning has been redesigned and introduced on the fourth, fifth and sixth benches. Please let me know what you think of these.

The 99 group please meet this Thursday at 7.30pm. **Fr John**

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th September 2014

### St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

#### Monday

Mass at 9am

1pm Funeral Service - June Holgate

#### Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

#### Saturday (13th September)

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

Raymond Waling x 2, Peter Holgate, Mary Wilson, Elma Bywater x 2

#### SICK

Fr Peter Birmingham, John Lofthouse, Peter Wright, Seamus Drain, Jim Story

#### LATELY DEAD

Elma Bywater, Mary Wilson, June Holgate

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Vincent Long, Raymond Waling, Peter Holgate

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £696.00 Sabden £215.90 S/Orders £170.48 Many thanks

**CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ APPEAL** Clitheroe £258.80 Sabden £54.10

The total now has reached £1859

**LADIES GROUP 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 - only a few seats left **Please note could we please have the money in for this trip by Monday 15th September.** 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

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Milnthorpe Steel Band on Saturday October 18th at 7.30pm tickets on sale soon - watch this space.

**CATENIAN ROSARY GROUP** are appealing for Rosary beads. We send Rosaries to Aboriginals 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

**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.

**S.V.P.** The quarterly collection for the Society will take place this weekend 6/7 September. Gift Aid envelopes will be distributed at masses this weekend to prepare for this. Please give generously.

**CAFOD** There will be a meeting of the group at 10am Tuesday 9th in the presbytery.

**JUMBLE SALE** next K.S.C. Jumble Sale on Saturday 4th October at 2.30pm.

**SVP AWARENESS MONTH** September is chosen as awareness month for the Society because it includes the special days for our founder, Frederick Ozanam and the feast day of our patron St Vincent de Paul. The theme for the month is 'Concern is not enough' and the prayers and posters will reflect this.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES** Single, separated, widowed or divorced? Catholic Singles is an organisation that helps practising Catholics meet other Catholics. Have a look at the yellow poster in the porch

**CANONISATION OF TWO POPES** two talks at St Gabriel's School, Bury 16th September & 15th October by Bishop Alan Hopes and Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. See poster in porch

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** H.C.P.T WALK Sunday October 5th

**LADIES GROUP** Committee meeting Monday 8th at 7.30pm in the presbytery

**K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday 7th at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

## **CLITHEROE**

**SOCIAL CENTRE** Sunday - In addition to the usual Quiz on a Sunday evening is 'Play your Cards Right'. Please come along - Everyone welcome.

**CHURCH FLOWER TEAM** our Flower ladies are still collecting artificial flowers, used and unused candles for making Autumn and Christmas displays. Please leave at the presbytery

Sept 13/14th	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Bentley	M.Swales/T.O'Donnell
Readers	V.Murray	L.Embery
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	G.Lambert, Volunteer, A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee		P.Byrne & family.

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

**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 40 The Brown Family

**COFFEE MORNING** at St Mary's Parish Hall on Saturday 4th October. Cake stall and Raffle. Tickets £1

**ST MARY'S HALL** Tickets will be on sale at the end of Mass today for our Family Comedy Quiz Night being held in the Hall on Friday 19th September at 7pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and just 50p for children. The quiz with a twist will include questions just for children and a fun night is planned with MC Mark Woodward. Supper of sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes etc will be provided. People can bring their own drinks if they wish. Any raffle prizes or donations for the supper will also be much appreciated. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of our Community Hall. Tickets are also available from Pat Whitwell or Margaret Parsons. You can pay on the door, but it will help with catering if we know numbers in advance.

**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**

### **MASS OF HEALING**

#### **SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2pm**

If you wish to come to this Mass please complete a form from available from the back of church. This information is needed to arrange lifts and transfer from cars to hall and refreshment numbers.

Please return forms to box at the back of church by

Tuesday 23rd September