

Dear Parishioners

The diocesan trip to Lourdes in August was a great experience! It was filled with prayer, laughter and camaraderie. We were there for just under a week led by our Bishop Terence Brain. There were roughly 700 people in attendance from the Diocese with over 200 of them being teenagers and young adults who had fundraised to be out there and help look after our sick pilgrims during the week. Lourdes always carries with it a very special atmosphere and this year was no exception. One of my highlights is always going down to the Grotto late at night, were its all quiet and reflective, and surrounded by candles and people at prayer.

This year, for the second year in a row I was chaplain to a group of young people called "Old Bedians" there made up of former students from St Bede's Catholic School in Manchester, who were either University students or had just left St Bede's. They were also assisted this year by one of our own parishioners from Sabden. Once again it was a great experience to journey with those young people throughout the week providing spiritual support and sharing laughter and fun with them. Many pilgrims comment on how they are inspired by the young people who work so hard assisting the doctors and nurses in looking after the sick pilgrims and how they throw themselves into the week.

Throughout the course of the Pilgrimage we had Mass every day with the Bishop, assisted by guest preachers from around the Diocese and accompanied by the Diocesan Lourdes choir. There was also the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Healing, and the chance to listen to our future priests by attending catechesis sessions led by the Diocesan seminarians. There's also a visit to the grotto itself and the opportunity to bathe in the Lourdes water. And not forgetting there's plenty of time to relax and socialise, shopping, sitting in bars having coffee or having a few drinks of an evening.

One of the biggest inspirations of going to Lourdes is to witness people of all ages grow in faith and relationship with God, for in Lourdes one is blessed and encounters another level of faith.

We plan to organise a pilgrimage next year from the Parish to join with the Diocesan pilgrimage at the beginning of August. So watch this space for more details in the upcoming months.

Fr Frankie

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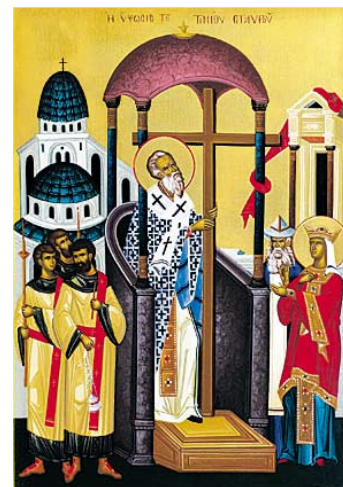
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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - 14th September 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Mass at 7.30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm

Saturday (20th 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

June Holgate x 3, Bill Southworth, Molly Hartley, Peter Tomlinson

SICK

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

LATELY DEAD

June Holgate

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Southworth, Molly Hartley

There will be a collection at all masses next weekend for Home Missions

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £771.54 Sabden £220.59 S/Orders £170.48 Many thanks

S.V.P. COLLECTION Clitheroe £531.43 Sabden £91.90

LADIES GROUP LITTLE MORETON HALL/STOKE ON TRENT on Wednesday 22nd almost fully booked - only one ticket left. Please pay up for this trip by this coming Monday. Thankyou. **NEXT MEETING** Wednesday 24th September - The role of a Sports Therapist with Nicola Dinsdale. Starts at 7.30pm admission £2 inc light refreshments.

MILNTHORPE STEEL BAND in our Parish Hall on Saturday 18th October at 7.30pm Tickets will be on sale after masses on 4/5 and 11/12 October or they are available from Daphne 427912, Carol 426769 or Janet at the presbytery. Please note this event on the same day as our Autumn Fair.

CATENIAN ROSARY GROUP We collect unwanted rosaries to send to Third World countries. Please put in Parish Communications Box or hand in at the presbytery.

TEA DANCE next Wednesday 17th September in our Parish Hall 2pm - 5pm. Lovely Afternoon Tea with homemade cakes £3.50 - info Faphne 01200 427912

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.

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 this week is "Concern is not enough - Feed the hungry". Please pray for all those volunteers who work in the Clitheroe Food Bank and those whom they help. Thank you for your continued support for the project

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

S.V.P. AWARENESS WEEK 2

CATECHISTS for Children's Initiation programme please meet in the Presbytery at 7.30pm this Tuesday.

R.C.I.A. accompaniers please meet to plan this years programme in the the Presbytery at 8pm this Thursday

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

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

AUTUMN RAFFLE Tickets are now on sale for our Autumn Raffle which will take place at our Autumn Fair on Saturday October 18th. We have some wonderful prizes 1st - a Mini iPad, 2nd - £100 Food Hamper, 3rd - £50 M & S Vouchers plus lots more. Tickets are £1. All organisations in the parish have been given tickets to sell and they are also on sale from the Parish Office. Donations of prizes are still being accepted - please leave at presbytery.

K.S.C.JUMBLE will take place on Saturday October 4th at 2pm. Please note new time

JOYFUL NOISE will meet next tomorrow Monday 15th at St Leonard's Downhan. 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Sept 20th/21st	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Luciani	J.Clegg/E.Davies
Readers	M.Taylforth	Marina Barrett
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & H.Addy	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee		.R & C Conti/E.Thomson

ROTA'S new Rota's for October and November will be available from next weekend. If you do not wish to remain on the rota for either welcoming, reading, Eucharistic minister or Tea & Coffee then please let Janet know at the latest by Monday morning. Thankyou

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 14 C.Cartwright

COFFEE MORNING at St Mary's Parish Hall on Saturday 4th October. Cake stall and Raffle. Tickets £1. All proceeds towards Crib figures

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 NEXT 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. Tickets are also on sale at St Michael & St John's.

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

COFFEE AFTER MASS there is a list on the notice board of dates for this. If you would like to volunteer just add your name where convenient. Some more volunteers would be great

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