

Dear Parishioners

Today you are invited to take two consultation papers.

The first is from Bishop John outlining a number of questions concerning the life and organization of the diocese. If you wish to respond to any of them, then please email the Bishop directly on consultation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or write to him at Wardley Hall, Wardley Hall Road, Worsley, Manchester M28 2ND.

The second is from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales seeking your thoughts on Marriage and Family life in 2015, as a part of the preparation for the Meeting (Synod) of Bishops in Rome in October. The parish has produced a questionnaire listing 6 questions posed by our Bishops. If you respond then do so as concisely as possible so that replies may easily be collated and forwarded to Bishop John. Responses must be returned within two weeks, by 15th March.

Now to another important matter. Did you know that according to the 2011 census around a quarter of the population of England and Wales reported that they have no religion? This represents some 14 million people, a number that has doubled since the 2001 census. Another sobering statistic is that over half the people who self-identify as Catholics have little or no contact with the Church. Surely something must be done to challenge this situation?

Pope Francis took the lead last year when he published *Gaudium Evangelii* (The joy of the Gospel). It is a wakeup call to the whole Church but particularly to the flagging Church in Western Europe. He proposes that we come together in prayer and in groups to examine how best we may share both the joy that the Gospel brings and our faith that gives meaning and purpose to life.

In response to this call our bishops have launched an initiative called **Proclaim 15** which aims to inspire, support and encourage parishes to do just that.

We begin on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Hall to look at what a relationship with Jesus means. Then on 18th March: what is a disciple of Jesus? and finally on 25th March: how do we share our story?

Come on: respond to Pope Francis and at the very least do it for Lent!

Fr John

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Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

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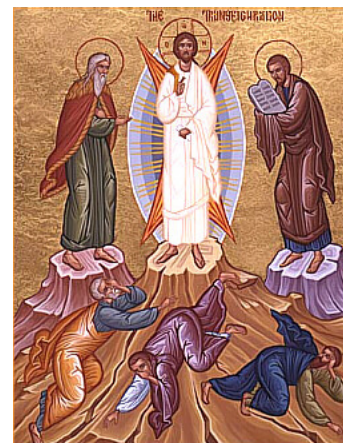
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2nd Sunday of Lent - 1st March 2015

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 7.30am & 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9am

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm

Saturday (7th March)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Exposition 11am—11.55am

Reconciliation—11am—11.45am

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am followed by Coffee

Tuesday—Stations of the Cross 7.30pm **Wednesday**—Mass at 9.15am

MASSSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Rose O'Neill, Peter & Mary Cumberback, Leo Wells, John Byrne,
Andrew Martin, Josephine Reid, Michael Jackson

SICK

Fr Peter Birmingham, Peter Wright, Joseph Bradley, Marie Haslam,
Maria Middleton, Sr Mary Kelly, Peter and Mary Cumberback, Pat Shepherd

LATELY DEAD

John Byrne, Andrew Martin

ANNIVERSARIES

Leo Wells, Michael Jackson, Josephine Reid, Hugh Hutchinson, Eilish Campbell

OFFERTORY Clitheroe 630.62 Sabden £164.26 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks
CAFOD - Lent Fast Day Envelopes will be collected in this weekend. IMPORTANT. Starting Feb 18th (Ash Wednesday) all donations made to CAFOD for a period of 3 months up to May 17th, will receive 'match-funding' from the UK Government. Every £1 that CAFOD raises for Lent, up to £3.5 million will be doubled by the Government, allowing us to help twice as many people. Help us to make the most of this opportunity by giving generously to the Lent Fast Day and throughout Lent. Thankyou

RETURNING TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION A course for those seeking employments or wishing to return will be held of Friday 6th March 9am—4pm at St Monica's Sixth Form Centre, Bury. More details on poster in porch.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 31 July—6 August 2015. Cost is £659. Interested? then please put your name down on the list at the back of church or see Fr Frankie DEADLINE—THIS WEEKEND—February 28th!

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE MEETING There will be a meeting for those that have signed up for the Lourdes pilgrimage with the Diocese, for Fr Frankie to answer any questions and discuss booking our places. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th March at 8pm in the presbytery.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 The Diocese is organising a fantastic trip to join in the next World Youth Day, to be held in the presence of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in the Polish city of Krakow between 24th July and 2nd August 2016. Young people between 16 and 35 years old are welcome! These events are very special experiences, as young catholic people from all over the world come together to celebrate their faith. A World Youth Day could almost be described as a catholic Glastonbury.....only even more fun. The total cost will be £750 (which includes: Travel, insurance, WYD registration fee, accommodation and meals.) The closing date for registration is 31st March 2015. Deposit £50 (limited places available). <http://www.salforddiocese.net/#!youth/c1s97>

FLAME 2—Catholic Youth Festival at Wembley Arena March 7th. This will be the largest Catholic youth event ever held in the UK. Matt Redmon will be leading the music and a range of interesting people will be speaking including Cardinal Luis Tagle, recently by the side of Pope Francis throughout his visit to the Philippines. This event is open to young people and young adults year 10 upwards. Full programme and booking details on <http://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2>

FILIPINO MASS There will be a Mass for the Filipino community in St Mary's Church, Bamber Bridge, at 5pm on Saturday 21 March. For more information, please contact Alaine and Jeanette on 07931 776401

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Tel 0161 941 3498 or visit the website www.catholicssingles.org.uk or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

'LIFETEEN NIGHTS' Calling all yr 9, 10 & 11 students. From Wednesday 11th March for 4 weeks only! There will be a great event which hails from America called – Lifeteen – this is an evening to celebrate your faith in a fun, exciting and new way. Involving karaoke, games, drama, music, interactive groups, etc. This special event will be led by John Hesketh, who was a full time youth minister in America, who will be joined by a great team of young people. The nights will take place at St Mary's, R.C. Hall, York Lane, Langho, BB6 8DW from 7pm–8.30pm on Wednesdays 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st April. Please see Fr Frankie for more info or for a consent form if you would like to attend.

R.C.I.A. Meetings every Thursday evening after Mass at 8pm in the presbytery.

S.V.P. MASS OF HEALING

Sunday 22nd March. Forms for this Mass are available from the back of church. Please complete and return to the box by Tuesday 17th March so that we can make transport arrangements and have an idea of numbers for seating and refreshments.

March 7/8	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Luciani	R & F Holgate
Readers	C.McGuire	K.Downes
Eiucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & H. Addy	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, T.Mercer
Tea and Coffee		L & B Collinson

JUSTICE & PEACE Archbishop Romero (officially declared a martyr by the Vatican 3rd February) Anniversary talk—Saturday 14th March at Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre, Barden Lane, Burnley. See poster in porch

CLITHEROE

SOCIAL CENTRE Memberships are now due—see list in porch for more details. This year, in an effort to circulate more information to members a database of members is being set up so that we can let you know what is going on—special occasions, promotions etc. This means when you pay your membership you will be asked for your email address. These emails will be secure and not passed on to any third party.

EASTER REMEMBRANCE BOOK a remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is being compiled. We are asking for a donation of £3 for a lily, which will decorate the Church at Easter. Money and names will be collected after mass at the table near the greetings cards by Jane Brown (Saturday) and Teresa Mercer (Sunday).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS The Cubs and Beavers will lead the Stations of the Cross next Friday 27th March at 7.30pm.

LENT TALKS NEXT Saturday 7th March in our Parish Hall. The speaker will be Nigel Rix—'Faith in regeneration' A Christian at work in the community. Coffee served at 10.30am—talk commences 11am. See poster in porch for full programme.

LISTENING EAR an ecumenical initiative set up to provide a place where people can come for coffee and a chat. Launched recently for Foodbank customers, and others, for the opportunity for more on-going contact. Run by volunteers from local churches it is open Friday mornings from 10am–11.30am (in term time) at The King's Centre, Millthorne Avenue. Info Mark Woodward 444148 or info@clitheroecommunitychurch.co.uk

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER this year NEXT Friday 6th March 7.30pm at The United Reformed Church. All ladies, men and young people are welcome.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner no 36 Peggy Fielding

STATIONS OF THE CROSS this Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm. Come and join in if you can.

CAKE SALE Matthew Sharpe has been chosen to swim for the Catholic schools sports federation of Great Britain at the 67th FISEC Gakes in Malta in July. This is a wonderful achievement and opportunity for him, and we would like to sponsor and support him in this. There will be a special cake sale on Sunday 15th march (Mother's Day) after mass. All proceeds to Matthew's Malta fund. Please come along and support him.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER this year will be at 2pm at St Nicholas's next Friday 6th March.