

## Dear Parishioners

Speaking recently about the family Pope Francis offered his unique form of spiritual, common sense guidance.

He told a personal story about an occasion when he was rude to a primary school teacher, who promptly called his mother. When his mother came to school the next day, she made him apologize to the teacher and then disciplined him when he got home. Today, instead, he said, parents reprimand the teacher who tries to discipline their child.

He then said it is obvious that the current situation is "not good" or "harmonious," since it tends to put families and schools in opposition rather than in collaborative relationships.

Further he claimed that parents today are "puzzled by the new demands made by children" and the complexity of life, so that many are "paralyzed by the fear of making a mistake."

Another problem is that "Educating children is difficult for parents who see their children only in the evening when they return home tired from work."

"It is even more difficult for parents who are separated, who are weighed down by their circumstances," he said. He urged separated parents to "never, never, never take a child hostage" by speaking ill of the other parent. He recognized that being separated is "a trial" but added that "children must not be the ones to carry the weight of this separation or to be used like hostages against the other spouse."

The advice the apostle Paul gives to both children and parents in his Letter to the Colossians (Col 3, 18-21) that children obey their parents in all things and that parents never drive their children to resentment -- is "a wise rule," he said.

To exasperate a child is to ask them to do things they are not able to do, the pope explained. Rather, children must be accompanied and "grow without being discouraged, step by step," he said.

He also encouraged families to practice patience. "Even in the best of families, there is the need to put up with each other," he said. "But that's life. Life is not lived in a laboratory, it's lived in reality."

If families were able to recover their pride in being the primary educators of their children, he said, "many things would change for the better, [both] for uncertain parents and for disappointed children."

*Fr John*

## Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## The Most Holy Trinity - 31st May 2015

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



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

#### Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

#### Saturday 6th June

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Exposition 11am—11.55am

Reconciliation 11am—11.45am

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

*On Sunday 7th June there is an extra mass for First Holy Communion at 11am*

### 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

Robert Graham, Arnold Marsden Jnr, Alice Hurst, Norman Bromley, Vincenzo Ditri

#### SICK

Arnold Marsden Jnr, Fr Peter Birmingham, Sally Hickling

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Alice Hurst, Norman Bromley, Vincenzo Ditri

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £709.28 Sabden £207.61 S.Orders £149.24 Many thanks  
**CATHOLIC SINGLES** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, or visit the website [www.catholicssingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicssingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicssingles.org.uk)

**CAFOD NEPAL APPEAL** Donations may be placed into both the collection boxes at the back of church. Envelopes are beside the collection boxes and can be put into the collection basket at Mass or left at the presbytery. At Sabden they may be put on the collection plate. Kindly consider Gift Aid which provides an additional 25p in the £1 at no extra cost to yourself. ***This appeal will close this weekend.*** Thank you for your generosity.

**EXCITING OPPORTUNITY** to join in a mass rally—3 tickets are available for the One Climate, One World Climate Rally in London on Wed 17th June. A group from our parish have already booked. If you want to come please contact Rosa Trelfa on 01772 733310 or 07920 565454 or [rtrelfa@cafod.org.uk](mailto:rtrelfa@cafod.org.uk) as soon as possible.

**BISHOP ARNOLD CONNECT 2 CAMBODIA TALK** Bishop John has kindly agreed to speak to local CAFOD supporters at St John's, Burnley Saturday 6th June 2.30pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear first hand the value of the support given to CAFOD over many years by our parish.

**SAFEGUARDING** DBS clearances have begun to come through. A few glitches and some may have been 'claimed' by a different parish. Don't worry it doesn't make any difference the diocese will amend it. Don't forget to register online at [www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service](http://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service) and please send me (Ann Harkin) a copy. [anark456@aol.com](mailto:anark456@aol.com)

**NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE.** It is hoped to hire a mini-bus to the Northern Catholic Conference on Saturday 13th June. There's a list at the back of church for people to indicate if they would like to go then we can decide whether or not to hire a bus depending on numbers. The cost would be approx £7 return plus a voluntary donation of £10 to the NCC. We would have to leave Clitheroe about 8.30am.

**LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR** Wednesday June 24th. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange at 3.15pm and returning around 10pm. Price £28.50 includes the Coach fare, Three Course meal, Entertainment and tips for drivers and waitresses. Up to now 31 people have booked, but we need a minimum of 40 to make it viable. Please note, this outing is open to all including husbands and partners. Please book by next Wednesday 3rd June. If we do not get enough people to go then we will have to cancel.

**HEAD TEACHER WANTED** Our Diocese has recently reviewed the situation at the Sacred Heart Primary School in Blackburn and decided that it should remain within the Trusteeship of the Diocese. The Trustees are looking to appoint an outstanding Head Teacher who is able to embrace the diversity and special nature of this Catholic School. Details on the Diocesan Website and click education vacancies or contact [angela.williams@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:angela.williams@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**FR FRANKIE'S SOCIAL EVENING** There are a few tickets still available for this and they will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

**FOODBANK** The foodbank is currently short of sponge pudding, tinned custard, sauces (tomato or brown) and chocolate treats (inc wrapped choc biscuits). The Foodbank Audit is on Saturday 20 June 9.30-12.30—fit people wanted to lift boxes onto scales—age 14 upwards welcome. Telephone Ruth Haldane on 07849 534431 if you would like to help or [info@ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk) by Wed 10 June. Also the next foodbank Tesco collection is 2-4 July—volunteers needed to help of 3rd & 4th. This involves giving out food lists, accepting and sorting food. Help for one and a half hour slots—ring Ruth Haldane by 10th June.

**LAY CHAPLAIN** There is a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament and St Maria Goretti schools in Preston. See notice in porch

**SPONSORED WALK** Thankyou to all those who walked, sponsored and helped with last weeks walk for Right to Life. Thankyou also to all those who donated so many lovely cakes for the reception afterwards—delicious. Will sponsors please fulfil their promises then a final total can be published.

**PRO-LIFE GROUP** would like to thank the Knights of St Columba for their generous donation of £200

**EDGES** The faith and fun evenings for yr 6& 7 (10-12yrs) - Edge Nights have started up again in St Mary's Hall, York Lane, Langho 6.30pm—8pm every Wednesday evening in June. These evenings are designed to be a fun, interactive and faith-filled experience for our young people.

## CLITHEROE

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** St Michael & St John's, Primary School Summer Bash will be on Saturday 20th June. Live music from 'Kickstart' Cost £25. See poster

June 6/7	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Luciani	M.Rogers & C.Willman
Readers	J.Byrne	K.Downes
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin	J.Hall, S.Hall, Volunteer
Tea and Coffee		L & B Collinson

**PARISH DRAW** will commence in September. Cost of a ticket is £20. You will be given a number which will go into the draw which will take place at the end of each month (10 months in total). If you would like a ticket then please fill in one of the blue forms that are available at the back of church with your name, address and telephone number and pop it in the box provided. ***Even if you have been in the draw before you still need to complete one of the slips.***

**CHERNOBYL CHILDREN** the annual visit will start next Saturday 6th June for a month and the children stay with local families. For three of the children it will be their last visit so next year three new children will replace them and therefore there is an opportunity for people to give three loving homes from 2016 onwards. Interested then contact Ken or Jo Robinson on 01200 428859

**JUMBLE SALE** Many thanks to all those who helped in any way with last weekends K.S.C. Jumble Sale. A total £364 of was raised for the Cafod Nepal Appeal

**BAPTISM** We welcome James Harvey Clifford who was baptised last Saturday

**CHRISTIAN AID** A couple of parishioners have brought in their Christian Aid envelopes that were not collected two weeks ago. If you still have one at home either drop it in at the presbytery or pop it on the collection plate and will be passed on to them.

## SABDEN

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner no 125 - Jane Sharp

**GARDEN PARTY** 13th June—this will be a good old fashioned fair with stalls, games and a Treasure Island. To make it a success we need your help. We need people to run the stalls (there is a list in the porch for this—please put your names down). There will be a Summer Raffle for which there is a list for people willing to donate prizes. We also need things to sell and tombola prizes—please leave donations in the sacristy—bags will be available after Mass.