

Dear Parishioners

Yet again on Weld Day we were blessed by good weather and a congregation that grows by the year. I'm grateful to those who donated the ice cream, the wine, the strawberries and the cream, as are all who enjoyed them. Over 300 cornets and tubs of ice cream disappeared down children's throats – help by not a few adults.

The school did a great job in tidying the garden and erecting the gazebo that protected the altar. Early Sunday morning, as a team of men set about organising the site, I reflected that most of this work would better be done the day before and as I scratched my head to remember the arrangements of last and previous years I concluded that the day needs an organising committee. The first Weld Day was overseen by a small group, but gradually over the past six years almost all the organisation has fallen back back to me.

Only a few days before, I had reported to the Parish Forum that the Bishop has asked the clergy to set about handing over the organisation of their parishes and their associated activities to parishioners. He requested this as a welfare measure to prevent burnout and illness among his priests as many take on responsibility for more than one parish and their associated schools, in a world where administration increases by the year and is accompanied by demands for greater accountability and transparency.

So, asks Bishop John of the clergy: free yourselves from administration and property management so that you have more time for the important services that are specific to you and your vocation. At the Forum, I announced that a strategy to form organising groups/committees to take full responsibility for many aspects of parish life must now be a priority for our parish with its three churches and their communities.

Many already exist: Finance, Maintenance, Website, Marriage and Baptism preparation, the choirs, Cafod, Trafficking, Flower guild, the dependable long standing Women's group and the Knights, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Life, Church cleaning and SVP to mention just a number that come to mind as a type. Some of these function exceedingly well, others need reinvigorating, and nearly all need to look at membership. But even this number leaves some aspects of parish life neglected.

Please give this matter serious thought over the holidays, let me have your ideas and in September we shall begin the process *Fr John*

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th July 2015 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Tuesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm

Saturday 18th July

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Exposition 11am—11.55am

Reconciliation 11am—11.45am

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am followed by Coffee **Wednesday**—Mass at 9.15am

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am

Mass today in Parish Mass Book p.106. Eucharistic Prayer III p.27 Preface VI p.69

Tuesday—Mass at 9.30am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Anniversary of ordination, Catherine & Patrick's wedding, Bob Driver, Paul Trotter

SICK

Fr Peter Birmingham, Arnold Marsden Jnr, Sally Hickling, Carol Waterworth

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Driver, Paul Trotter

*There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend
for The Apostleship of the Sea*

Please note: Notices for the Newsletter need to be in by 9.30am on a Friday morning

OFFERTORY Clitheroe & Sabden (Weld Day) £766.15 Standing Orders £170.48

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 and please send me (Ann Harkin) a copy. anhark456@aol.com

RIGHT TO LIFE A further £114 sponsorship money has been received. Many thanks.

CARITAS have a vacancy for a Community Services Manager—see poster in porch

CAFOD In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis calls on us all to make simple daily gestures to care for the world's poorest people, for future generations and for the earth, our common home. This is an opportunity to live wisely, think deeply and love generously. **Where will you start?** Here are some ideas: use less water, avoid using paper or plastic, use public transport or car share, turn off the lights, cook only what can be reasonably consumed, plant trees, show care for other living beings.

ONE CLIMATE ONE WORLD a talk by Fr Edu Gariguez who will speak about the work of rebuilding after Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Bishop Rev John Arnold will attend. The venue is The Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Preston New Rd, Blackburn and is this coming Tuesday 14th July from 7.30pm—9pm (Tea and Coffee from 7pm)

VACANCY Salford Diocese have a vacancy for a Building Surveyor. This is full time appointment. See poster in porch

FR FRANKIE'S MEMORY BOOK a copy of the book that was presented to Fr Frankie, is available at the back of church—please have a look BUT do not take it home!

LOST Two keys on a key ring with love heart last Sunday at Weld Day—has anyone found them? If you have then could you hand them in at the presbytery. Thankyou

COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING GROUP On 21 July we meet at 7.30pm in the presbytery to formulate plans for our meeting with the Bishop to discuss ideas on how he can add his voice to our work. The meeting is also an opportunity to learn about human trafficking and what we are doing about it. All parishioners are welcome.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES. Anyone who wishes a petition to be taken for them, to be placed at the grotto, please use the box at the back of the church. The box will be available until Wednesday 29th July. Boxes are also available both in Sabden and Dunsop Bridge.

JESUITS & FRIENDS The Summer edition of the magazine is available from porch

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way with Weld Day, especially Ralph Livesey Ltd who donated the strawberries and to Mr Warbrick who once again supplied the free ice cream.

CLITHEROE

COOKERY CLASSES Steady progress is being made on our bid to start classes in Clitheroe, but we need more volunteers for the following — cooks—washers up—collecting food from supermarkets—to name but a few. If you are interested in this project or are willing to help in any way then why not come along to our next meeting on Monday 17th August at 7.30pm at The United Reformed Church. We would be delighted to see you and whether or not ask that you will hold this project in your prayers

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting tomorrow Monday 7.30pm in the presbytery

FOODBANK The Foodbank is currently short of sponge pudding, tinned custard, sauces (tomato or brown) and chocolate treats (inc wrapped choc biscuits). Telephone Ruth Haldane on 07849 534431 if you would like to help or info@ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk

ROTA'S The new rota will be compiled and distributed towards the end of the month (July). If you wish to withdraw your name from any of the tasks we would be grateful if you could let Janet know by NEXT Sunday July 19th. Thankyou

July 18th/19th	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Luciani	D.Marsden & J.Byrne
Readers	C.Carr	J.Hennigan
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & R.Embery	G.Lambert, B.Collinson & Volunteer
Tea and Coffee		Mrs P D'Souza

K.S.C.COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

MISSIO (Red Boxes) We are asking people to check if they have a red box at home which for some reason may not have been collected for a while. Maybe you have moved house. Envelopes for your donations are available in the porch along with contact details for Janet and Sion Hall. Please call us with any query you may have 01200 428949. As Pope Francis recently said 'By making a personal donation you are giving a part of yourself, first to the Lord and then to others, which becomes a tool for the evangelisation of humanity built on love.'

TEA DANCE in our Parish Hall next Wednesday 15th July 2pm—5pm. Dancing/ Afternoon Tea with homemade cakes. Still only £3.50. Info—Daphne 01200 427912

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. **Please note: In the past if you received your ticket from either Arnold Marsden, Janet Clegg, Peter Sutcliffe, Sheila Webb, Derrick Hutchinson, Anne Marie Williams, or any other agent namely Margaret Marsden who retired or Mary Preedy who sadly passed away YOU STILL NEED TO COMPLETE ONE OF THE SLIPS.**

BAPTISM We welcome Sienna Mai Hitchen who was baptised last Saturday

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner no 3 Sue Aspin

GARDEN PARTY Still some unclaimed raffle prizes—no's 11-15, 41-45 & 51-57, please claim any prizes from the Sacristy—we think the tickets were sold after Mass on Sunday 7th June.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

OPEN GARDENS NEXT Sunday 19th July Open Gardens at Waddow Lodge, Waddington courtesy of Peter and Liz Foley.

ST HUBERT'S DUCK RACE August Bank Holiday Monday 31st August beginning at 2pm. Please take a book (or take some books!) of tickets to sell for the race and write the number of the book(s) and your name on the form. (individual tickets £1; book of ten: £10.00. Many thanks

