

Dear Parishioners

From Pope Francis spoke recently on marriage.

In the old days, he said, society was rather like a corner shop. "The products may not have been cleverly displayed or offered much choice, but there was a relationship between the shopkeeper and his customers," Then came the giant supermarkets with a multitude of choices but leading to a breakdown of trust and neighbourly bonds.

"Today's culture seems to encourage people not to relate with anything or anyone, not to trust," He said. "Consuming relationships, consuming friendships, consuming religions, consuming, consuming: whatever the cost or consequences. A consumption which has little to do with human relationships."

He then advised priests to resist the temptation to say things were better in the old days and be willing to engage people where they are, not blame them for the way things are today.

"Are today's young people hopelessly timid, weak, and inconsistent? We must not fall into this trap," Pope Francis said.

Mindful that the average age of marriage continues to rise and the number of children continues to drop in the United States and Europe, Francis reiterated his call for young people to have the courage to make long-term commitments, saying this was the way to true happiness.

"Many put off marriage while waiting for ideal conditions, when everything will be perfect. Meanwhile, life goes on, without really being lived to the full," he said. "For knowledge of life's true pleasures only comes as the fruit of a long-term, generous investment of our intelligence, enthusiasm, and passion."

Looking up from his remarks, Francis joked that mothers could help by refusing to pamper their adult sons, a phenomenon especially prevalent in Italy. He recalled a mother saying to him, "My son is 34 years old and he's not getting married. I don't know what to do." "I said, don't iron his shirts anymore!"

"We have to encourage the youth to take that risk, to commit to marriage, because they need to move toward fruitfulness,"

Fr John

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27th Sunday in Ordinary time - 4th October 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 11th October

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Exposition 11am—11.55am

Reconciliation 11am—11.45am First Mass of Sunday 6pm

FUNERAL SERVICES

Wednesday—11am Bernard Blacklock

Thursday 11am - Dora Davidson

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 **Tuesday**—Mass at 9.30am

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MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Catherine's birthday, Teresa Embery, Vincent Fox, Angela Ferro, Dorothy Lawrenson, Christopher Perrin, Special intention

SICK

Fr Kevin Kenny, Fr Peter Birmingham, Carol Waterworth, Peter Wright, Brian Precious

LATELY DEAD

Danuta Pearce, Dora Davidson, Bernard Blacklock, Fr Michael Fasnacht

ANNIVERSARIES—Teresa Embery, Vincent Fox, Angela Ferro

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £659.36 Sabden £124.26 Dunsop £328.36 £S/O £170.48

S.V.P. Clitheroe £508.61 Sabden £132.79

SALFORD DIOCESE LADYEWELL PILGRIMAGE Saturday 10th October beginning at 12noon, led by Canon Anthony McBride, Episcopal Vicar for Formation. For more details please see poster in porch.

FOODBANK needs washing powder/liquid and are short of fruit juice, sponge puddings, milk, custard and toiletries including deodorant, shaving gel and razors.

SMSJ SCOUT & GUIDE HQ New scout meeting: Tuesdays 7-9pm run by 1st Clitheroe Scouts Troop with St Michael & John's Scout Troop. New scouts and leaders welcome.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Rossendale Male Voice Choir to sing in church Friday 13th November— Proceeds to Food Bank. More details later

SPONSORED WALK Thanks to all who walked or sponsored the HCPT walk. Please get money in as soon as possible.

CATHOLIC SINGLES Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel 0161 941 3498 visit the website www.catholicingles.org.uk or email info@catholicingles.org.uk hem next weekend. Thankyou

LADYEWELL ANNOUNCEMENT—a new initiative 'Guild of Ladyewell Shrine'. Membership is open to any baptised Christian striving to live by Gospel values. Registration Fee £5. Leaflets and info available from the church porch.

LECTIO DIVINA You are invited to join Callum on Wednesday evening at 8pm to learn and experience Lectio Divina, a traditional form of prayer dating back to the early years of the church. Please bring a bible with you.

S.V.P. ANNUAL REPORT These are available at the back of church this weekend. Please take a copy if you have not already received one. Thank you to all once again for your generosity in the quarterly collection. We are pleased to welcome 3 new members to the Society. Anyone else interested ring Peter Donnelly 01200 441081

SAFE GUARDING (Ann Harkin) I'll be at all Masses and both Churches on the weekend of 10/11th October. This will be to catch up with anyone who has any issues with a current application or who is new to a role and needs to start from 'scratch'. If you have any questions or concerns, I am always available by email on anhark456@aol.com

HYMAN TRAFFICKING QUESTION TIME at St Michael & St John's Parish Hall, 7.30pm on October 23rd with Caritas Salford, Lancashire Constabulary, the Medaille Trust, International Justice Mission and David Alton. See poster in porch. Admission free. More info and tickets from Anthony Brown 01200 422811

ELSA HARRIS Chicago gospel performs at the Grand 7.30pm on October 24th. This performance arranged by the Epiphany Trust is to raise awareness of modern day slavery and its links with the past. Tickets £10 available from the Grand

GEMMA FRANKLAND sponsored sky dive for the Medaille trust on October 24th. Sponsor direct via <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/gemmafrankland1> or Anthony Brown on 01200 422811

CAFOD is the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Guided by the values of compassion, solidarity and hope, we are rooted in the Catholic community. Together, with the help of our volunteers, we put our faith into action to help our sisters and brothers living in extreme poverty to reach their full potential, regardless of religion or culture. The next parish CAFOD meeting is Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm in the presbytery. Why not come along and see what you can do to help CAFOD fulfil its mission

CLITHEROE

K.S.C.DANCE Friday October 16th 7.30pm. Dancing to John Lancaster. Tickets £7 including Hot Supper for tickets telephone 01200 427096 or 01200 427029

AUTUMN FAYRE Sun 18th October at 11am in our Parish Centre. Stalls include Cakes, Jams & Chutneys, Sweets, Chocolate Tombola, Toys & Books, Jewellery, Wreath/Plant stall, Mug Tombola, Christmas cards/Advent calendars, Mystery Tombola, Proceeds to the re-surfacing of the seriously degraded road between the church and the school. Donations for the stalls would be very much appreciated—please hand in at presbytery.

MASS OF HEALING A big thank you to all who baked cakes and to all who contributed to making this celebration so enjoyable.

GRAND RAFFLE as part of the Autumn Fayre fund raising event we are holding a Grand Raffle. First Prize £100, 2nd Prize £50, 3rd Bottle Malt Whisky, 4th Digital Photo Frame plus many more. Donations of prizes would be much appreciated. Please bring back your Raffle Tickets back next weekend 10/11th October if possible.

WANTED Jane Brown would like Jam Jars & Artificial Flowers for the Autumn Fair.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Jumble Sale November 14th proceeds for Mary's Meals

WANTED Mugs, in good condition for the Mug Tombola at Autumn Fair. These mugs can be filled with goodies (sweets, bath balls, potpourri etc) if you wish. Please contact Grace Fellows 01200 425925 gracefellows@hotmail.com

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after all masses/services this coming week. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us

PARISH DRAW the first draw will take place this coming week and winners published in next weeks newsletter

Oct 10/11	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	J.Luciani	M.Rogers & C.Willman
Reader	A.McGuire	J.Hennigan
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & R.Embery	J.Hall, S.Hall, P.Donnelly
Tea and Coffee		E.Davies & M.Valovin

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 26 B,Taylor There is just one bonus ball left—just £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth.

DROP IN FOR COFFEE to St Mary's Community Hall on the last Wednesday of each month 10am—12noon. Free Admission—Tea, Coffee, biscuits, juice, magazines, colouring books for the children. All welcome to pop in for a cuppa.

REFUGEE RESPONSE The Little Church had a cake sale and raised £21.05 for refugees, which they have passed on to Caritas

CLEAN UP A big thankyou to all the chaps who turned up to clear the grounds here at Sabden. A massive job done. Thankyou

DUNSOP BRIDGE

PARISH MEETING Please remember the Parish meeting with Mgr Corcoran in the school after Mass TODAY Sunday 4th October when we shall look to the future of the parish.

RED MISSION BOXES The Red Mission Boxes are now due in for emptying.

RAG RUG WORKSHOP Friday 6th November in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall 1pm-4pm. All materials provided but please bring scissors and pinking scissors. For further info and booking please contact Jean Parkinson 01200 448631