

Dear Parishioners,

As a Catholic school our mission at St Michael and St John's is to serve and to make Christ known through our work with our children, families, parish and Diocese. So our whole community was delighted when a recent inspection by Salford Diocese in March judged us to be 'outstanding' in our commitment to Catholic faith and teaching. Our purpose as a school is underpinned by our mission statement: "Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another to be the best we can be."

As a Catholic school we endeavour to make the person of Jesus Christ known and loved and ensure that Christ and His teachings are central to all school activities. The Gospel values are studied, assimilated and lived out in practice and this creates what would be described as the ethos of the school.

The inspectors found that: "All staff act as excellent role models for the children and help them in recognising that God is with them in every aspect of school life."... "The quality of outreach support provided by the school is absolutely outstanding as not only senior leaders but all members of the community of St. Michael and St John's live out the gospel message to care for others in their service to the community."

Our pupils are supported not only by the staff but also by our outstanding Pupil Chaplains who plan, prepare and deliver daily acts of collective worship, prayer and reflection. Parents and parishioners who have observed these have shared with us how are impressed they are by their quality.

The school recognises that parents are the primary evangelisers for their children and as a Catholic school we seek to support our parents accordance with the teachings of the Church.

As the inspectors commented: "The home, school and parish links are inclusive, creative and effective."... "All children are provided with a Catholic education in a caring and supportive environment where individual needs are exceptionally well catered for."

These findings are a well-deserved recognition of our pupils and testament to the hard work and dedication of the whole team involved with St Michael and St John's. The strength of the relationships between the school, Priests, Catechists and Parishioners ensures our school is the special place it is. Thank you and congratulations to all.

Mrs Zoe Mabbott (Headteacher).

The full report is available on the school website at
<http://www.ssmj.lancs.sch.uk>

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The Ascension of the Lord - 8th May 2016 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Thursday

Requiem Mass 11am—Veronica Hollis

Friday

Requiem Mass 11am—Moirra Robinson

Saturday (14th May)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

11-11.45am Reconciliation (Confessions)

11-11.55am Exposition

6pm—First Mass of Sunday

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 Parish mass book p 277. Eucharistic Prayer I p18

Preface of the Ascension II page 75 Tuesday —Mass at 9.30am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Mary Gallagher, Theresa Lyons, Maureen Prendergast, William Lambert,
John Lofthouse, Veronica Hollis x 2, Moira Robinson x 4

SICK

Bert Bradley, Helen Addy, Norman Dudman, Joan Simpson, Kath King, Horace Hudson

LATELY DEAD

Veronica Hollis, Moira Robinson, Mary Gallagher, Theresa Lyons

ANNIVERSARIES

William Lambert,

*There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend for
World Communications Day*

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £969.50 Sabden £138.79 Dunsop £396.50
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

HELP FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES Thank you for all the wool and donations. We now have enough needles, wool, blankets squares, dolls and card making equip to fill around 5 suitcases plus £170 in donation. All this will travel to Turkey from now to August. Some wool and needles has been held back for a Knit and Knatterthon to be arranged. Contact Anthony Brown 01200 422811 or a.brown@caritassalford.org.uk

PARISH SAFEGUARDING UPDATE Since the last update well over 20 people have been successfully processed. Any new 'starters' out there or those who managed to avoid us last time around? Contact Ann Harkin or Bridget Hilton (Dunsop Bridge) ASAP.

LECTIO DIVINA (reading and praying Holy Scripture) on Wednesdays 7.30-8.30pm in presbytery. A great opportunity to deepen prayer life through scripture. Do come along.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ON THURSDAYS The sessions that ran well in Advent and Lent will now continue on the last Thursday of each month, after the evening Mass. The next one will be on Thursday 26th May 8.10-9.10pm. Come and praise God in song, sillence, prayer and praise. Fr Kevin

RETREAT AT CRAIG LODGE DALMALLY, SCOTLAND 12-16 SEPTEMBER Fr Kevin will be leading a retreat called 'Prayer, Parable, Poetry and Praise!' at this wonderful retreat centre in Scotland, where Mary's Meals is based. The five days will be centred in reading and writing that reflect the Catholic faith. You will get a chance to pray, relax, worship and be creative with words. See Fr Kevin if interested.

SALFORD CATECHIST'S ADULT FORMATION GROUP Day of Catechesis for all. Saturday 14th May Amazing Grace: an exploration of the Corporal works of Mercy, including presentations by the Gorton Parish advisory group and Our Lady's Catechists. Venue—Sacred Heart & St Francis of Assisi, Gorton M18 7WJ from 10am—3pm. Mass at 12noon followed by Jacobs Join lunch. Details Barbara.delafield@gmail.com

EVENINGS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Fr Kevin will lead two evening sessions for Eucharistic Ministers. The first will be for those who are shortly to begin serving in this role and will be on Thursday 2 June at 8.10-9.10pm after the evening mass and it is asked that you attend the mass as well. The second will be for those people who are currently serving in the role and will be a kind of "refresher course" and take place on Friday 3 June at 7.30—8.30pm. Please be sure to attend the evening that applies to you.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE 17th, 18th, 19th June at Liverpool Hope University. See poster in porch

CCRS –CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES from September will be offered at five venues—see poster in porch together with all details.

THANKYOU to all of you who baked cakes and helped in anyway with the Mass of Healing last month



PRO-LIFE SPONSORED WALK

You are reminded that the walk will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 30th May. Sponsorship forms will be given out this weekend. It is hoped everyone will accept their responsibility to do all they can to assist the most vulnerable in society (The Unborn).

CLITHEROE

PARISH CENTRE Subscriptions Adults £10 Senior Citizens & Students £5 now due—renew at the Centre. Sunday Evening Quiz & Play your Cards Right starts 8.30pm.

Please collect your Gift Aid /Offertory envelopes from the table near the Sacristy Door if you have not already done so.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 15-21 Once again we appeal for helpers giving out and collecting envelopes. Please see Janet if you are willing to help ALSO if you have helped in previous years and are willing to do so again we would be most appreciative—again, please let Janet know. Thankyou . A Coffee Morning will be held in Trinity Church, Parson Lane on Saturday 14th May 10am—12 noon.

LADIES GROUP thank you all for your very generous support in numerous ways for our Coffee Morning last Saturday. As a parish we are very pleased to give £500 to Dementia Research.

THE TABLET is on sale at the back.—£3. Free copies are no longer available.

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming J.Bentley - Reader—A.Harkin Eucharistic Ministers F.Ellis & R.Embery **Sunday**—Welcoming—R & C Conti Reader P.Anwyl Eucharistic Ministers— T.Mercer, A.Marsden, I.Parkes Little Church— S.Fellows & C.Mashiter Tea & Coffee—No Tea/Coffee 15th May.

LADIES GROUP Committee Meeting Monday May 9th 7.30pm in presbytery.

K.S.C. Council meeting Tuesday 10th May 7.30pm in presbytery.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL no 31 The Taylor family. There is just one bonus ball left—only £1 a week. Please see Harry Waterworth. tel 01254 823748.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY St Mary's Summer Fete Saturday 25 June 2-4pm. All usual fun and attractions. Donations of gifts to sell and raffle prizes appreciated. Teddy Bear show and Tom Tombola. Lovely family afternoon out. Best cream teas for miles around. Please support.

PARISH DIRECTORY we are updating the Parish Directory, copies of which will be in the hall after Mass—please check your details are correct and if so tick against your name, if they are incorrect please amend or complete a new slip

DUNSOP BRIDGE

SUNDAY TEAS Teas are available each Sunday until the end of August. Open from 10.30am—4pm in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. To help telephone Julie Bennett 01200 448630

APF MISSIONS Boxes are now due.

The date of the next Parish Forum is Wednesday 22nd June at 7.30pm, and will be held in Clitheroe.