

Dear Parishioners

The new Reconciliation Room (Confessional box) is open for business! It is different to before but then again it is the same, so feel free to look in and walk around. When you enter you will immediately see a traditional screen with a white curtain in front of the grill. Before the screen is a kneeler for those who wish to receive the sacrament in the traditional manner but next to this is a chair for those who experience any difficulty kneeling or afterwards regaining their feet. The chair is a sturdy piece of furniture with arm rests so if you have any problem whatsoever with your knees please do not hesitate to sit. Those who may wish to receive the sacrament face to face need only walk on past the screen. The wide entrance and door permit access by wheelchair.

The walls have been insulated and plastered, so the room should maintain a fairly comfortable temperature. On the outside wall there is a light that indicates when the room is in use.

The usual time for the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is from 11 to 11.45 each Saturday morning. This Year of Mercy should prompt us to ask ourselves, 'When did I last go to confession; when did I last receive the sacrament of reconciliation?'

Finally, what is the name of the sacrament: Confession or Reconciliation? Both! We confess our sins and thereby are reconciled with God and the community.

On the upcoming Bank Holiday, Monday 30th May, we shall again host Right to Life's sponsored *Walk for Life*. There is no doubt that Right to Life is the most successful of organisations that work to defend the dignity of life from conception to the grave. It does so by encouraging and supporting pro-life MPs in their task of raising the awareness and disseminating information on life issues among their fellow Parliamentarians. The success of this work is seen in that whenever a Euthanasia Bill has appeared in the House on each occasion the number voting against it has increased. Right to Life also provides education packs for Secondary level schools. Demand for this by both state and religious secondary schools outstripped supply.

All these activities cost money even though Right to Life works on a shoestring budget. Please consider joining us this year on our scenic eight mile circular walk along the River Ribble together with Bishops John and Patrick Kelly and Lord David Alton among others. If you are unable to walk then please do consider sponsoring a walker.

Fr John

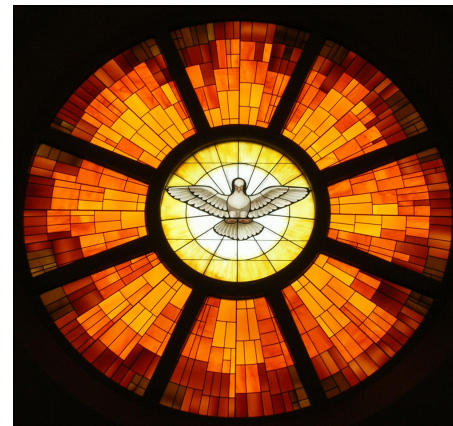
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Pentecost Sunday - 15th May 2016

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am (no Coffee today)

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Reception 7.30pm—Horace Hudson

Wednesday

Requiem Mass 11am—Horace Hudson

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (21st 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**—No Mass

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am Parish mass book p 294 Eucharistic Prayer III p28
Preface of Pentecost page 76 **Tuesday** —Mass at 9.30am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Richard Fox, Veronica Hollis x 2, Moira Robinson x 2, Horace Hudson x 2,

SICK

Bert Bradley, Helen Addy, Norman Dudman, Joan Simpson, Mary Lambert

LATELY DEAD

Veronica Hollis, Moira Robinson, Mary Gallagher, Theresa Lyons, Kathleen King

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Fox, Thomas Tresnan, Robert Hutchinson

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £862.12 Sabden £111.31 Dunsop £309.10

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

WORLD COMM DAY Clitheroe £211.23 Sabden £25.80 Dunsop £79.25

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

READERS TRAINING There will be a training session for new readers and those who would like a short refresher on Wednesday 25 May at 7.30pm in St Michael & St John's Church. Further sessions will take place in St Mary's Sabden and St Huberts Dunsop Bridge. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to be a reader.

LECTIO DIVINA (reading & praying Holy Scripture) on Wednesdays 7.30-8.30pm in presbytery.

ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH PARISH, NELSON A course will be run at St John Southworth Parish in Nelson with the aim of enabling people to talk about their faith.

Details <http://www.schooloftheannunciation.com/site.php?id=135>

PRAYER AND PRAISE ON THURSDAYS The next 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.

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

CAFOD asks supporters to email Nick Hurd MP, minister for Department for International Development to bring renewable energy to more communities overseas—renewable energy is the most affordable way to reach those who don't have electricity, and it doesn't contribute to harmful climate change. Please add your voice . Cafod.org.uk/Campaign/One-Climate-One-World/Power to the People.

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



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).

FOSTERING FORTNIGHT 16-29 May. There is desperate need for new foster carers nationally and a need to recruit 7,600 fostering families in England alone, in particular homes for teenagers, disabled, unaccompanied asylum seeking and sibling groups. Could you help? Contact Caritas Fostering 0161 817 2250 or email info@caritasfostering.org.uk or come along every Friday 1.30-3.30pm at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St, Salford M3 6DP

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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.

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, BUT PLEASE LET JANET KNOW. Thankyou .

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

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming J.Luciani - Reader—M.Taylforth Eucharistic Ministers B.Worden & M.Preedy **Sunday**—Welcoming—J.Byrne & P.Dixon Reader M.Donnely Eucharistic Ministers— H.Addy, I.Parkes, P.Donnely Little Church—Alison McNulty & F.Garner Tea & Coffee—S.V.P.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION A good selection of cards and gifts for First Holy Communion are available in the side porch (to the left of the Sacristy door). Money for any purchases may be placed in the box on the wall or in the CTS box at the back of church.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL no 28 The Parsons 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 Toy Tombola. Lovely family afternoon out. Best cream teas for miles around. Please support.

PARISH DIRECTORY thanks to all who have checked their details, however there will continue to be some slips on the notice board for anyone who missed this, or new parishioners. Please complete one if you need and put back in the packet.

THANKYOU to all who helped and supported the Christian Aid Coffee Morning last Saturday which raised £600. We are still collecting donations and if you wish to use the red envelopes which were delivered with Good News magazine they can be left in the basked at the back of church or with Betty Clarkson.

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 Red Boxes are now due.