

In Poland last week

While the Islamic State and other terrorist organizations are able to recruit small numbers of young people into their deadly campaigns, hundreds of thousands of Catholic youth from all across the planet came together in the streets of a major European city and left no destruction behind, but rather indelible images of friendship and fraternity.

For another, World Youth Day went ahead despite apprehensions about security threats. The presence of police and military throughout the week was palpable but never overweening or distracting, and every night, late into the night, young revellers filled up the squares and parks of the city as if their team had just won the Super Bowl or the World Cup.

In effect, this was a vast throng of loving, caring, positive young people saying to the Islamic State and the other breakers of havoc in the early 21st century, "We refuse to be terrorized."

As opposed to other scenarios of large-scale mobilizations one might imagine, crime rates in Krakow plummeted last week, garbage collections declined as these young pilgrims picked up after themselves, and locals were left smiling and delighted with the positive energy coursing through the city.

Finally, these young people exuded a different vision for the future of humanity, one based on a global solidarity, respecting differences of class, race and culture without viewing them as divisive, and embracing religion not as the problem but as the wellspring of the solution.

"Our response to a world at war has a name: its name is fraternity, its name is brotherhood, its name is communion, its name is family," Pope Francis told the roughly one million youth gathered for a prayer vigil Saturday night.

"We celebrate the fact that coming from different cultures, we have come together to pray. Let our best word, our best argument, be our unity in prayer," he said.

That might sound like hollow rhetoric, but if you had been in the streets and squares of Krakow in late July, you would understand that it's not artifice or a pious aspiration, but the living, beating heart of an honest-to-God youth army - in this case, an army dedicated not to violence or hatred, but to hope.

John Allen, Crux

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 7th 2016

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am - followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday (13th August)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11am - 11.45am
Exposition 11am—11.55am First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am Parish mass book p 121
Eucharistic Prayer I p18 Preface II page 66 Tuesday —Mass at 9.30am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Harold Bradley x 2, Walter Jackson, Bernard Lawton, Monica Blockeel,
Peggy Drews, Margaret Batts, Brian Ashton

SICK

Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Joseph Wright, Bill Dewhurst,
Elaine Marsden, Les Collinson, Joan Simpson, Brian Ashton

LATELY DEAD

Peggy Drews, Michael Laffey

ANNIVERSARIES

Harold Bradley, Walter Jackson, Bernard Lawton, Monica Blockeel, Margaret Batts

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £707.01 + Gift Aided donation £416.00

Sabden £134.87 Dunsop £253.05 Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

TRAFFICKING AWARENESS LEAFLETS AND PRAYER CARDS The Police are investing heavily in raising awareness of human trafficking in East Lancs and the signs to look out for. Prayer cards available from porch.

ASYLUM SEEKERS please pray for two families of asylum seekers who are now living in the Ribble Valley. May they experience love and peace despite continuing uncertainty. May we be generous neighbours.

LADIES GROUP TREASURE HUNT on Wednesday August 31st. Once again it will be in the town followed by supper (menu's available from the porch or from Daphne 427912 or Janet 423307 ext 3) at the Swan and Royal—cost £12 for a two course meal followed by Tea or Coffee. The Treasure Hunt will begin at 6pm from the Lowergate Car Park. Should you only wish to come for supper then you are most welcome to do so, just complete a menu form and be outside the Swan and Royal at 7.15pm. Don't forget to complete a menu form! We need the menu's and money by Sunday 21st August.

THE FAMILY IS SACRED is an Enrichment Programme for Marriage and Family Life that is designed to support couples and families at parish level. It will be run on a deanery basis and we are looking for at least two couples from this deanery to assist delivering it. Couples should be willing to undertake the formation needed (maybe four evenings), willing to deliver the programme in their parish (maybe one evening a month over a year) and be willing to promote the Church's vision of marriage and family life. Volunteers may be of any age. If you are interested, or need more details please have a word with Fr John

FOOD FESTIVAL next Saturday 13th August in Clitheroe. It is hoped to raise over £1,000 for the Childrens Society by providing puddings. You can help by making and delivering a pudding from 9am onwards to St Mary's Centre, Church Street, or by helping to set up and serve from 11am onwards. Please note label all puddings with ingredients—it is especially important for persons with allergies. No raw egg in finished puds. If you are not sure then it may be best to email admin@stmaryclitheroe.com or tel: 01200 422828 beforehand

GAMES NIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE at Low Moor Club Friday 9 September 7.15pm suitable for young gamers and famies, from 8.45 for 16+ players. See poster

COFFEE MORNING Macmillan Cancer Support are holding a Coffee Morning at West Bradford Village Hall on Saturday 13th August—Tickets £3 or pay on the door.

CRAIG LODGE RETREAT 12-16 September. Still some places left on the retreat at Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Scotland. This is entitled 'Poetry, Prayer, Parable and Praise' and is centered in reading and writing based in the Catholic faith. Contact Fr Kevin for details and also www.craiglodge.org

REFUGEE RESPONSE Keep up to date with what our Parish is doing about refugees. Visit the Refugee Response webpage under Groups on the Parish website <http://www.olotv.org.uk/parish-groups/refugee-response>

PRO-LIFE WALK Many thanks to all those who walked or helped in any way on Bank Holiday Monday. The final total raised was £3800.23

MEDAILLE TRUST Summer edition of free magazine now available from porch.

VACANCY AT CARITAS SALFORD for a Fundraising Co-Ordinator. More info and application from www.caritassalford.org.uk/jobs or 0161 817 2264

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER wanted at Salford Diocese—see poster

CLITHEROE

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

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming J.Luciani Reader—A.Southworth Eucharistic Ministers— B.Worden & M.Fox **Sunday**—Welcoming—M.Rogers & C.Willman Reader—J.Smith Eucharistic Ministers— H.Addy, P.Donnelly, H.Lofthouse Coffee—P & A.Geldard & T.O'Donnell

APF RED MISSION BOXES Still looking for a volunteer to collect two boxes from Milton Avenue, one from King Street and one from Radeclyffe Street. Please ring Sion or Janet Hall 01200 428949

MARK PAVER the seminarian with us a couple of years ago has been ordained a Deacon in Rome—see the picture on the notice board at the back of church

ITEMS FOR SALE We have very little space to display all the items we have for sale at the back of church—Rosary beads, wall plaques, Crucifixes, First Missals etc. These are now available for sale from the side porch. This porch is open for a short time before and after Mass/Service each day and before and after Mass at weekends. Money for items may be put in the box situated on the wall or in the CTS box on the wall at the back of church to the right of the War Memorial.

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting tomorrow Mon 8 August 7.30pm in presbytery

K.S.C. Council meeting Tuesday 9 August at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

HELP! HELP! HELP! needed to trim the hedges at the rear of the church buildings Please meet at 6.30pm this coming Wednesday 10th August

DUCK RACE ** Arnold will be selling tickets outside church this weekend

SABDEN

BONUS BALL The Bonus Ball can't continue without **YOU!** Given the summer holiday and this transition period, the Bonus Ball will be suspended until September when new numbers and envelopes will be provided. If you already have a Bonus Ball and wish to continue please let me know if you haven't already. If you don't have a Bonus Ball

WHY NOT? It's only £1 a week with the chance to win £25 and more importantly support the church. Please consider joining the draw, there are still plenty of numbers available and your participation is required for it to continue. Application forms are at the back or please contact Donna Wharton 07970 398288 or dmaa1@hotmail.com

COFFEE AFTER MASS—volunteers needed for this, please put your name on the list in the porch for any week you are able. Thankyou

DUNSOB BRIDGE

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

ANNUAL DUCK RACE August Bank Holiday—Monday 29th August 2pm. Tickets are available from the back of church. Please support this event by selling ducks @ £1 each. Also donation of prizes would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds to Our Lady of the Valley, St Hubert's Dunsop Bridge. Please come and support your ducks as they make their way down the River Dunsop into the village centre. Further details from Julie Bennett 01200 448630. please see also under Clitheroe**