

Dear Parishioners,

As we print the newsletter Pope Benedict is arriving. The following comment reminds us of what a potent symbol the person of the Pope is.

“John Paul II was brilliant in so many ways: teaching, preaching, strengthening us. But he knew that actions speak louder than words. He came to Britain even though there was a war on. He went to Jerusalem and stood in visible prayer at the Western Wall to begin the healing of the long rift between the people of the old and new covenants.

And in his last days and hours, he demonstrated the absolute value of human life, determined not to waste a minute of his allotted span. He knew how inconvenient the elderly are and how impatient western society is of their infirmities.

His actions simply said: I am as much me in my trembling infirmity as I was in my vigorous strength. I speak as eloquently in my frustrated silence as I did in my dramatic oratory. Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer? The value of suffering is not to be gainsaid”.

Back to Benedict and in response to “Are the British people going to be surprised by the Pope?” The British Ambassador to the Holy See commented: “I think the surprise will be that they will see the Pope for themselves; they will hear him for themselves, unfiltered. Some of the things that are alleged the Pope has said -- he hasn't said. There are some myths about what the Pope teaches, that he attacked our equality legislation as it was going through parliament. He didn't. He made reference in his address to the English bishops about his regret at certain things that had happened -- in the past tense. He was responding to points the bishops had made to him. He was not referring to the passage of current legislation. He didn't interfere in the parliamentary process. Equally, some people have manipulated some of his speeches in the past, to say that he referred to X, Y and Z, when he didn't. I think people will find a warm, intelligent figure who is coming on a historic visit that has many examples of rapprochement. For me personally, the most poignant moment will be at 5pm on Friday when he speaks in Westminster Hall, on the very spot where Thomas More was condemned to death. That shows you how far we have come as a country, because I don't think that would have been possible 28 years ago.”

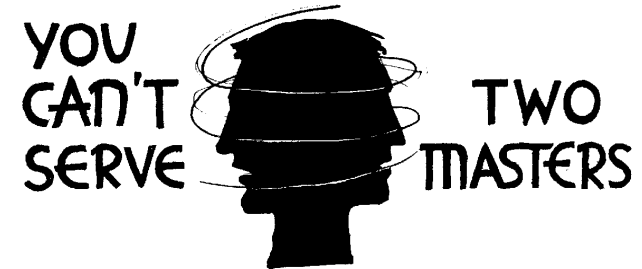
Finally after much negotiation the cost of the work on the Hall has been reduced from £109,000 to £79,000 and work begins on Monday.

Fr John

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25th Sunday of Ordinary time 19th Sept 2010



St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe

Saturday

11am - 11.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation
11am - 11.55am Exposition 11.30am Rosary
12noon Eucharistic Service
6pm - First Mass of Sunday

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Saturday (25th September)

no Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am **Friday** - no 9.15am Mass

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Molly Hartley, Bill Campbell

SICK

Gerry Jacques, Vincenzo Ditri, Valerie Lambert

ANNIVERSARIES

Molly Hartley, Bill Campbell

NEXT WEEKEND (St Michael & St John's)

WELCOMING

Sat - J.Bentley Sun - J.Clegg & E.Davies

READERS

Sat - J.Byrne Sun - B.Cavill & A.Ritchie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - L.Perrin & H.Mercer

Sun - K.Hickling, J Hall, S.Hall

TEA & COFFEE ROTA

Fellowes family

OFFERTORY Clitheroe

- £622.81 **Sabden** - £256.23 Many thanks

Catholic Association for Racial Justice £122.16

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE

Opens after Mass on Saturday evening. Why not come in for a relaxing evening, re-kindle old friendships and make new ones. Don't forget Sunday evening is our regular Family Quiz Night between 8pm—10pm **BINGO** on Tuesday evenings. **MEMBERSHIPS** Kath Bithell will be in the centre Sunday nights only to take memberships

S.V.P. September is 'St Vincent de Paul awareness month' - You may have noticed the posters on the pillars in church. Each week the poster will show a different aspect of S.V.P. work. Our third poster is providing meaningful work for people on community payback. Please remember the S.V.P. collection today. This weekend is our quarterly collection.

RIBBLE VALLEY SENIORS FORUM A free event to celebrate Older People's Day. Friday 1st Oct 1pm - 4pm St Mary's Centre. See poster in porch

THE VILLA The meal at The Villa last Tuesday was a great success. Thanks to the generosity of the management and the Raffle etc we raised £255.

PARISH DRAW The first draw will take place in a couple of weeks. If you have had a ticket in previous years your name will automatically go on the new list for 2010/2011. For those of you who have not had a ticket previously, the Parish Draw runs from September through to the following June (10 months). A ticket will cost £10 a year and you are allocated your individual number which remains yours for the whole ten months. Each month you have the chance to win £100, £25 or £10 and at Christmas and in June there are additional prizes. If you haven't had a ticket before but would like one then just complete one of the blue coloured slips available in the porch and pop it in the red Parish Communications box (situated low down on the wall in the porch) or see Janet at the presbytery

K.S.C. The final figure raised by the sponsored walk in June for the handicapped children's holiday came to £1,751. Quite a bit of promised sponsorship is still outstanding, but we cannot leave the appeal open. Thank you to all who helped. ALSO If anyone has sponsorship or donations to the Morecambe Bay walk for Pro-Life please place it in an envelope clearly marked 'Morecambe Bay Walk' together with your name on the collection plate.

SOCIAL CENTRE -TOP BAR

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 2nd October
ROCK & ROLL NIGHT

Saturday 30th October
HALLOWEEN PARTY NITE

Saturday 20th November
MAMA MIA NITE

Organised by Sheila & Liz

CAFOD CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT St John's, Ivy St, Burnley Friday 24 Sept 7.30pm. Tickets £5 includes supper.

ALPHA COURSE at the Calf's head in Worston on 30th September. See poster
PARISH FORUM The minutes of the last meeting have been distributed and emailed. If you attended the meeting and have still not received your copy please see Janet.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM A Mass in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham will take place in Salford Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Brain on Friday 24 September at 7.30pm Rosary and Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served in the Cloisters after the mass.

FUN WALK, QUIZ AND MEAL The Town May & Mayoress send their invitation to join them on Sunday 26 September starting at 4.30pm at the Castle Gates. £8 per ticket. Proceeds to Crossroads Care and OJ's Sensory Interaction Trust (for children with Autism and their families). See poster in porch

LADIES GROUP our next meeting is on Wednesday 29th September at 8pm. 'Autumn Colour' - a talk and demonstration by Peter Foley of Holden Clough Nurseries. There will be an opportunity to buy plants.

MORRISONS 'LET'S GROW' vouchers are being collected by our primary school please pop any you may wish to donate into the parish communications box in the porch or hand them in at the presbytery or school. Many thanks

CHRISTIAN LUNCHEON GROUP meet at the Henthorn Community Centre next Friday 24 September 11.45am for 12 noon. Jacobs Join. The speaker will be Rev Mark Pickett on "God at Work". Everyone welcome.

*We welcome into God's family and our parish community
Lewis Barton and Thomas Michael Rogers who were baptised last Sunday*

HALL CLEANERS ROTA (SABDEN) We are still in need of more people to put their name on the rota which you will find at the back of church.

SACRISTAN TEAM (SABDEN) More volunteers are needed to help get Church ready on Sunday and putting things away afterwards - please put your name of the list at the back of church.

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball winner is No 28 The Parsons family. Could the winner please collect winnings from Carol or Harry.

TEA & COFFEE ROTA (SABDEN) Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to volunteer for coffee making duties on Sunday after Mass.

ST MARY'S PARISH HALL (SABDEN) Please note that the person you need to contact if you wish to book the hall is now Tony Hargan and his telephone number is 07711 635084

ST MARY'S PARISH HALL
SABDEN

**BLACKBURN
PEOPLE'S CHOIR**

A good all round selection of music from Gospel to Show Songs from sacred music to Popular music

**Saturday October 9th
at 7.30pm - Tickets £5**

Tickets are also available from the presbytery at St Michael & John's