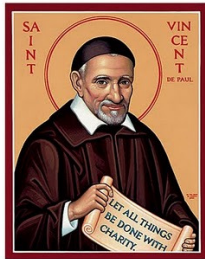


Dear Parishioners,

This year marks the 350th anniversary of the death of St Vincent de Paul whose feast day is on Monday 27th September when there will be a special Mass at 7.30pm, to which all are invited. St Vincent gave much of his later life to serving those in need and trying to redress the causes of poverty. The S.V.P. society would like to mark the anniversary by encouraging people to serve the community, remembering Christ's teaching that the two greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves



In today's gospel we have possibly the most scary parable for us in the West. Divas - the rich man - and Lazarus. The rich man did nothing wrong as such; he just did not care for the poor - he was 'unaware of Lazarus and he ended up in hell!

The posters displayed in Church during September reflect the different areas of work in which the S.V.P. is involved. In St Michael & St John's society we have 15 active members and several auxiliary members. Whilst we give financially to the third world and locally where we find great need, our main work is visiting. The poverty we deal with is 'loneliness.' People are living longer and families are scattered. We visit the elderly, housebound, bereaved, those in residential homes and hospital. We meet Wednesdays at 7pm. Meetings are short, focussing on seeking out people in need - from any faith or indeed none.

If you would like to know more about how you could help, contact Ann Southworth (01200 422890) or Peter Donnelly (01200 441081).

Thank you for your generous contributions throughout the year and we would like your help also in identifying anyone who would like a visit whom we don't know about. Their names could be placed in the parish communications box in the porch,.

Thank you,

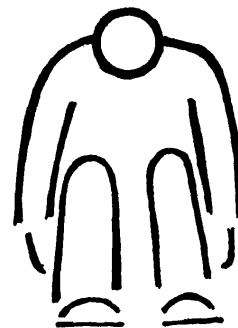
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26th Sunday of Ordinary time 26th Sept 2010

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



**THE LORD
RAISES
THE LOWLY**

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am

Monday

Mass at 7.30pm in honour of
St Vincent de Paul's feast day

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Eucharistic Service at 9am

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am Friday - no 9.15 Mass

SICK

Gerry Jacques, Vincenzo Ditri, Valerie Lambert

LATELY DEAD

Rita Ronnan

ANNIVERSARIES

Rosa Barnowski, John Wright, Kathy Newton

WELCOMING

Sat - M.Roberts Sun - B.Parkinson & M.Maffia

READERS

Sat - G.Harkin Sun - E.Lambert

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - B.Worden & A.Southworth Sun - G.Lambert, I.Parkes, R.Embery

TEA & COFFEE ROTA

B.Barker & K.Peel

**There will be a retiring collection at both masses NEXT weekend for
The Retired Priests' Fund. Please take one of the leaflets.
Gift Aid envelopes are also available for your donation.**

LAST WEEKEND OFFERTORY Clitheroe - £546.51 **Sabden** - £168.00 Many thanks
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.

S.V.P. The final poster on the church pillars, shows SVP work overseas. Each S.V.P. Conference is twinned with one in a third world country. We support Kerala in India. Also the S.V.P in England & Wales has a long term sponsorship programme to aid the humanitarian crisis in Sudan. Many thanks for last weeks collection £155.96

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

PARISH DRAW The first draw will take place next weekend. If you have had a ticket in previous years you name will automatically go on the new list for 2010/2011. For those of you who haven't 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 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

TAIZE CHANTING GROUP at the United Reformed Church, Moor Lane. Next session Monday 27th September 7pm - 9pm. See poster in church porch for future dates

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES We would like more volunteers to help with these services which replace Mass when a priest is not available. The service takes about 20 mins and consists of readings from Scripture and Holy Communion. Three people are needed at each service - a prayer leader, a reader and a Eucharistic Minister. At the moment we have a rota of about ten people helping with this work, which means that Holy Communion is available each day even when Fr John is not available. Most of us are aged 70 plus. Services are held at 9am on weekdays and 12 noon Saturday. Please contact Lily 426949 to be included on the rota.

LADIES GROUP our next meeting is NEXT 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. **PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS BEING HELD IN SCHOOL HALL**

FUN WALK, QUIZ AND MEAL The Town Mayor & 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

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER October leaflets now available FREE from porch

SPONSORSHIP MONEY Still some sponsorship money outstanding from both the June Walk for H.C.P.T and the Morecambe Bay walk for Right to Life. Please put any money owed in an envelope put your name on and pop it onto the collection plate at mass. Many thanks

UNIVERSE/CATHOLIC TIMES £1.20 each on sale from the book table at the back of church - special editions to celebrate Pope's visit.

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 "WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR" Climate change touches everyone. CAFOD is pushing for a fair deal at the UN climate change talks in Mexico in December. We ask you to play your part by signing the CAFOD action cards being given out this weekend. The target is 10,000 messages by 10.10.10 when they will be handed in to the government. So far the response has gone so well that CAFOD has decided to double the target to 20,000. Let each one of us double our response in signing the cards and bring them back next weekend. Or if you wish, post the card yourself. No stamp needed. Your response will save lives. Thank you. **ALSO POPE'S VISIT** A big, sincere THANK YOU to Sion and Janet Hall for all that they did in organising the visit to Birmingham for the Beatification Mass. Indeed, what a blessed day it was, and a wonderful experience in just being present, to witness it all. May God bless you both.

ALPHA COURSE at the Calf's head in Worston on 30th September. See poster in porch

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

PAPAL VISIT 2010 Following the visit last week of Pope Benedict, the Universe are publishing a colour souvenir brochure which will be on sale in about three weeks time. To avoid disappointment you may pre-order your copy-enter your name on the yellow notice in the porch, or in the case of Sabden at the back of church. The cost, payable when you receive your copy is £3.50

FAITH TODAY - October issue is now on sale at the back of church price £1.95. Please put money in C.T.S. box

SABDEN NEEDS HELP! HELP! HELP! Over the last few weeks we have publicised the need for parishioners to help on the Hall Cleaners Rota, Sacristan Team and Tea & Coffee Rota but unfortunately had very little response. We really do need YOUR help urgently and would ask you to reconsider helping. Lists are provided at the back of the church on which to put your name. Thank you

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball winner is No 3 Sue Aspin Could the winner please collect winnings from Carol or Harry.

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 Michael & St John's Parish Hall
GRAND RE-OPENING
(after refurbishment & redecoration)
present

PHIL COOL

One of Britain's most unique comedy artists.
FRIDAY 12th NOVEMBER
at 7.30pm

Tickets £15 available from Terry in the Social Centre 423073, Janet at the Presbytery 423307, Mike Bradley 07768 746709, Les Collinson 07890 042319 or Damian Buggie (Sabden) 01282 770709 Tickets will also be sold (SMSJ)after both masses Saturday and Sunday

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