

Dear Parishioners

The following is an extract from a letter sent by the Bishop.

Pope Benedict's recent visit has proved a great success across the whole of the Catholic family and also throughout the wider community. It was an opportunity for many in the country to share in the *Big Assembly* that the Holy Father held for the schools at Strawberry Hill; it was also an opportunity for many of us to get an insight into a mass prayer vigil, like the ones that always close World Youth Days (WYD). The number of people who joined in through the TV, who were moved by the prayerfulness and silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament, was remarkable. At both these events Pope Benedict reminded us of the benefits of World Youth Days. In the greeting and sharing with young adults after the Mass in Westminster and with seminarians at Oscott College the Holy Father again invited the youth of England and Wales to follow in the steps of Christ.

I have always encouraged our young people to consider making the World Youth Days pilgrimages and have found that good preparation is an integral part of the experience.

The next World Youth pilgrimage will take place next summer in Madrid, Spain (August 9th – 24th). **Details are on the web site: salford-diocese.org.uk and forms can be downloaded.** The age for WYD is **16yrs** (before August 8th 2011) to **35 yrs**. Please encourage your young adults to sign up.

Our first **Preparation Day** for Madrid 2011 is on **Sunday 31st October, 2010** at the Cathedral Centre, Salford. Again, details can be had from **Lorraine Leonard, Diocesan Youth Officer** via the web site.

So, there is the invitation. Is anyone interested?

The parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land was a wonderful success and we remembered and prayed in the Holy Places for all parishioners each day at Mass.

I must register my gratitude to Fr Wareing. He agreed to cover the two weekends that I was away, but in addition he also conducted five funerals!

Finally, I have been asked where shall we visit next year? Let's discuss that at the next Forum on Wednesday 3rd November.

Fr John

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29th Sunday of Ordinary time 17th October 2010

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Saturday 16th October

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

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
Reception Mrs Embery 6.30pm

Monday

Mass at 2pm - Requiem Mrs Embery

Tuesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 10.30am Requiem Aaron Thistlethwaite

Friday

Eucharistic Service 9am
Funeral Service for Leo Durkin at 11am

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Bill Foulker, Christine Blackledge, Teresa Embery (3)
Deceased Kelly & Curphey families, For the people of the Middle East

SICK Gerry Jacques, Vincenzo Ditri, Valerie Lambert, Warren Hayton

LATELY DEAD - Christine Blackledge, Teresa Embery,
Aaron Thistlethwaite, Leo Durkin

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Foulker

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND Sat - M.Manning Sun - Mr & Mrs Ryder

READERS Sat - C.Astin Sun - C.Morgan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sat - B.Worden & A Southworth
Sun - P.Donnelly, C.Leeming, J.Leeming

TEA & COFFEE ROTA P.Byrne & Family

OFFERTORY Clitheroe - £636.43 Retired priests collection - another £46.00

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE

Opens after Mass on Saturday evening. Why not come in for a relaxing evening, re-ignite old friendships and make new ones. Don't forget Sunday evening is our regular Family Quiz Night between 8pm—10pm **BINGO** on Tuesday evenings.

SPONSORSHIP MONEY Still some sponsorship money outstanding from both the June Walk for H.C.P.T and 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 or hand to Arnold Marsden. Many thanks

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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Just a reminder that this year is on Sunday 21 November. This year boxes will be placed at the back of church commencing NEXT WEEKEND October 23/24 in which you may deposit any items you may wish to contribute.

MEDJUGORJE visit to shrine 24 - 31 May 2011 - see poster in porch

TEA DANCE this month Wednesday October 20th will be at Trinity Methodist Hall, Parson Lane, Dancing from 2pm - 5pm . Admission £3.50 including excellent afternoon tea. Come and dance the afternoon away - everyone welcome.

PAPAL VISIT SOUVENIR copies have now arrived. If you ordered one then please collect it from Janet.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER AWARD was a scheme introduced last year at Stonyhurst. Award holders are likely to be gifted young Catholics who would benefit from life in a boarding community and thrive in the environment Stonyhurst offers. Beneficiaries of this award may enjoy up to 70% remission off school fees. Want to know more, then pick up a leaflet from the porch.

PRO-LIFE There will be a short meeting of all who are interested in Pro-Life at 7.30pm Tuesday 19th October in the presbytery

CATHOLIC COMPANION - October issue now on sale from book table

GUIDES Due to family work commitments our current Guide leaders wish to resign at Christmas. This means unless we find new volunteers to join an amazing women led organisation, the group will not return in 2011. If you are or someone you know is looking for a new challenge, young at heart and feel you could support us in retaining our Guide Unit please contact Louise Kerr, District Commissioner on 01200 444701

There will be a retiring collection at masses next weekend for "WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. If you should like to Gift Aid your donation envelopes are available this weekend from shelves at back of church.

SOCIAL CENTRE -TOP BAR

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 30th October
HALLOWEEN PARTY NITE

Saturday 20th November
MAMA MIA NITE

Saturday 4th December
SINGER - JOHNNY SOLO

Organised by Liz

R.C.I.A. The course begins tonight (Sunday 17th) with a hospitality evening in the presbytery at 7.30pm. Glass of Wine/cheese will be served.

LOURDES Liverpool Archdiocese Guild of St Stephen annual pilgrimage to Lourdes Oct 24 - Oct 30. £280 inc coach travel, port taxes, full board, Excursion, insurance. Clitheroe pick up. Tel Tony Sweeney 01925 827774 - Ten seats available

QUILT Some years ago a parish member, now deceased, made an exhibition quilt. It took 9 months to make and it was made for love with the hope that it would bring great happiness to its owners. It is made from American cotton, fully washable and uses machine Trapunto, machine quilting and some hand embroidery - apparently quite unique. The design is a traditional single Irish chain with Celtic inspired designs. We are organising "a draw" at £5 "a go". There will only be 50 tickets so you have a guaranteed 1 in 50 chance of winning and owning this beautiful quilt. It will be on display near the Lady Altar next weekend 23/24 October and at later dates. The draw will take place at the end of the Christmas Tree Festival on 12th December. Please take time to have a look at this beautiful quilt.

DEANERY MASS at St Alban's Church, Blackburn 11.15am Sunday 24th October commemorating World Mission Sunday, United Nations Day and One World Week.

SABDEN STILL 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 46 Pauline Hindle, the drinks are on Pauline. Winners 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 MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** are collecting batteries and nestle cereal tokens. Please hand them in at school or leave them in the container in the porch. **CHRISTMAS FAYRE (SABDEN)** Saturday December 4th 2pm - 4pm Father Christmas will be in attendance. We have a vacancy for a Christmas Fairy in our grotto. Own wings would be an advantage, but on the job training will be given. Please apply to Susan White. We would be grateful if people would now start to donate items suitable for the Christmas Fayre. They can be left in the porch after Mass.

CHRISTMAS DRAW There will be a grand Christmas draw, tickets on sale soon

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

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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