

Dear Parishioners,

We are rightly proud of our two parish schools and the recent Ofsted religious inspection at St Michael and St John's school confirmed its excellence. It was judged outstanding and in particular was praised for the vibrant links between the school and the parish. Congratulations to our excellent Head, Vincent Murray, the staff and the many parishioners who help the school in its Mission of encouraging parents and pupils to honour their baptismal promises.

52 Parishioners from Clitheroe and Sabden braved the fog and rain to attend a Forum meeting on Wednesday evening in Sabden Parish Hall and what a lively meeting it was!

The most pressing question was the times of Christmas Masses. After a quite lengthy discussion we decided on Christmas Night Mass in Clitheroe at 6pm followed by Sabden at 8pm. Mass on Christmas Day will be in Clitheroe at 10am. Last year, you may remember, as an experiment, we moved the Christingle service to Sunday afternoon but the attendance was poor. So this year it will return to 7.00pm (after Mass) on Saturday evening, 11<sup>th</sup> December. This will fall within the three day Christmas Tree Festival and promises to be a colourful event. In preparation for Christmas, as a new venture, and in conjunction with other churches in Clitheroe we shall sing carols in the Swan and Royal from 7 to 8pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. This is an attempt to reach out to townfolk who wouldn't normally have contact with a church over the Christmas period.

On Tuesday we begin this year's RCIA programme. It will continue on to Easter next year when those who wish will formally join the Church or be baptised. The meetings are open to anyone who wishes to learn more about our Faith, to those who are merely curious about what Catholics believe and to those already considering joining the Church. If you know anyone who may be interested, then please do invite them along and if they are in any way apprehensive then come along with them, at least for the first meeting to break the ice.

Being a parent of teenagers has never been the easiest of tasks even at the best of times and especially nowadays when religious faith and practice throw up many challenging issues. It is proposed that we arrange a forum where concerned parents may discuss these. If you are interested please contact me.

Fr John

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7th November 2010**

*St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe*



**Saturday (7th November)**

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

**Monday, & Friday**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

**Tuesday & Wednesday**

Mass at 9am

**Thursday**

Mass at 9.15am

## *St Mary's Church Sabden*

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Nora Hart, Winifred Barlow, Eric Preedy

**SICK**

Vincenzo Ditri, Valerie Lambert, Margaret McKenna, Margo Barlow

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Nora Hart, Winifred Barlow, Eric Preedy

**WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND** Sat - J.Bentley Sun - A & J Marsden  
**READERS** Sat - M.Taylforth Sun - J.Hennigan  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Sat - B.Worden & A.Southworth  
Sun - T.Mercer, C.Morgan, E.Lambert  
**TEA & COFFEE ROTA** C.James, M.Tomlinson, A.Pritchard

**OFFERTORY Clitheroe** - £740.19 **Sabden** £115.00 Many thanks  
**ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE** Opens after Mass on Saturday evening. Why not come in for a relaxing evening, rekindle old friendships and make new ones. Don't forget Sunday evening is our regular Family Quiz Night between 8pm—10pm **BINGO** on Tuesday evenings.  
**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.

**SOCIAL CENTRE -TOP BAR**  
Saturday 20th November  
**MAMA MIA NITE**  
**Saturday 4th December**  
**SINGER - JOHNNY SOLO**  
Organised by Liz

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** United Advent Service at Trinity Methodist Church on Sunday 5th December 6.30pm. We welcome singers of any age. If you would like to sing in the choir and you are not already on mailing list contact Steuart Kellington 01254 248855 or email: s.kellington@tiscali.co.uk. Rehearsals commence Sunday 7th November 2.30pm - 4.30pm at Trinity  
**K.S.C. JUMBLE SALE** on Saturday 27 November has been cancelled. If anyone has a large amount of Jumble they want taking away then please ring Arnold Marsden on 01200 427096.

**DEPT FOR EVANGELISATION** Thursday 25 November at St Gabriel's Bury - An evening with Fr Denis McBride - see poster in porch

**ROSARY OF THE UNBORN** will be said each day this coming week after Mass or Eucharistic Service for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

**ST MICHAEL & ST JOHNS PARISH CENTRE**

have a vacancy for a cleaner to carry out weekend cleaning duties and provide cover for weekday cleaner for time-off for leave or illness.

To provide additional caretaking duties by arrangement.  
Regular hours Saturday 9am - 12 noon,  
Sunday morning 9am - 12 noon.  
Rate of pay £6 per hour.  
Additional hours by arrangement.  
Rate £6 per hour.  
To arrange an interview contact:  
Mrs Evans on  
01254 828820 during office hours or  
mobile 07970 783680 or contact the  
Steward Terry Peters in person or by  
phone on 01200 423073

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

**CAFOD** Wishes to sincerely thank the family of the late Mrs Teresa Embery for the generous donation made in her memory, for the work of CAFOD. May God bless you all. The CAFOD group will meet on Sunday November 14th at 7.30pm in the presbytery

**THE QUILT** will next be on view in church Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th November after Mass. One of our ladies will be on hand to show you the quilt and enter you in the draw if you so wish. Please take time to admire this exquisite piece of workmanship.

**CRAFT STALL** at Christmas Fayre. Final meeting Thursday 18 November 2pm - 4pm for pricing and sorting. Bring along any finished articles and gift bags, wrapping paper, tissue paper etc you don't need. If you have a problem, ring Sheila on 01200 425274

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**BONUS BALL (SABDEN)** The bonus ball winner is no 60 Joan Billington. Winners please collect winnings from Carol or Harry.

**ST MARY'S PARISH HALL (SABDEN)** 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 tins. Please hand them in at school or in the container in the porch.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE (SABDEN)** Need all usual things for sale, especially candles and cosmetics, items over £1 or over in value suitable to be sold on a £1 stall and tombola prize. Also raffle prizes for grand draw, there is a list in the porch, so add your name if you can sponsor a prize. Please get involved and lets make this year's fair a huge success. There will again be hand made wreaths - an order list will be in the porch soon. Still looking for a fairy to help Father Christmas - **COULD THIS BE YOU?**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER**



The Fayre this year will commence directly after Mass at 10.45am. Over the next couple of weeks, up to and including Saturday 20th November, goods will be accepted at the presbytery or they can be placed in the large box provided at the back of church.

Unfortunately no goods except for cakes will be accepted on the day of the event (Sunday). We will gratefully accept the following gifts - items suitable for tombola prizes (e.g. unwanted Xmas/Birthday presents etc) **but they must be new.** Sweets and Toffees, Bottles of wines/spirits, boxes/tins of biscuits, chocolates GOOD QUALITY second hand Toys, Books, DVD's and Jewellery. We would be grateful for any home made cakes, jams and pickles. Again this year **WE DO NOT WANT** -

second hand goods except what is mentioned above, Tinned or Packet foods, Jam, Marmalade or pickles (unless home made), Bric a Brac or Jumble  
Refreshments this year will be  
Bacon/Sausage butties,  
Toasted Fruit Bread, Tea & Coffee  
**Entrance will be from Lowergate**