

Dear Parishioners

During last Wednesday's general audience, Pope Benedict said; "Fidelity to the encounter with the Eucharistic Christ in Sunday's Mass is essential for the journey of faith, but let us try as well to frequently go to visit the Lord present in the Tabernacle! Gazing in adoration at the consecrated Host, we discover the gift of the love of God; we discover the passion and the cross of Jesus, and also his Resurrection. Precisely through our gazing in adoration, the Lord draws us to himself, into his mystery, to transform us as he transforms the bread and wine." Our church is open and heated, Monday to Friday from 3 to 4pm for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and a rota of parishioners provides security. As I type, the thought occurs: could this be tried in Sabden?

A year ago a 45 year old Christian mother of five was charged with blaspheming the prophet Mohammed and has now been sentenced to death. Last Monday an appeal was filed and her husband requested prayer from Christians across the world. Human Rights groups have long condemned the use of Pakistan's blasphemy laws to persecute religious minorities and to settle old scores. At the end of his general audience Pope Benedict said; "In these days, the international community is following with great concern the difficult situation of Christians in Pakistan, who are often victims of violence and discrimination... Today I particularly express my spiritual closeness to Mrs Asia Bibi and her family, asking that she be given full liberty as soon as possible. As well, I pray for those who find themselves in similar situations, so that their human dignity and fundamental rights be fully respected."

Some weeks ago Pope Benedict called on Catholics world-wide to join a Vigil of Prayer next Saturday, the eve of Advent "to thank the Lord for his total self-giving to the world and for his Incarnation which gave every human life its real worth and dignity" and to "invoke the Lord's protection over every human being called into existence."

Along with all parishes in Salford diocese we shall have exposition in St Michael and St John's from 11am to the 12noon Eucharistic Service and then from 12.30 until evening Mass at 6.00pm.

Do try and find some time, no matter how short, to grow closer to the Lord, to pray for Asia Bibi, her family and as we prepare to commemorate God's entry into history, for respect for all human life. Fr John

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## Christ the King - 21st November 2010

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

#### **Sunday**

Mass at 9.30am

#### **Monday, & Friday**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### **Tuesday & Wednesday**

Mass at 9am

#### **Thursday**

Mass at 9.15am

#### **Saturday (27th November)**

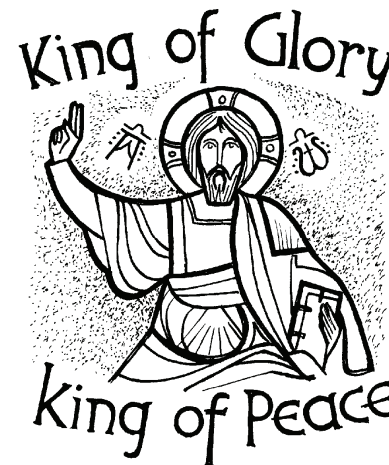
11am - 11.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation

11am - 12 noon Exposition 11.30am Rosary

Eucharistic Service at noon

12.30pm - 6pm Exposition

First Mass of Sunday 6pm



### *St Mary's Church Sabden*

**Sunday** - Mass at 11am

**Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

#### **MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Jane Noonan (4), McBride family, Frank Wellock, Jean Crawshaw

#### **SICK**

Vincenzo Ditri, Margaret McKenna, Margo Barlow

#### **LATELY DEAD**

Jane Noonan, Jean Crawshaw

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Frank Wellock

**There will be the annual Christmas collection for S.V.P. at both masses next weekend. Please give generously**

**WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND READERS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat - M.Valovin Sun - D.Marsden & J Byrne  
Sat - C.Carr Sun - P.Donnolly  
Sat - L.Perrin & H.Mercer  
Sun - P.Donnolly, C.Leeming, J.Leeming  
E.Davies & M.Valovin

**TEA & COFFEE ROTA**

**OFFERTORY Clitheroe** - £622.46 **Sabden** £234.89 Many thanks  
**BISHOPS ADMIN FUND** Clitheroe £162.66 Sabden £31.11

**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.

**UNITED ADVENT SERVICE** at Trinity Methodist Church Sunday 5th December 6.30pm Including the Christmas Cantata 'STAR' by Robin Nelson, telling the Christmas story with music, narration and dance. Tea and biscuits available after the service.

**LADIES GROUP TRIP** The Castle Howard trip is now fully booked.

**THE GRAND** Clitheroe Fair Trade Group **FESTIVE FAIRTRADE** on Saturday 27th November from 10am - 3pm. Products from around the world for sale. Our primary school choir will be singing in the morning and our church choir at 2pm in the afternoon.

**WALK WITH ME** booklets 'A journey of prayer for Advent and Christmastide' are now on sale (on the shelves above the radiators) at £1. Please put money in C.T.S.box

**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

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES**

Please bring your filled Shoe Box in to either the school or presbytery

**CHRISTIAN LUNCHEON GROUP** next meeting Friday 26 November 11.45am for 12 noon. Jacobs Join. Speaker Mr Dennis Ogden "Superstition"

**CRB** would all those who have completed a CRB form please contact Anthony Barrett or bring them to Mass next weekend 28th November.

**ADVENT LUNCHESES** begin on Tuesday 30th November at United Reformed Church, Castlegate Theme this year 'What Christmas means to me'. Three lay Christians give their views. Howel Jones will speak at the first of these lunches. Service at 12.30 followed by a soup lunch at 1pm.

**CARITAS DIOCESE OF SALFORD** - Job vacancies. See notice board in porch for details.

**TAIZE SERVICE** Mon 6th December 7pm, at U.R.C.

**PHIL COOL OPENING EVENT** of the Parish Hall raised £710. Thanks to all who attended

**SOCIAL CENTRE -TOP BAR**

**TONIGHT** Saturday 20 November  
**MAMA MIA NITE**  
with resident DJ Chris  
Sale of jewellery 10% to club funds

Saturday 4th December  
The return of popular singer  
**JOHNNY SOLO**

Thursday 16th December  
**SLAIDBURN SILVER BAND**  
Christmas Carol Concert

Friday 31st December  
**NEW YEARS EVE**  
Free and easy nite

**CAFOD** Looking for inspiration for Christmas gifts? Take a look at CAFOD's leaflet of World Gifts - Christmas gifts that show you really care. Leaflets available at back of church.

**CATHOLIC COMPANION** - November edition on sale at the back of church - still only £1

**LADIES GROUP** - A.G.M and Christmas party next Wednesday 24th November. **PLEASE NOTE NEW START TIME 7.30PM.** Come along to our annual Rave up!! Free entry but there will be a raffle.

**THE WALSINGHAM GROUP** plan to buy a banner for their annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. If you would like to help them ring Barbara Taylor on 07526 477962

**BONUS BALL (SABDEN)** The bonus ball winner is no 45 John Shorter. Winners please collect winnings from Carol or Harry.

**ST MARY'S PARISH HALL (SABDEN)** To book the hall contact

Tony Hargan and his telephone number is 07711 635084

**RAFFLE** after Mass last week unclaimed prize 71, please collect from Susan W **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) SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER** commencing at 2pm. Father Christmas will be in attendance between 2pm-3pm. The fairy vacancy is now filled. We still need items for sale and these can be left in the box in the porch. New items please - we do not want bric a brac. Home made cakes, jams etc will be most welcome, also items suitable for a £1 stall.

**GRAND DRAW** tickets now available. Please sell as many as possible, our big prize - an X-Box360 and lots of other amazing stuff. Lets make this a special one. Tickets will be available at St Michael & St John's after 6pm Mass, as well as from St Mary's.

**WREATHS** There is a list in the porch for ordering Christmas wreaths price £6. These can be collected at the Christmas Fayre. To make the wreaths requires a large amount of greenery so please if you can supply any leave it outside the hall, to be stored for use. The wreaths will be constructed on Thursday 2nd December from 9.30am in the hall. Anyone who can spare some time to help will be most welcome. Please bring secateurs.

**SABDEN VILLAGE SERVICE OF LIGHT** - a lovely event for all the children, this year will be at St Nicholas' Church at 4pm on Sunday 28th November - all welcome

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**TODAY SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER**



The Fayre this year will commence directly after Mass at 10.45am. Unfortunately no goods except for cakes will be accepted on the day of the event (Sunday).

Refreshments this year will be Bacon/Sausage butties, Toasted Fruit Bread, Tea & Coffee

This year we have our Ladies Group are Selling hand made items, all very reasonably affordable gifts which can be gift wrapped (provided by the Junior S.V.P.) if you so wish.

Father Christmas will also be there - come and visit him in his grotto

**Please note:**  
**Entrance will be from Lowergate NOT THE BACK WAY**

**Please come along and support this Parish event**