

Dear Parishioners

Pope Benedict has approved a miracle attributed to Pope John Paul II, clearing the way for the late pontiff's beatification, the final step before sainthood.

Pope John Paul will then be referred to as *Blessed* but not yet as *Saint*. Traditionally, prayer and devotion to a *Blessed* are encouraged only in that person's local church, but John Paul II's global appeal means that his beatification will have echoes well beyond his native Poland or the city of Rome.

In the process of establishing sainthood, a miracle is required for beatification and another for canonization. The logic is that the miracles provide proof that the saint is indeed in Heaven and capable of interceding for those who request help in prayer.

Most of the miracles in sainthood causes are healings, and the Church has historically applied three standards in judging whether a healing is miraculous. It must be *complete*, meaning it's not enough if the person merely feels better or shows some improvement; *instantaneous*, as opposed to a recovery that unfolds over weeks, months, or longer; and it must be *durable*, meaning that the condition does not return. In addition, the healing must be medically and scientifically inexplicable.

The miracle approved by Pope Benedict concerns a 49-year-old French nun, Sister Marie Simon-Pierre, who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of Parkinson's disease in 2001 and whose order prayed to John Paul II after his death in 2005 for help. Reportedly, after writing the late pope's name on a piece of paper one night in June 2005, Sister Marie-Simone awoke the next morning cured and was able to resume her work as a nurse.

Momentum to declare John Paul a saint began from the moment of his death with calls during his Requiem Mass in St Peter's Square of 'Santo Subito', 'Canonisation now!'

The beatification ceremony will take place in Rome on Sunday, May 1st.

Parents are invited to the Faith Forum on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery where we shall explore how best we may both meet the faith needs of our 11 to 14 year old parishioners and make the liturgical life of the church more relevant to them.

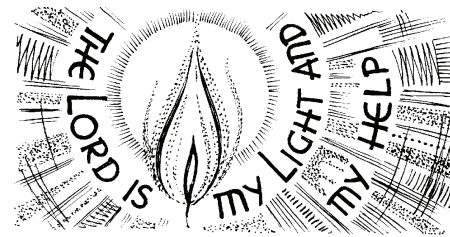
Fr John

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary time- 23rd January 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



SUNDAY

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

MONDAY & FRIDAY

Eucharistic Service at 9am

On Monday as part of the Octave of Christian Unity members of the other Christian Churches in Clitheroe are invited to attend

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Mass at 9am

SATURDAY (29th January)

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

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am followed by coffee

Thursday - 11am Requiem Mass Judy Masterman **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Frank Prendergast, Mary Edmondson x 2, Molly Hartley x 2, James Hartley x 2

SICK

Sr Angelina Telese, Grace Warren, Anthony Cornwell, Frank Prendergast

LATELY DEAD

Judy Masterman, Mary Edmondson

ANNIVERSARIES

James Albert Hartley

Pope Benedict emphasised that the path to visible unity is dependent on prayer because ultimately unity is a gift of the Spirit. Do join with Clitheroe's Christians in an Ecumenical service this evening (Sunday) in the URC church at 6.30pm.

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - M.Manning Sunday - M.Swales & T O'Donnell

READERS

Saturday - R.Carter Sunday - M.Donnelly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - L.Perrin & H.Mercer Sunday - P.Donnelly C & J Leeming

TEA & COFFEE

The Fellowes family

OFFERTORY

St Michael & St John's £822.64 Sabden £160.95 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. All members welcome. **Tonight** Saturday 22 January Mowtown Night - Everyone Welcome

MEMBERSHIP Membership fees may be renewed every Monday, Friday and Sunday evenings. Fees to increase - £10 for adults, £5 for OAP's & students.

TABOR RETREAT HOUSE programmes for January - July 2011 are now available from the porch

SALFORD DIOCESE - DEPT FOR EVANGELISATION in association with the Council of Christians and Jews invite you to UNTOLD STORIES - Jack a child survivor of the holocaust, will tell his story. Wednesday 26th January at 7.30pm St Gabriel's RC High School, Bury. Entrance by suggested donation of £3. More information on poster in porch

WALSINGHAM BANNER to raise funds there will be a Whist and Domino Drive Thursday at St Wilfrid's Club, Longridge on Thursday 27th January Admission £1.50 including refreshments. ALSO on Friday 18th February at 7.30pm there will be a Ceilidh at Chipping Village Hall with the Ribchester Old School Band. Tickets £10 adult, £5 children (under 10's free) including Hot Pot Supper. See posters in porch

COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR are appearing at THE GRAND on Sunday February 6th. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £17.50. See poster in porch.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION This year's programme begins NEXT Sunday 30th January at 1.30pm in the Presbytery. Couples wishing to marry in St Michael & St John's or in St Mary's Sabden must attend these meetings.

APF MISSIONS (Red Box) December collection amounted to £617.62. Thank you to all who have collected and donated to this mission. If anyone would care to take over the Clitheroe organisation please get in touch with either Mrs Toni O'Donnell 423019 or Mrs Pat Dixon 425214. We would love to hear from you.

DARY OF RENEWAL at Salesian Convent, Kendal. See poster in porch

RIBBLE VALLEY VISUALLY IMPAIRED (RVVI) Tomorrow evening Monday 24th January at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall - The Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service will give a talk on Gas, Fire, Water, Smoke, Electric, Unlocked Doors and other dangers. Everyone Welcome



TASTER EVENING

An event not to be missed. Following the success of the last Taster Evening two years ago the P.T.A. have organised another one on Wednesday 16th February in our Parish Hall. The Hall will be transformed for the evening into a 'Top Class restaurant' in which volunteer chefs will cook a favourite dish. Entertainment will once again be provided. The bar will not be open but please feel free to 'Bring a Bottle' of your favourite tipple. Tickets £5 a head and will be available from School, any PTA member or Janet at the presbytery. Hurry - tickets are strictly limited.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL unclaimed raffle ticket White no 92

2nd ROSSENDALE SCOUT CONCERT (BRASS BAND) Waddington Church 5th February 2011 at 7.30pm. £7 inc refreshments Tickets from 01200 422564

LADIES GROUP NEXT Wednesday 26th January at the new time of 7.30pm. OLD CLITHEROE - a slide presentation of Old

Clitheroe and surrounding area presented by Mr Mark Thornber - NOT TO BE MISSED. Everyone (men included) are welcome to join us

PRIMARY SCHOOL The Christmas Charity appeal this year raised £1,643 for World Gifts (Cafod). The money raised has bought 209 school starter kits for third world children which will enable 209 children to go to school with a school uniform, book, pen and pencil, and a meal each day, it also bought 4 pairs of breeding pigs and 4 chicken coups with chickens. Well done

CATHOLIC COMPANION magazine - January edition on sale available from book table

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 2 Peggy Fielding. Winners please collect winnings from Carol or Harry.

SABDEN CHRISTMAS QUIZ Thank you to everyone who took part and also donated money. You have allowed us to bank £110 for the hall repair fund. Two people scored full marks. The winner, whose name was pulled out of the hat was Mr & Mrs Ingham from Gt Harwood.

ST MARY'S PARISH HALL (SABDEN) To book the hall contact Tony Hagan 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 in the container in the porch.

CLITHEROE CHURCHES IN PARTNERSHIP



OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday 23rd January
United Reformed Church
United Service at 6.30pm

Monday 24th January
St Michael & St John's
9am Eucharistic Service

Sunday 23rd January
St Helen's, Waddington
United Service at 11am

*Please come and join us
Everyone Welcome*