

Dear Parishioners

Congratulations to our women's group who so magnificently organised Fr Wareing's surprise 80th birthday party last Sunday. Around two hundred parishioners attended and it was kept under wraps so well that Fr Wareing was completely taken aback and quite overwhelmed when he stepped inside the hall. He has written to thank all who planned and prepared the magnificent buffet and all who attended for their friendship and support. He commented, "My best birthday ever and, as you know, you are always in my prayers."

Thank you too for the £245 that was donated to help pay for the food and wine. It was a wonderful community occasion for the parish and a testimony of the affection in which you hold Fr Wareing who served St Michael and St John's so devotedly for a quarter of a century.

In contrast the meeting with parents to discuss the faith needs and practice of teenagers attracted only six! However, it proved to be a really useful meeting that resolved to invite Lorraine Leonard, our diocesan youth ministry coordinator who has a wealth of experience in promoting the spiritual development of young Catholics. The date for this is yet to be confirmed.

Ash Wednesday isn't until 9th March this year. As you know a Lenten penance or practice can be one of denial, giving up something, or of doing something extra. So here is a suggestion: join our six week Lenten course to explore what it means to be a Catholic in the second decade of the third millennium. The programme will cover six evenings on Thursday 17th, 24th and 31st of March and Thursday 7th and Wednesday 13th and 20th April. Please note these dates in your diary now and give them priority.

Following the recent Forum meeting, Margaret Illingworth has agreed to look after the arrangements for this year's parish pilgrimage/holiday to Rome. It will depart on Wednesday 31st August and return on Thursday 8th September to include three full days in Rome, Pope Benedict's Sunday audience in Castel Gandolfo and four days chilling out in the beautiful surrounds of Palazzola. It will cost in the region of £900. Because this is a busy time in Rome and rooms are at a premium the pilgrimage is open to parishioners only.

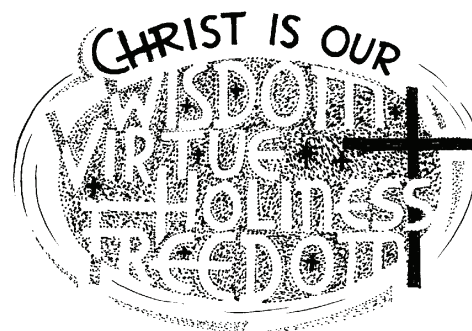
Finally, congratulations to Sabden whose Christmas Quiz raised £128 - helped by the winner donating back his winnings! Thank you! Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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4th Sunday in Ordinary time - 30th January 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



SUNDAY

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

MONDAY & FRIDAY

Eucharistic Service at 9am

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Mass at 9am

SATURDAY (5th February)

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 **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special intention, Harriet Foulker, John Cottam, Rita Thompson, Mark Ley,
Fred Wilkinson x 2, Judy Masterman, Special intention, Anthony Barrett

SICK

Sr Angelina Telese, Anthony Cornwell,

LATELY DEAD

Judy Masterman, Mary Edmondson, Rita Thomson

ANNIVERSARIES

Fred Wilkinson, Harriet Foulker, Edith Turner

***There will be a retiring collection at both masses
next weekend for Caritas***

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - T.Wilkinson Sunday - J.Clegg & E.Davies

READERS

Saturday - L.Perrin Sunday - J.Hennigan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - B.Worden & A.Southworth Sunday - G.Lambert, J & S Hall

TEA & COFFEE

B.Barker & K.Peel

OFFERTORY

St Michael & St John's £656.23 Sabden £162.30 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. **FORTHCOMING EVENTS** Saturday 12th February Valentine's Night, Saturday 26th February Billy J Marsden

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

WALSINGHAM BANNER to raise funds 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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION This year's programme begins TONIGHT 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.

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

SCREWTAPE LETTERS The Screwtape letters by C.S.Lewis will be staged at the Grand on Saturday 5th February at 7pm. Cost £8-£10. This production was a sell out at the Edinburgh Festival. Tickets can be obtained at the Grand.

LADIES GROUP Please pick up our 2011 Programme from the church porch. Also now available a flyer for our forthcoming trips to Manchester, Harrogate Flower Show and Eden Camp - please take one. To book your ticket please see Janet 4246547 or Daphne 427912

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING next Wednesday at 7.30pm in the presbytery

TEA DANCE Wednesday 16th February in our Parish Hall. Dancing from 2pm - 5pm. Admission £3.50 including an excellent Afternoon Tea. Come and dance the afternoon away - everyone welcome.

K.S.C. DANCE In our Parish Hall Saturday 12th February. £6 including supper. Dancing to John Lancaster. Tickets from Les Collinson 427029 or Arnold Marsden on 427096

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - LENT 2011 A list is in the church main porch for groups to put their names on for leading the Stations on Friday evenings at 7.30pm during lent. Please also add a contact phone number. Thank you

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.



PARISH DRAW WINNERS

JANUARY

£100 192 Miss Campbell

£25 F.Ellis

£10

189 M.Nutter,

222 J.Greatorex,

77 M.Preedy,

232 J.Clegg 35 F.Barlow

DIOCESE OF SALFORD a programme of discernment for men aged 18 and over who want to know more about the diocesan priesthood. The talks will take place each Sunday evening during 2011 at 6pm in the Jubilee Room of St Dunstan's, Moston. See poster in porch for more details.

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

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

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

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

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER leaflets for February now available from porch

ROME AND PALAZZOLA There are lists on the shelves and the back of the middle aisles if you wish to add your name

*We welcome Gabriella Matilda Hopkinson baptised at
St Michael & St John's last Sunday*

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 25 Jane Sharpe. Winners please collect winnings from Carol or Harry.

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 tins. Please hand them in at school or in the container in the porch.