

Dear Parishioners

Is it possible to leave our church open for private prayer during daylight hours? That was a question I asked when I first came to Clitheroe. In response two committees examined the feasibility of adapting the church entrance to provide a secure area and also of installing security devices. No solution could be found so we compromised by opening the church on weekdays for two hours from 8 to 10am, when delinquents are still abed, and for an hour in the afternoon from 3 to 4pm when volunteers come to say their prayers and provide security. One volunteer describes this as "church sitting!"

On Tuesday Mike Bradley, Sion Hall, Peter White and I attended a seminar on church security promoted by the North West Multi-Faith Tourism Association to encourage places of worship to remain open for visitors to the Rift Valley. (I remember in the 1950's that whenever the family went on a day's outing my mother would find and visit the local Catholic church. In those days churches remained open the day long. Were my mother alive today, she would be sadly disappointed!) We learned that security devices have improved by leaps and bounds in the past couple of years, are reasonably priced, wireless and can be monitored from i-phones. So we are investigating further and hope that by the summer St Michael and St John's will remain open daily.

Craig Morgan and I have discussed how best we may carry forward the parish website and have decided on the following strategy. There are well over 20 organisations in the parish that include the obvious ones such as our two churches, the Women, Knights, Social Club, Flower arrangers, SVP etc as well as Altar servers, Brownies, PTA, Readers, Baptismal and Marriage preparation, RCIA, Church cleaners and the list could continue. All should have a space on the website. Now this may sound daunting and "not really for our group, Father." Why not?" All contribute to the rich tapestry that is our parish.

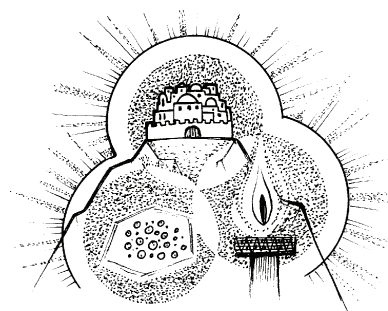
So I invite each organisation to send at least one representative to a meeting in the Presbytery at 7.30pm a week on Tuesday, 15th February to learn what is required to launch each grouping on the parish website. It is important. Increasingly the web is the first port of call when people look for information. 21st century, here we come. Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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5th Sunday in Ordinary time- 6th February 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 (12th 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

Patricia Morris, Christine Upton x 2, Ann Wharton, Mary Cushion

SICK

Vincenzo Ditri, Christine Upton

LATELY DEAD

Patricia Morris

ANNIVERSARIES

Ann Wharton, Mary Cushion

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

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - J.Bentley Sunday - D.Marsden & J.Byrne

READERS

Saturday - M.Taylforth Sunday - P.Donnolly

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - R.Carter & B.Taylor Sunday - K.Hickling, I Parkes & R.Embery

TEA & COFFEE

Embery Family

OFFERTORY

St Michael & St John's £807.91 Sabden £135.07 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

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. Please note anyone wishing to go to the Flower Show (Harrogate trip April 14th) must let Daphne or Janet know in order for us to purchase reduced price tickets. Money for both the Manchester trip and the Harrogate trip will be taken at the next Ladies Group meeting on Wednesday 23 February. Thank you

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 Tonight Saturday 12th February. £6 including supper. Dancing to John Lancaster. Tickets from Les Collinson 427029 or Arnold Marsden on 427096

WHIST & DOMINO DRIVE Thursday 24 February at St Wilfrid's Club, Longridge. Proceeds for the Walsingham Banner

K.S.C. Council meeting next Tuesday 8th Feb at 7.30pm in the presbytery

JUMBLE SALE Saturday 19 February in our Parish Hall. Jumble will be received from 6.30pm the evening before, Friday 18 February or if you would like it collecting please contact Arnold 427096 or Les 427029

CAFOD - FLEA MARKET Hurst Green Memorial Village Hall on Sunday Feb 20th 10am - 4pm. Hot and Cold food and drinks available all day. Do come and browse.

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.



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.

ROSEMERE CANCER FOUNDATION Valentine's Concert at Blackburn Cathedral Monday 14 February - Rossendale Male Voice Choir. Tickets £10 - see poster in porch.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL unclaimed raffle ticket White no 92

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

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

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said each morning next week after Mass Service for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY Programme of events for 2011 available from porch

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

*Congratulations to Peter and Patricia Ryan
on their 40th wedding anniversary*

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 15 H.Dewhurst. 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.