

Dear Parishioners Only four parishioners expressed interest in the proposed pilgrimage to Rome and so it has been cancelled.

Every year parish priests in dioceses throughout the world send a list of statistics to their bishop's office where they are collated and forwarded to Rome. Here they are incorporated in the annual *Statistical Yearbook of the Church* which gives a fairly true picture of our global Church's activity.

Our Lady of the Valley parish wasn't established until this year, so Clitheroe and Sabden's statistics for 2010 are listed separately.

St Michael and St John's

Baptisms 24

Adult receptions into the Church 6

First Communions 25

Confirmations 310

Marriages 12

Funerals 31

Average Sunday Mass attendance 337

St Mary's

Baptisms 6

First Communions 8

Confirmations 8

Marriages 2

Funerals 3

Average Sunday Mass attendance was 104 but dropped to 79 when the Saturday evening Mass was discontinued after Fr Birmingham retired in August.

These statistics are somewhat alarming. 40 years ago, as older parishioners are only too well aware, one thousand people attended Sunday Masses in St Michael and St John's! Do we just accept this decline or do we as a parish do something about it? Yes, this coming Lent. Watch this space.

Following the Pope's visit in September, 60% of those surveyed backed the Pope's message to Parliamentarians and affirmed "that there was a place for God, religion and virtue in public life". Benedict's standing increased by 50% and more than one in three people thought his visit was good for Britain. Next Sunday a programme building on the visit's success will be launched countrywide. More next week. Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

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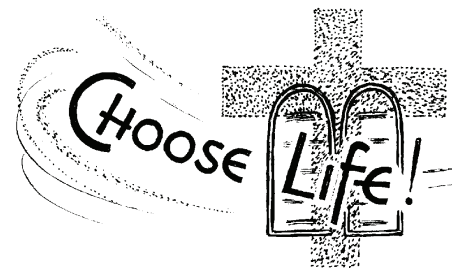
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6th Sunday in Ordinary time- 13th February 2011

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 (19th 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

Honora Warburton, Tracy Poirier, McBride family, Kathleen Manhold, Monica & Harry Wiggans, In thanksgiving for safe delivery, Oliver Bailey, Martin McElchar, Christine Crouch,

SICK

Vincenzo Ditri, Bridgid Hardwick, Paulette Carter

LATELY DEAD

Christine Crouch, Oliver Bailey, Tracy Poirier

ANNIVERSARIES

Honora Warburton, Monica & Harry Wiggans, Kathleen Manhold, Jim Holmes, Wilfred Clegg, James Albert Hartley

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - M.Roberts Sunday - B.Parkinson & M.Maffia

READERS

Saturday - Volunteer please Sunday - Family Mass group

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - L.Perrin & H Mercer Sunday - T.Mercer, C.Morgan, E.Lambert

TEA & COFFEE

M.Anwyl & G.Lambert

OFFERTORY

St Michael & St John's £742.22 Caritas £272.25

Sabden £152.84 Caritas £56.33 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 Tonight 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 Forthcoming trips to Manchester, Harrogate Flower Show and Eden Camp (details on flyers from porch). To book your ticket please see Janet 424657 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 when David Howard will give a talk on 'Bluebird of Coniston' Everyone (including men) welcome.

TEA DANCE Wednesday 16th February in our Parish Hall. Dancing from 2pm - 5pm. Admission £3.50. Refreshments this month - Pie and Peas - 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

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

ST MARTIN'S AMPLEFORTH Scholarships & Open Day see details in porch

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 This coming Wednesday February 16th in our Parish Hall from 7.30pm. Tickets £5 still available from school. Just one ticket left.

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 Blackburn Cathedral Monday 14th February - Rossendale Male Voice Choir. Tickets £10 - see poster in porch.

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

PARISH DINNER 6th March - Unfortunately due to problems getting caterers, expensive entertainment, this year's event has been cancelled. If anyone has any suggestions for Outside Caterers and Entertainment or would like to join the Organising Committee for next year's event please contact Carol Riley tel 01200 426769

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER This year Friday 4th March at St Mary's more details next week

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

WEBSITE MEETING This Tuesday at 7.30pm in the presbytery. Requires a representative for each parish organisation or interest.

***Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for
The Catholic Education Service***

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 5 Glenys Campbell. Winners please collect winnings from Carol or Harry.

RED MISSION BOXES its time again for the Red Boxes. Please bring them in to church

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

CLOSURE OF ROAD The road over from Padiham to Sabden will close from next Saturday until 27th February for work on Bull Bridge. For diversion details email johnisneverin@yahoo.co.uk