

Dear Parishioners

On Wednesday, 20 representatives of parish organisations meet in the Presbytery to discuss the parish website. Craig Morgan explained how the website operates and what he requires to ensure that the parish has a site second to none. The reps will report back to their groups and arrange for the information and the photos that they want exhibiting to be sent to Craig on disc, memory stick or by email. Help is available for groups in need and Craig's email address is craig@morgorni.co.uk

To promote long-term, practical results from Pope Benedict's visit last September our Bishops' Conference has launched a Papal visit legacy programme. Drawing on homilies and addresses that the Pope gave during his visit the programme is based on Cardinal Newman's prayer: 'God has created me to do Him some definite service, He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another, I have my mission... I am a link in a chain.'

So during the coming year we shall be invited to consider one way, be it small or large, in which we can contribute to the mission of the church in England and Wales.

During his visit Pope Benedict spoke to the young people in the piazza of Westminster Cathedral by asking them "to look into their hearts each day to find the source of true love. Jesus is always there, quietly waiting for us to be still with him and to hear his voice..." We now have a date for the next Parents Faith Forum at which Lorraine Leonard, the Youth Ministry Co-ordinator for the Diocese of Salford, will help us explore how best our young people may come together to share their faith, their youth, their culture and to be inspired and encouraged to be actively involved in the life and mission of the Church. It will be on Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Each year at Easter as we proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ the light of the world we light a new Paschal candle that burns during Mass throughout Eastertide until Pentecost and afterwards during baptisms and funerals. There is a poster at the back offering beeswax paschal candles (9" high by 2" wide) with stands suitable for the home at £11 each. If you wish to purchase one, please sign the list at the back of the church.

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7th Sunday in Ordinary time- 20th February 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe

SUNDAY

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Eucharistic Service at 9am

WEDNESDAY

Requiem mass at 11am - Michael Pryle

SATURDAY (26th 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 - No Mass

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special Intention, Jacqueline Cowell, Ellen Crawford, Cliff Curtis, Elizabeth Lambert, Veronica Lambert, Millie Taylor, Special Intention

SICK

Vincenzo Ditri, Brigid Hardwick, Paulette Carter

LATELY DEAD

Michael Pryle, Cliff Curtis, Millie Taylor, Fr James O'Neill SJ

ANNIVERSARIES

Jacqueline Cowell, Ellen Crawford, Elizabeth Lambert, Veronica Lambert, Fr Hubert McEvoy SJ

***This weekend there will be a retiring collection for
The Catholic Education Service***

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - M.Valovin Sunday - P.Drews & R.Conti

READERS

Saturday - C.Carr Sunday - M.Lynch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - B.Worden & A.Southworth Sunday - P.Donnely, A.Hickling, P.Sutcliffe

TEA & COFFEE

P.Byrne & Family

OFFERTORY

St Michael & St John's £610.67 Sabden £292.75 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 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 Whist & Domino drive at St Wilfrid's Club, Longridge. £1.50 inc Tea & Biscuits

LADIES GROUP Details of forthcoming trips can be found on the flyers in the 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 NEXT Wednesday 23 February when David Howard will give a talk on 'Bluebird of Coniston'

CRAFT AFTERNOON Following the Ladies Groups success on the craft stall at last year's Christmas Fayre, we are holding the first of a series of Craft Afternoons in the Presbytery starting on Thursday 3rd March 2pm - 4pm. If you have any of the old single wooden coathangers to spare you can bring them along or give them to Janet or any member of the Ladies Group. If you are remotely interested or have any ideas do come along and join us.

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

20SOMETHINGS Activities for young adults - see poster and flyers in porch

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH 10th - 18th March - see poster in porch

CHRISTIAN LUNCH CLUB next Friday 25th February 11.45am for 12 noon at Henthorn Community Centre. Jacobs Join. Speaker Mrs Vara Athmoolam on Unlocking Gods Promises

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

Please note the Parish Office will be closed this coming week on Thursday 24th Februar but will be open on Wednesday 23rd

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

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.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 4th March 7.30pm at St Mary Magdalene's, Church Brow. The speaker this year is Pauline English - Gospel Mission of South America. All are welcome - men, women and young people. See poster in porch

SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS School are collecting the Active Kids vouchers. Please either drop them into school or pop them in the red parish communications box in the porch.

CATHOLIC COMPANION - February edition now on sale

TASTER EVENING many thanks to those who organised this event on Wednesday evening - once again - ten out of ten. Over £500 has been raised so far for School Funds. If anyone would like a Recipe Book priced £5 please give your name in to Janet at the presbytery

AN EVENING WITH FR DENIS MCBRIDE on St Matthew's Gospel for Lent and Easter at St Gabriel's R.C. High School, Bury See poster in porch

The stocks of Mass cards and Greetings cards have now been replenished - you will find them on the card racks near the War Memorial

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 35 Margaret Parsons Winners please collect winnings from Carol or Harry.

RAFFLE There will be raffle tickets on sale after Mass the next couple of Sundays for the hall fund, principally to buy blinds for the windows to complete this phase of the decorating

ONGOING WORK IN HALL There will again be a working party to help with necessary ongoing work for the hall and church next Saturday 26th if fine from about 9.30am. Please see Peter or Tony for details.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 4th March at 2pm in St Mary's

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 tokens. 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