

Dear Parishioners

The older ones among us will remember the *parish mission* which took place periodically when a couple of priests came to the parish to conduct a parish retreat with intensive spiritual exercises and daily sermons.

During Lent this year there will be another *parish mission*, but this one will be of an entirely different kind. It will be a renewal programme of six evening sessions spread over six weeks in which we will reflect together on what it means to be Christ's disciples in this day and age. We will explore together what it means to be members of our parish community and how we as individuals and as a community can reach out to others in a process of sharing our Christian faith and convictions with the community around us.

We will do that by gathering around the Gospel as the Word of God spoken by Jesus and by looking at the way the Gospel became Good News for the early Christians by binding them into a community, giving meaning to their lives and enabling them to reach out to others across barriers.

We will look at how Catholics in other parts of the world gather around the Gospel and try to discover the Good News for their own situations.

We will look at ourselves and reflect on why the Gospel is Good News for us and particularly for me personally. That way we will discover how we can become Good News for others, in other words, become 'missionaries' to those around us.

The six evening sessions will begin at 7.30 and finish at 9pm during which we shall pray together, listen to some input from the Scriptures and discuss and share in groups guided by two experienced missionaries and aided by video presentations.

We shall meet on Thursdays 17th 24th 31st March and 7th April until switching to Wednesdays 13th and 20th April.

The two priests are Fr Jan Klaver whom many will know and who has missionary experience in Africa and also training future priests from several continents and Fr John McAulay who has worked in both Africa and Pakistan.

This is a great opportunity to do something positive for Lent, by sacrificing a little of your time. Lent begins next week, so please pencil these dates in your diary today. There is a certain progression built into the six evenings so please try to try to attend all the sessions.

Fr John

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8th Sunday in Ordinary time- 27th February 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



SUNDAY

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

MONDAY

Mass at 9am

TUESDAY & FRIDAY

Eucharistic Service at 9am

WEDNESDAY

Requiem mass at 10am - Ken Almond

THURSDAY

Mass at 9am

SATURDAY (5th March)

(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

Marie Thornber, Makinson, Parkinson & Hartley Family, Sean Mount,
Fr James O'Neil, Mary Josephine Reid

SICK

Vincenzo Ditri, Brigid Hardwick, Paulette Carter

LATELY DEAD

Ken Almond

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Josephine Reid, Marie Thornber, Luke Makinson, Sean Mount,
Hugh Hutchinson,

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - P.Hardwick Sunday - R & F Holgate

READERS

Saturday - A.Southworth Sunday - M.Barrett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - R.Carter & B.Taylor Sunday - G.Lambert & C & J Leeming

TEA & COFFEE

P.Geldard & T.O'Donnell

OFFERTORY

St Michael & St John's £721.01 Sabden £130.42 Many thanks
Catholic Education Service St Michael & St John's £220.47 Sabden £18.63

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE Opens after Mass on Saturday evening. Why not come in for a relaxing evening, re-ignite 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.

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 two events Friday 18 March and Thursday 31st March - see poster in porch

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

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

STONYHURST LENTEN TALKS Tuesdays throughout March at 7.30pm in the Bayley Room. Details can be found on poster in porch

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER leaflets for March are now available from porch

PARISH BEREAVEMENT RESPONSE GROUP There will be a meeting on Wednesday 2nd March at 8pm in the presbytery for anyone interested in becoming part of this response group.

We welcome into God's family and our parish community Jenna Louise Bank, Finlay Jack Davison and Isabella Louise Joyce who were baptised last Sunday

CAFOD FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT starts Monday February 28th to March 13th. "SHOW OFF YOUR LABEL" by getting into the FAIRTRADE habit - what's in your basket?

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.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Friday's at 7.30pm during Lent. The first one takes place Friday 11th March and will be led by K.S.C.

PARISH DRAW WINNERS - FEBRUARY

£100 163 A.Thornber, £25 - 146 P.Trotter, £10 - 118 R.Holgate, 94 Mr Blockeel, 190 - B.Cornwell, 206 H.Towers, 197 D.Miller. Please collect your winnings from your agent.

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 33 The Turner family 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 be a meeting on Monday 7th March at 7.30pm in the hall to discuss future events. All welcome. Bring along your fund raising ideas.

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

Clitheroe Churches in Partnership

LENT COURSE

Saturdays during Lent in our Parish Hall starting with a talk at 11am followed by Lunch of assorted bread and cheeses - Cost £2

At the first of these Lunches on Saturday 12th March

Lord David Alton

will speak on

'Where do faith and politics meet'

Volunteers to help our Ladies team who organise the lunches would be greatly appreciated