

Dear Parishioners,

Lent has begun! I trust that by now you have decided on a Lenten resolution and I do encourage all who are able, to attend the Lent course which begins this Thursday in the Hall at 7.30pm.

As Dean I have been organising the Requiems for Fr Joe Feeley who died last Saturday. Usually a priest has two requiems, one the evening he taken into Church and the second the following morning. This is to accommodate the huge numbers who attend and offers some flexibility to his brother priests. Before he was to be taken to St Mary's, Clayton-Le-Moors on Thursday evening, the family insisted that they have 40 minutes at the chapel of rest to pray the rosary before his open coffin, pay individual tributes and take their leave of Fr Joe. This is a venerable Catholic custom and one which fruitfully could be revived and I do commend it.

The parents of children to be baptised in our parish attend two evening preparation sessions conducted by Marina Barrett. To help parents plan for baptism the dates of these sessions will in the future be printed in the newsletter. One course is currently running and the next will be on 5th and 12th May.

The school has to remodel its entrance to ensure that visitors are identified before gaining entry to the building. This work will cost over £69,000 of which the parish should pay just less than seven thousand pounds.

When I came to the parish the men, with the help of Brian Williams from the Decorating Centre, repaired and repainted many badly flaking areas of the church walls. Now that the exterior is repaired we must look to reordering and redecorating the interior of the Church. In addition the heating system needs major surgery and I have a proposal for a security system that will enable us to leave the church open during daylight hours. But there is a problem -- we don't have the money. So parish finances will be on the agenda of the next Forum, this Wednesday at 7.30pm. This meeting will be in St Mary's Parish Hall, Sabden.

The architect's plan of the original proposal for a permanent stone altar has been removed from the notice board at the back of the church. It represents hundreds pounds' worth of work measuring the whole of the sanctuary area of the church and its foundations. Whoever has it, please return it.

Fr John

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1st Sunday of Lent - 13th March 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



SUNDAY

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

MONDAY

Eucharistic Service at 9am

TUESDAY

Mass at 9am

WEDNESDAY

Mass at 9.15am

11am Requiem - Wendy Byrne

THURSDAY

Mass at 9am

FRIDAY

9am Eucharistic Service
7.30pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY (19th 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 **Monday** 10am Requiem Albert Byewater

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

Saturday (19th March) Stations of the Cross at 6pm (prior to bonfire)

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Dorothy McGregor, Eric Whitehead (2), Luke Makinson & deceased Makinson family
Wendy Byrne (2), Albert Byewater (5), Brenda Doherty, Moira Smithson, Fr Joe Feeley

SICK

Vincenzo Ditri, Moira Smithson, Brenda Doherty

LATELY DEAD

Albert Byewater, Wendy Burne, Fr Joe Feeley

ANNIVERSARIES

Eric Whitehead, Luke Makinson, Brian Carr

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - T.Wilkinson Sunday - P.Dixon & B.Byrne

READERS

Saturday - A.McGuire Sunday - Family Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - B.Worden & A.Southworth Sunday - T.Mercer, I.Parkes, R.Embery

TEA & COFFEE

Julie Rigg

OFFERTORY

St Michael & St John's £679.76 Sabden £150.65 Many thanks

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.

SATURDAY 19th March - St Patrick's Nite with Andy Keith in the Top Lounge

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 posters in porch

RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL WALK is coming to Clitheroe this year on Spring Bank Holiday Monday - May 30th - 1.30pm start.

LADIES GROUP Details of forthcoming trips can be found on the flyers in the porch. We still have plenty of seats left on the Manchester Trip 23rd March only £6. Leaves interchange 8.45am To book your ticket please see Janet 424657 or Daphne 427912.

Harrogate trip Thursday 14th April - still some seats left only £7 for Harrogate only.

FUN LINE DANCING in the Millenium Hall at Oakhill College (Whalley) on Friday 25th March at 7.30pm - £5. Tickets available from English Martyrs, Whalley.

HOE DOWN in our Parish Hall Saturday 2nd April at 7.30pm. Caller Tonty Pye from Chipping. A great Family Night not to be missed. Price £7.50 each inc supper. Tickets from Mike Bradley 424649, Terry (Social Centre) or Les Collinson 427029. All proceeds towards the cost of the recent improvements. Tickets available after 9.30am Mass each Sunday morning.

CATHOLIC LIFE MAGAZINE - the magazine of Catholic history and culture March edition on sale at £3.50. There is a section this month about the Salford Diocese which includes articles on Pleasington Priory and Blessed John Cottam, Lancashire Jesuit and martyr

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

BIBLE SOCIETY ACTION GROUP AGM Tuesday 22 March 7.30pm Clitheroe URC church. Pick up your free copy of 'Word in Action' published by the Bible Society from the porch. There is a 2 page article page 10/11 on Belarus, home of our Chernobyl children.

Catholic Companion March edition now available £1

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY is next Friday March



18th, please return the envelopes next weekend, thank you. "FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT" ends to-day, March 13th, you were invited to "SHOW OFF YOUR LABEL" by getting into the Fairtrade habit, you are now invited to continue your habit, week in, week out.

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

K.S.C. DANCE Next Friday 18th March 7.30pm start - dance to John Lancaster £6 including Hot Supper. Tel 427029 or 427096

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Friday's at 7.30pm during Lent. The next one takes place next Friday 18th March and will be led by the Scout Group

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

LADIES GROUP Committee Meeting on Monday 12th March at 7.30pm in the presbytery. The Ladies Group are collecting wine corks to make display boards and would be grateful for any donations - just pop them in the parish communications box in the porch.



COMMUNITY JUSTICE & SENTENCING WORKSHOP Thursday 24 March at St Anthony's Centre, Manchester. See poster in porch

CATHOLIC COMPANION March edition now available £1

FORMATION FOR MISSION begins next Thursday in our Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Easter Cards are now on sale at very reasonable prices

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 49 Anthony Galea. Winners please collect winnings from Carol or Harry.

RAFFLE the raffle raised £75 - two unclaimed prizes 249 yellow and 345 cream/green Please claim from sacristy after mass

MATTHEWS BONFIRE Matthew's bonfire will be lit on Saturday 19th March at 7pm. Potato Pie supper - £5 per adult, children free, bring your own drink (a hot drink will be available) list in porch for names for catering. Please note there will be Stations of the Cross at 6pm before the bonfire.

TESCO VOUCHERS are being collected also by Sabden school. Hand them in to the school or put them in the container in the porch. Don't forget to ask your friends and relatives to collect them

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.

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

Next Saturday 19th March,
Dr Janet Eccles of
Lancaster University
'Making a difference'
Christian Women in
Private & Public spheres