

Dear Parishioners,

I trust that we all have adopted some form of Lenten discipline and in the event of any failure to keep our resolutions that in the words of the old song we pick ourselves up, dust ourselves down and started all over again!

On Wednesday last, there was an excellent attendance at the Reconciliation service for our First Communion Children with many parishioners availing themselves of the Sacrament. We three priests were kept busy until after 9o'clock!

We now have splendid new signage outside both our churches and the social centre. We are indebted to Peter White who made and hung them for the cost of the materials only.

The annual sponsored walk across Morecombe bay in aid of *Right to Life* has been cancelled this year as a result of increasing health and safety regulations and red tape. So we shall host an 8 mile walk along the Ribble starting from our car park to Brungerly bridge, along the river to cross at West Bradford bridge to continue onto Chatburn bridge before returning along the opposite bank. We expect a good number of visitors and shall need quite some volunteers to organise and marshal the event. So if you can help - male and female alike - come to a planning meeting in the Presbytery on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

The diocese has launched a new Vocations initiative: *A Vocations Prayer for Every Day*. This is a laminated foldout prayer card that offers a prayer for everyday of the week. It begins with a prayer for the Bishop on Sunday and then each day covers a different aspect of Vocation - including family life. Please take one of these prayer cards home and if possible recite the daily prayers as a family. We shall now cease to recite the vocation prayer that we have been saying at Mass for the past year or so. And the good news: the numbers of young men training for our diocese is increasing!

At the beginning of Lent more than 4,700 people in England and Wales applied to join the Church at Easter. Of these, around 900 will join the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, established for members of the Anglican Communion who wish to become Catholic while still maintaining elements of the Anglican tradition. Of those, 61 are former Anglican clergy. We pray for all.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

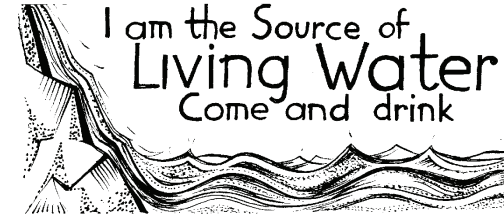
Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

Lowergate, Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 1AG

Tel 01200 423307 Website: olotv.org.uk

Email: smsj@btinternet.com Parish Priest: Mgr John Corcoran RD

3rd Sunday of Lent - 27th March 2011



St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe

SUNDAY

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

MONDAY

9am Eucharistic Service

TUESDAY/THURSDAY

Mass at 9am

WEDNESDAY

Mass at 9.15am

FRIDAY

Eucharistic Service at 9am
7.30pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY (2nd April)

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

Special intention x 2, Theresa Wilkinson, Joan Preedy, Mary Frances Bleazard, Bryan Roberts, Honora Warburton, Betty Morton

SICK

Mary Hughes

LATELY DEAD

Fr Kevin O'Neill SM, Honora Warburton, Betty Morton, Winnie Walsh,

ANNIVERSARIES

Joan Preedy, Mary Frances Bleazard, Bryan Roberts, Elizabeth Long, Pauline Altham, Anthony Leecy, Pat Fullalove, Marion Hutchinson, Alice Wilkinson

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - M.Roberts Sunday - A & J Marsden

READERS

Saturday - G.Harkin Sunday - E.Lambert

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - L.Perrin & H.Mercer Sunday - P.Sutcliffe, C & J Leeming

TEA & COFFEE

L & B Collinson & R.Conti

OFFERTORY St Michael & St John's £799.74 Sabden £133.70 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.

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 fundraising event Thursday 31st March - see posters in porch

LADIES GROUP meeting next Wednesday 30th March at 7.30pm. A slide presentation by Miss Margaret Curry entitled 'Lady Ann Clifford' who was associated with Skipton Castle back in the 17th century - promises to be very interesting - everyone welcome. 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. There are still some spare seats on the bus to Harrogate on Thursday 14th April cost £7. If you wish to go to the Flower Show you can pay on the door. Tel Janet 424657 or Daphne 427912 to book.

HOE DOWN in our Parish Hall NEXT Saturday 2nd April at 7.30pm. Caller Tony 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 on Sunday morning.

CARITAS Diocese of Salford seek to appoint a part time, term time only Qualified Social Worker to the Schools Social Work Service. For further information, please contact recruitment@caritassalford.org.uk or contact Rachel Birks on 0161 817 2250

A BOLIVIAN MEDITATION on the Lord's Prayer - See Janet if you would like a copy

PRO-LIFE DAY OF PRAYER on Saturday 9th April. Exposition and prayer from 9am - 6pm, closing with the Vigil Mass. See poster in porch for further details.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2nd - 10th August Fly or travel by TGV train see poster in porch or see Janet for more details

MARCH PARISH DRAW WINNERS £100 - 234 Mrs Morrison, £25 - 10 J.Dewhurst, £10 - 49 E.Birtwell, 83 - D.Preedy, 183 P.Worswick, 54 - H.Burgess, 229 M.Gidlow

CAFOD Sincere thanks for the donations in the Lent Fast Day envelopes which amounted to Sabden £104.10, Clitheroe £502.71

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

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

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Friday's at 7.30pm during Lent. The next one takes place next Friday 1st April and will be led by the S.V.P. group

ST MARY'S COLLEGE Spring concert Tuesday 5th April - see poster in porch
NOVENA a magazine of Catholic devotions now on sale £3.50. Please put money in C.T.S. box on wall near War Memorial

Easter Cards are now on sale at very reasonable prices

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 17 Michael Pilling. Please collect winnings from Carol or Harry. Please can people keep up with the payments for this. If you are not up to date and win, any arrears will be subtracted from your winnings.

TABLE TOP SALE Saturday 7th May. Tables from £7. Further details and table bookings contact Dee Ellis on 01282 773984.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS next Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm

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 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

Next Saturday 2nd April
Rev'd Dr Peter Shepherd
'Toleration - virtue or vice'

Everyone Welcome