

Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday we celebrate the beginning of Holy Week when we commemorate Christ riding into Jerusalem on a donkey (then considered a noble and royal animal) to be greeted by cheering crowds who scattered palm branches and their coats onto the road to give him a red carpet reception.

In recent years we have blessed palms in the hall and then processed to the church in commemoration of his triumphant entry. However, this year the constraints of time and a waiting congregation in Sabden preclude this. And since of necessity our larger church in Clitheroe must host the major Holy Week services, the Palm Sunday procession is reserved for St Mary's Sabden at 11 o'clock. In Clitheroe palm crosses will be blessed in church.

Next week's newsletter will carry full details of the Holy Week services but briefly they are: Maundy Thursday Mass at 8pm followed by watching from 9 o'clock until Compline at 10pm. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross are at 9am in Clitheroe and 10am in Sabden with the Good Friday Liturgy in Clitheroe at 3pm. Because it should begin in the darkness of night this year's Easter Vigil will begin an hour later than usual at 9pm. Easter Sunday Masses and renewal of Baptismal Promises are at the usual times of 9.30 in Clitheroe and 11am in Sabden.

No one has yet requested tickets for the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Maundy Thursday at 10.30am.

It goes without saying that the commemoration of Christ's suffering and death which clearly demonstrate the love that God has for each and every one of us is an opportune moment for you to invite and accompany someone back to church. In his suffering, torture and death Jesus' body absorbed all mankind's "No's" and transformed them into an eternal "Yes" to the Father. Do come along and invite others to interiorise that eternal "Yes" during this momentous week.

Peter Hunter is a Catholic from Blackpool, a seasoned pro-life campaigner and member of the PCS (Public and Commercial Services Union). The PCS has an aggressive pro abortion policy which Peter has opposed over the years. He will seek election to the PCS national executive on April 14th. If you are a member of the PCS ☎(01253 346561 or email peterfy4@btinternet.com..... Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

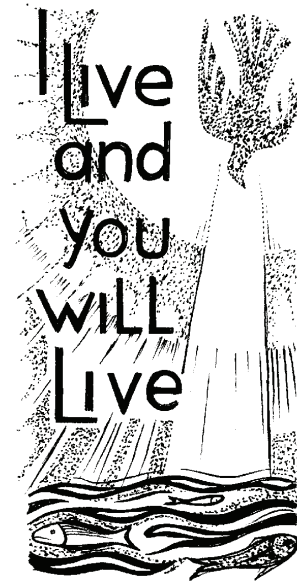
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5th Sunday of Lent - 10th April 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday

9am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am
7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday (16th April)

11 - 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

Lille Marchese, Mary Devine

SICK

Vincenzo Ditri, Monica Hargreaves, Hilda Burgess

LATELY DEAD

Winifred Walsh, Gerald Jacques

ANNIVERSARIES

Lille Marchese, Mary Devine, Bill Gornall, Kevin Jackson,

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - M.Valovin Sunday - D.Marsden & J.Byrne

READERS

Saturday - M.Rigg Sunday - School

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - R.Carter & B.Taylor Sunday - T.Mercer, I.Parkes, P.Donnolly

TEA & COFFEE

M.Barrett & C.Clews

OFFERTORY St Michael & St John's £761.70 Sabden £204.46 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 April 16th - St George's Night - Free and Easy

MEMBERSHIP Membership fees may be renewed every Monday, Friday and Sunday evenings. Fees to increase - £10 for adults, £5 for OAP's & students.

LADIES GROUP Still a few seats on the bus to Harrogate 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.

Gift Aid Envelopes are now available for collection from the Sacristy as well as Rota's for the next three months

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY at St Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn Sunday 1st May. Please see poster in porch

SECRET SINGERS United Reformed Church Thursdays 10.30am - 12 noon from 4th May - £4 per session - See poster in porch

WALSINGHAM BANNER Whist and Domino Drive at St Wilfrid's Longridge Thursday 28 April at 7.30pm. ALSO a Royal Wedding Celebration with Roe Valley Dance Band on Friday 29 April See posters in porch

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK This year runs from 15 - 21 May. If you would be willing to help giving out envelopes or collecting please see Janet.

CLITHEROE CHURCHES IN PARTNERSHIP Ecumenical Service on Good Friday at St Paul's, Low Moor 10am, followed by Procession of Witness to Castle Gates. See poster in porch

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Mon 11th April at 7.30 in the Presbytery.

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE Wednesday 13th April in the Parish Hall from 2 - 5pm. Admission £3.50 including traditional afternoon tea. A good afternoon out!! Everyone welcome.

DVD OF PAPAL VISIT The official DVD of the Papal visit has been produced and is now available to us for only £5.99. (full retail price £9.99) If you would like one then please put your name and tel no on the list on the shelves at the back of church.



There will be the quarterly S.V.P. collection at both masses this weekend 10/11 April. Please give with your usual generosity. Thankyou

CAFOD DID YOU KNOW.....Six months on from the Pakistan floods CAFOD has delivered vital help to more than 120,000 people?. CAFOD partners have helped villagers to construct new shelters, which are now being adapted into permanent houses. Thanks to your generosity we were able to support thousands of families begin the laborious process of rebuilding their lives.

Please note the Parish office will be closed on Thursday 14th April but open on Wednesday 13th

CATHOLIC ROADSHOW to raise funds for Heart Gives Unto Heart Catholic Internet Radio After the successful broadcast during Pope Benedict's visit last autumn, the radio has organised a Catholic Roadshow to visit 20 towns during the summer. Featuring a free art/photo/icon/Vatican stamp exhibition; free workshops around the subject of "Helping Your Priest and Parishioners" A free Roadshow newspaper. In the evening a

Gala Concert will feature a variety of artists including **Fr Stan Fortuna** - the rapping friar, **Don Maclean** - broadcaster/singer/raconteur and **Edwin Fawcett** - evangelical singer. Tickets available website www.hguhroadshow.co.uk. Gerry Coates 0790 607 3376. **Nearest venue:** Sacred Heart Parish Centre, 313 Preston New Road, Blackburn BB2 6PL Wednesday 18th May. **Concert artistes:** Edwin Fawcett, Jo Walkden, Charly Pinfold (Rise Theatre), Gerry Coates, Bobby Jo (Mime & Dance), Teresa Brown (Violin), Deborah Walcott-Grappie

CATHOLIC COMPANION April edition now on sale - still only £1

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Friday's at 7.30pm during Lent.

JESUIT & FRIENDS Spring 2011 issue now available free from porch

K.S.C. Council meeting Tuesday 12th April 7.30pm in presbytery

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SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 25 Jane Sharpe. Please collect winnings from Carol or Harry. There are 2 spare numbers for this weekly draw if anyone would like to join in, again see Carol or Harry. .

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Tuesday at 7.30pm at Sabden. We are leading the Stations at St Michael & St John's on Friday - please come over the hill and join in. If you are interested in taking part let Susan know.

TESCO VOUCHERS are being collected also by Sabden school.

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.

FORMATION FOR MISSION (Lent Mission Course)

Please note: the next two sessions (that have previously taken place on Thursday evenings) will now take place on Wednesday 13th April and Wednesday 20th April - Same time, same venue