

Dear Parishioners,

This week we embark on a journey that leads from the joy of Palm Sunday through the suffering and sorrow of Holy Week to the triumph and celebration of Easter.

Maundy Thursday

Clitheroe 8.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

We commemorate the last meal that Jesus ate with his disciples during which he washed their feet and instituted the Eucharist. Afterwards Jesus walked to the Garden of Gethsemane where he asked the Apostles to stay awake and pray with him but they were unable to do so -- even for one hour. In the darkness he was arrested. This event is commemorated by the removal of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. You are invited to respond to Christ's words, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" by watching with Christ from **9.00pm until Compline** (the Church's night prayer) **10.00pm**

Good Friday

(Today is a day of Fast and Abstinence)

Clitheroe 9.00am Stations of the Cross

Sabden 10.00am Stations of the Cross

Clitheroe: 10.00am Ecumenical Service at St Paul's Low Moor followed by procession of the Cross to Castle Gate

Sabden: 11.00am Ecumenical Service at the Village Cross

Clitheroe 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Jesus died at the ninth hour, three o'clock in the afternoon. We gather in mourning to hear St John's passion; to pray for all for whom Christ died; to venerate the cross on which he died; and to share the fruit of his redeeming death in Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday

Clitheroe 9.00pm Easter Vigil

In darkness, the Easter fire and the blessing of the Paschal Candle celebrate Our Saviour's resurrection from the dead and the victory of light over darkness. The extended readings recall God's redeeming acts throughout history that culminated in the Resurrection. The Easter Water is blessed and we are invited to commit ourselves afresh to Christ by renewing our baptismal promises along with two candidates who will be reconciled to the Church and Confirmed. This Vigil Mass is the most important Service of the whole year and should be attended even in preference to Mass on Easter Sunday itself.

Easter Sunday

Clitheroe 9.30 Mass & Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sabden 11am Mass & Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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Palm Sunday - 17th April 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday

9am Eucharistic Service

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday - see back page

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am followed by coffee

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday - see back page

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Gerry Jacques (2), May Hughes, Marian Dominic Drews

SICK

May Hughes, Hilda Dewhurst, Vincenzo Ditri

LATELY DEAD

Gerald Jacques

ANNIVERSARIES

Marian Dominic Drews,

READERS

Maundy Thursday - A.Harkin **Good Friday** - J.Byrne, R.Carter, C.Morgan
Easter Vigil (9pm) - A.Southworth, C.Carr, T.Mercer, C.Astin, A.Marsden
Easter Day (9.30am) - to be advised

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Maundy Thursday - M.Illingworth, I.Parkes
Good Friday - C.Morgan
Vigil - H.Mercer, B.Taylor, J.Hall
Sunday - R.Embery, C & J Leeming

WELCOMERS EASTER SUNDAY

Saturday (9pm) - P & B Hardwick Sunday (9.30am) - J.Clegg & E.Davies

TEA & COFFEE

B.Parkinson, M.Maffia, M.Manning

OFFERTORY St Michael & St John's £727.21 Sabden £135.28 Many thanks
S.V.P. £311.51 Many thanks

JESUIT MISSIONS Quarterly collection £241.58 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.
PLEASE NOTE THE CENTRE IS CLOSED MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY. RE-OPENS EASTER SUNDAY

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 Next trip is on Wednesday 11th May to EDEN CAMP, Set off 8.15am (please note earlier time) Cost £12 or £15.50 which includes a stop on route with Tea/Coffee + Scone. This is payable at our next meeting on Wednesday 27 April. Tel Janet 424657 or Daphne 427912 to book. More details on flyers/poster in porch. ALSO a date

for your diary - Arden Youth Choir Saturday 14th May - more details next week

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

ST JOSEPH'S CEMETERY

(Waddington Road)

It is intended to give the cemetery its first Spring Clean of the Year picking up sticks, sweeping up etc on

Saturday 23rd April at 9.30am.

All volunteers welcome



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

DAY OF RENEWAL at Salesian Convent, Brettarch Holt, See poster in porch.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND - especially good for families - 30 April - 1 May. Details in porch or see website www.celebrateconference.org

JOIN LEEDS PEOPLE FOR LIFE Sunday 8th May York. See poster in porch

UNIVERSE MAGAZINE - from the Archives now on sale at £3.50

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.

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

New selection of Rosary beads, prayer cards, Novena's, and some 'Welcome into the Church' cards now available for sale.

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 22 Carolyne Bywater. 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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES Monday - Church open 7pm-8pm for prayer and reflection, Tuesday - Church open 7pm - 8pm for prayer and Stations, Wednesday - Church open 7pm - 8pm Damien will lead Liturgy of the word. Please join in and make Holy Week special.

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 tokens. Please hand them in at school or in the container in the porch.

FORMATION FOR MISSION
(Lent Mission Course)
Please note: the next session
Wednesday 20th April
Same time, same venue