

Dear Parishioners, First I must express a word of gratitude to all who prepared and assisted with Holy Week services in our two churches. Attendances were good and thanks to the commitment and work of many the services passed prayerfully and smoothly.

The next Parish Forum is on Wednesday at 7.30pm, here in Clitheroe. It promises to be an important meeting.

Two items will be to the fore.

The first is the times of Sunday Masses. You may recall that I have expressed concern at the marked decrease of young families attending the 9.30am Mass in Clitheroe. One explanation has been given to me time and again: that half an hour makes all the difference on Sunday morning! Some suggested remedies are: that we swap the venues around and begin with Sabden Mass at 9.30 followed by the 11.00 at Clitheroe; or that we revert to 10am in Clitheroe followed by 11.30 at Sabden; or we compromise and begin in Clitheroe at 9.45 followed by Sabden at 11.15. We shall discuss this important topic bearing the following facts in mind: Mass in Clitheroe lasts an hour and has an attendance of 230. Mass in Sabden lasts for 45 minutes with an attendance of 74.

The second item is the formation of a Finance Committee. Soon after my arrival in Clitheroe I established the Maintenance Committee which has overseen the refurbishment of both church and social centre while also accepting some responsibility for financial matters. However, following the amalgamation we should establish a properly constituted Finance Committee. On Wednesday I shall propose a membership of an elected member from each of the following: the KSC, the women's committee, Sabden parish, Sabden hall, the Maintenance committee, the social centre and up to three members appointed by the parish priest. This is only a proposal to be discussed and decided before the different groups hold elections.

The last Form revealed a need to revisit the constitution of the social centre which as a parish we voted for in early 2009.

This will be an important meeting that, as usual, is open to every parishioner and at which each has the right to speak and to vote.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

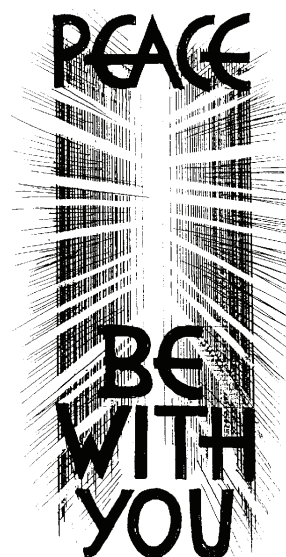
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Second Sunday of Easter - 1st May 2011

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

Saturday (7th May)

11-11.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 - 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 - 10.45am Requiem Hilda Dewhurst

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Tim Hetherington, Margaret McKenna's intentions

SICK

Vincenzo Ditri

LATELY DEAD

Hilda Dewhurst, Tim Hetherington

ANNIVERSARIES

Hubert Jackson

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - T.Wilkinson **Sunday** - P.Drews & R.Conti

READERS

Saturday - R.Carter **Sunday** - J.Hennigan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - B.Worden & A.Southworth **Sunday** - A.Marsden, C.Morgan, T.Mercer

TEA & COFFEE

Sims Family

OFFERTORY St Michael & St John's £1302.65 Sabden £221.24

Shrines of Palestine £266.52 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.

LADIES GROUP NEXT TRIP Wednesday 11th May to EDEN CAMP, Set off 8.15am (please note earlier time) Cost £12 or £15.50 which including stop on route with Tea/Coffee + Scone. Tel Janet 424657 or Daphne 427912 to book. More details on flyers/poster in porch. **TABLE TOP SALE** Our Ladies Group have booked a Table at Sabden's on Saturday 7th May. Please come along and support

ARDEN YOUTH CHOIR - On Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm in the church. Organised by our Ladies Group with proceeds to MacMillan Nurses. Tickets are only £5 and include refreshments. Please support - come along and enjoy what promises to be a fantastic evening.

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE Wednesday 18th May in our Parish Hall 2pm - 5pm. Come along and enjoy a dance, a chat and excellent Afternoon Tea - all for £3.50 !!!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK This year runs from 15 - 21 May. Please could we have some more help distributing and collecting envelopes - your help would be greatly appreciated. **COFFEE AND BISCUITS** in Ribble Valley Town Hall Saturday 14th May 10am - 12 noon. Bring & Buy and Traidcraft Stalls £1 - pay on door

TESCO/SAINSBURY vouchers are being collected by our Primary School.

PARISH DRAW WINNERS £100 - 36 S.Bailey, £25 - 136 Mrs McKenna, £10 203 - C.Mashiter, 126 - J.Kelly, 167 - T.Tomlinson, 162 - A.Thornber, 137 - B.Malone.

CLITHEROE FOOD FESTIVAL 13th AUGUST - The Clitheroe Churches have been asked to provide some children's food-based activities in St Mary's Centre. If you would like to take part or help then come along to St Mary's Choir vestry at 7.30pm on May 19th or phone 0796 957 6691 or email andyfroud@gmail.com

CREATION, EVOLUTION AND CRISIS OF FAITH find out the answers and bring your questions to Greygarth hall on Thursday May 12th. See poster in porch

MISSION/LENTEN LUNCHESES Many thanks to our Ladies, S.V.P and CAFOD groups for their help with providing hospitality at the recent Parish Mission and also to the Ladies who helped with the Lenten Lunches.

Thanks to THE FEW who helped with tidying the cemetery last Saturday.

CAFOD There will be a meeting next Sunday May 8th at 7.30pm in the presbytery. Would you care to come along?

CATHOLIC ROADSHOW to raise funds for Heart Gives Unto Heart Catholic Internet Radio 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, Blackburn Wednesday 18th May. **Concert artistes:** Edwin Fawcett, Jo Walkden, Charly Pinfold, Gerry Coates, Bobby Jo, Teresa Brown, Deborah Walcott-Grappie

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass/Service each day next week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us.

DAY OF RENEWAL at Salesian Convent, Brettarch Holt Satirday 14 May See poster in porch.

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

CRAFT AFTERNOON on Thursday 5th May from 2pm - 4pm in the Presbytery. This will be a "knit and natter" while we price up for the Table Top Sale goods. Has anyone got any crocheting cotton they can donate?

DVD OF PAPAL VISIT 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

K.S.C DANCE next Saturday May 7th 7.30pm dance to John Lancaster Tickets £6 inc Hot supper. Tel Arnold 427096 or Les 427029

CHRISTIAN HOLIDAY HANDBOOK 2011 - Pick up your free copy from porch

Confirmation & First Holy Communion cards now on sale from table at back of church. Please put money in C.T.S.box

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 10 P.Clarkson. Please collect winnings from Carol or Harry. There are still 2 spare numbers for this weekly draw if anyone would like to join in, again see Carol or Harry.

TABLE TOP SALE NEXT Saturday 7th May. Tables still available ring Dee 01282 773984. Admission from 10am - £1, to include entry into a raffle. Come along and support us - you may pick up a real bargain or an undiscovered antique.

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.

The Year of the Bible 2011

Friday 17 & Saturday 18 June

at St Mary Magdalene's

Come and join in!

To include people young and old from ALL the Clitheroe Churches

A meeting for all who would like to take part in the choir vestry at St Mary's at 7.30pm on Wednesday May 11th