

Dear Parishioners,

A week on Monday, Bank holiday Monday, the annual North West sponsored walk to raise funds for *Right to Life* will be hosted by our parish. Previously this event followed the guided path across Morecombe Bay. The ambition to walk across the Bay attracted a good number of sponsored participants but recently imposed Local Council restrictions and regulations have effectively ruled this out as a viable fundraising event.

To save the day, the parish *Life group* volunteered to organise a walk from St Michael and St John's to follow the Ribble Way and other paths along the river to Chatburn and back again. The route is about eight miles in total and will introduce many from Merseyside, Gtr Manchester and Lancashire to our scenic Ribble Valley. The walk will depart the parish car park at 1.30pm, flagged off by Lord David Alton and led by MPs Jim Dobbin and John Benton with Ken Hargreaves the retired MP for Accrington.

We pray and hope for quite a number of participants, but don't let's rely on visitors. You can collect a sponsored walk form after Mass today, sign up some sponsors and join us. I invite especially our teenagers to join the event, particularly scouts and guides who should in theory out-pace all us older folk. So, there is a challenge!

The walk will cross the road at Brungerley, West Bradford and Chatburn bridges, so we shall require marshals to supervise crossings at these points and have a few cars on hand to bring back walkers who may be unable to complete the walk. Volunteers please hand in your names to Arnold or Janet.

The Ecclesiastical Education Fund which provides the money to recruit and train priests to serve our diocese will remain open for another three weeks. Last week's retiring collection was Clitheroe £329 and Sabden £63.

Congratulations to St Mary's school, Sabden who have completed an Ofsted inspection and even brought the examiner to Mass with them on Friday morning!

This year's Mass, Anointing of the sick and tea party is on Sunday 24th July at 2pm. For the convenience of less mobile parishioners the Mass will be celebrated in the hall of the Parish Centre.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

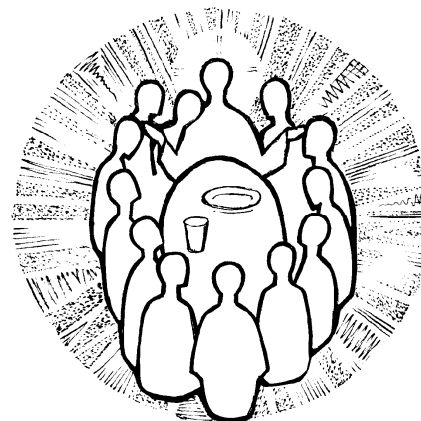
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Fifth Sunday of Easter - 22nd May 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Saturday (28th May)

NO Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 - 11.55am Exposition

11.30am - Rosary

Eucharistic Service at noon

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am followed by coffee

Friday - No Mass

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Valerie Lambert, Bernard Devine, Mary Cushion, Monica Slevik,
Dominic Small, Terry Dunning

SICK

Vincenzo Ditri, Henry Dooley, Josephine Howarth, Brigid Hardwick

LATELY DEAD

Sr Angelina Telese, Valerie Lambert, Monica Slevin,

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Tresnan

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - M.Illingworth **Sunday** - Mr & Mrs Ryder

READERS

Saturday - C Carr **Sunday** - M.Lynch

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - B.Worden & S.Southworth **Sunday** - P.Donnely, T.Mercer, I.Parkes

TEA & COFFEE

Fellowes family

OFFERTORY Clitheroe - £824.53 Sabden £140.24

E.E.FUND Clitheroe - £328.66 Sabden £ 62.73 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 11 JUNE East Lancs Hospice Charity Event in the Hall with DJ and Tribute Artist (Elvis and others) Tickets £6 at Social Centre or from any committee member also "For Auction—Tour of Liverpool FC stadium and museum for 4 people worth £140 plus lots more items" **SUNDAY JULY 31st.** There will be a meeting for members in the club at 7.30pm to elect a new committee.

WELCOME an extra person wanted to go on our Welcome rota on Sunday morning - only once every three months - Any offers !! Just give your name in to Janet at the presbytery if you would be willing to help.

PARISH FORUM Please see amended version in the porch - 'g' under AOB to read 'a dramatised version of St Mark's gospel Friday June 17th and on Saturday 18th June the Old Testament book of Ruth at St Mary's Parish Church, Clitheroe

SEWING MACHINES In response to those parishioners who have a sewing machine they wish to donate to the Third World - we now have someone who will accept them. Please see Janet or ring her at the presbytery.

STONYHURST COLLEGE - guided tours 25 July - 29 August. Group visits also available. See poster in porch

LARK HILL ASSOCIATION-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS Mass followed by buffet Saturday June 25th. See poster in porch

RIGHT TO LIFE WALK



**Bank Holiday Monday
30th May 1.30pm
from church**

PLEASE NOTE

Would all local people taking part in the walk please park their cars in the Car Park behind the Social Centre and leave the Church Car Park for visitors.

Could all stewards please be at Church Car Park at 1pm at the latest for briefing. Thankyou

Contact Arnold
tel: 01200 427096

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

WHIST & DOMINO DRIVE at St Wilfrid's Club, Longridge Thursday 26 May at 7.30pm. Admission £1.50 inc Tea & Biscuits

CARITAS Salford Rescue Society continues to operate under its new name - Caritas. If you are considering fostering and you would like further information from the Caritas Fostering Team, please visit our website www.caritassalford.org.uk or contact us on tel no 0161 817 2250

LADIES GROUP next Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm 'My Life as a Dancer' a talk and demonstration of some dances with Victoria Cunliffe. At this meeting you may also put your name down for the **MYSTERY TOUR** on Wednesday 29th June. If you are interested pick up a flyer from the church porch or see Janet or Daphne. We will set off from Clitheroe Interchange at 4.45pm and will get back into Clitheroe approximately 9.45pm. Due to rising costs it has risen to £20 but will include the drivers tip, the waitress tip and a free raffle. Please note husbands/friends are all welcome to come along.

BAPTISM We welcome John Charles Adams Peers who was baptised last Sunday

ARDEN YOUTH CHOIR The Ladies Group would like to thank everyone who helped last weekend for making this event a great success. Details of final total raised be issued later.

PARISH ACTION GROUP had their first meeting on the 12th May. The next meeting will be on 1st September at 7.30pm.

CHRISTIAN LUNCH CLUB next Friday 27th May at Henthorn Community Centre - 11.45 for 12 noon Jacobs Join. Rev Ann Hardacre will give a talk entitled 'Soup Kitchen exploits'. Everyone welcome

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 44. 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.

GARDEN PARTY/SPRING FAYRE The meeting to organise this will be on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm in the Hall. Please bring all your good ideas. The Garden Party is on 18th June. This meeting may be a good time to discuss and vote for 2 people to represent us on the finance committee. If you are interested in this please come forward and let us know.

CONFIRMATION Today Sunday the children on the Sacramental programme will be confirmed. It will take place during the 11am Mass at St Mary's. Please support and pray for them.

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.