

Dear Parishioners,  
This Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, Terry Peters retires after many years as steward of St Michael and St John's Parish Centre.

I have asked Aileen Evans, our business adviser and accountant; Kevin Shepherd, who holds the premises licence on behalf of the trustees; and Gerry Harkin the chair of the club committee to provisionally manage the centre and organise bar cover until a new steward is appointed. Also they will arrange a farewell celebration to thank Terry for the years of service that he has given to the Parish Centre.

An advertisement to recruit a Manager responsible for both the Parish Centre and the Parish Hall will be posted this week in the Parish Centre, Hall and Church. When all applications have been received the shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by Aileen and Ricky Davis, diocesan consultant, under my chairmanship.

I know that at a time such as this, rumours will abound! But if any run contrary to the information above, then please treat them for what they will be – unfounded rumours!

You may remember that in a homily last year (if by chance you remember homilies!) I suggested that we give up eating beef on Fridays for the sake of the planet (excessive methane contributing to climate change) and the world's hungry (much too much grain fed to cattle at the expense of the poor). Well the bishops of England and Wales have caught up with Clitheroe! They have asked all Catholics to abstain from meat on Fridays from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, the anniversary of Pope Benedict's visit. Their hope is that by reinstating this old practice it will promote Catholic solidarity while encouraging us to witness by one common form of penance to the day on which Jesus died for us.

Our altar servers have their annual treat today. So perhaps this is the moment to appeal for new recruits from the present year 4 and year 5 pupils. It is an honour to serve at the altar but serving also has benefits: it helps youngsters grow in confidence; develop a sense of discipline and possibly a deeper Catholic identity. If any parents would like to discuss this further, please contact Mr Murray or myself -- we both were altar servers in the dim distant past!  
Fr John

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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**16th Sunday in Ordinary time - 17th July 2011**

*St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe*



## Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

## Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

## Tuesday

Mass at 9am

## Thursday

Leavers Mass at 11am

## Saturday (23rd July)

11.15 - 11.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 - 11.55am Exposition 11.30am - Rosary

Noon—Eucharistic Service

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

## St Mary's Church Sabden

**Sunday** - Mass at 11am

**Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

## MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Teresa Atkinson, Katie Murrin, Joan Gerguson

## SICK

Teresa Atkinson

## LATELY DEAD

Joan Robinson, Joyce Joyce

## ANNIVERSARIES

Joan Ferguson

***There will be a retiring collection for Peters Pence at both Masses this weekend***

## WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday** - M.Valovin **Sunday** - P.Drews & R.Conti

## READERS

**Saturday** - C.Astin **Sunday** - M.Donnely

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Saturday** - L.Perrin & H.Mercer **Sunday** - C.Morgan, T.Mercer, P.Donnely

## TEA AND COFFEE

E.Davies & M.Valovin

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £814.79 Sabden £186.08

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** Clitheroe £184.25 Sabden £62.57

**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. **MEETING FOR MEMBERS** on July 31st will now take place on Sunday 4th September at 7.30pm. Future Events : Johnny Solo Saturday 10th September.

**RESCUE SOCIETY' ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY** Sat 30 July at 1pm. Tel 0161 817 2250 or [www.caritassalford.org.uk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk) We have received some Raffle tickets (£1 each) to sell - if anyone would like one please see Janet

**CATHOLIC VOICES: media training for Catholic youth: Autumn 2011.** Following last year's Catholic Voices speakers' programme, which trained young people during the Papal Visit to respond to the media, Catholic Voices are again offering training, in Leeds. The training will take place over three weekends in October, November and December 2011. The idea is to assemble a team of people who, after training, will be happy to talk on radio and television about being a Catholic and to discuss what the Church believes and teaches. **The training is free.** This is an opportunity for young Catholics between the ages of 20 and 45 to deepen their understanding of the contentious issues behind news stories and learn the techniques and outlook which Catholic Voices have developed. Interested? See me

**TABOR** Copies of the September - December programme are now available from the porch. Note especially 'Dare to be different' - a new young adult group, John Bell Workshop - a hymn writer from the Wild Goose group of Iona and 'A Call to Serve', a day for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers.

**BAPTISMS** We welcome Jack James Canavan, Lola Blackburn and Dexter Joe Lord who were baptised last Sunday

**CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT** Friday 19th August 7.30pm at St James the Less Parish Centre, Rawtenstall. Cost £5 includes quiz entry and Pie and Peas Supper. More details ring Dominic 07999 512102 or Elysia 01706 215176

**AFTERNOON TEA DANCE** in our Parish Hall next Wednesday 20th July 2pm-5pm. Modern and Sequence Dancing. Admission £3.50 including excellent afternoon tea. Everyone welcome.

The Year of the Bible

## ECUMENICAL SERVICE

### 'FROM CREATION TO REVELATION'

*A journey through the Bible in words and music*

**Sunday July 17th 6.30pm**  
St Mary Magdalene



ment or new Rota please collect it from the table as you enter the sacristy. You will find them in a box in alphabetical order.

**LADIES GROUP** Wednesday 27 July in our Parish Hall at 7.30pm. The welcome return of Mrs Betty Garvey (who gave a talk last year on St George's Chapel, Windsor) this time speaking on YOUTH HOSTELLING IN ALASKA!!! The mind boggles!!!. Promises to be wildly entertaining. Admission £1.50 and is open to everyone - men included

**STONYHURST COLLEGE** - Guided tours from July 25 - August 29. See poster

**HELP! HELP! HELP!** Is needed this coming Monday evening (July 18th) at 6.30pm for men to give a good tidy up behind the Social Centre/Parish Hall and carry rubbish from behind and under the church into a skip. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Ring Arnold 427096 for further info.

## SABDEN NEWS

**BONUS BALL (SABDEN)** The bonus ball this week is no 39 S.Holmes. 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.

**GIFT AIDERS** please pick up your annual statement from the box in the porch  
**ROTA'S** New rota's for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are in the sacristy - please collect

**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.



**CAFOD** As mentioned in Fr John's page last Sunday the National Emergency Disasters Committee, which includes CAFOD, has launched an appeal for the countries of the Horn of Africa, whose people are suffering greatly due to drought. Donations may be placed into the CAFOD box at the back of church. Please remember them in your prayers. Our Lady, Mother of All Nations, Pray for us

**LIFTS FOR ELDERLY PARISHIONERS** We are again appealing for people with cars to help bring elderly parishioners to mass at weekends. Please ring Julie Woodhead 01200 428009

**NEW ROTA'S AND GIFT AID STATEMENTS** if you have still not received your Gift Aid Statement or new Rota please collect it from the table as you enter the sacristy.