

Dear Parishioners,

Today the revised translation of the Mass comes into use. After we are familiar with these initial changes, the remaining amendments will be introduced on the first Sunday of Advent. But as the Australians say: 'No worries,' -- our Mass leaflets will guide us through the changes.

Eleven applications - one from as far away as the Wirral! - were received for the advertised post of Manager of the Parish Social Centre. Of these applicants, four were called for interview conducted by Ricky Davies, our Diocesan Consultant, Aileen and myself. After four hours of interviews and deliberation we unanimously agreed to offer the post to Kevin Shepherd. On Sunday evening at 7.30 Aileen and I will attend a meeting open to club members and parishioners to answer any questions and to discuss the future direction of the whole of the Parish Centre.

We welcome back our schools. Their return heralds the resumption of parish meetings!

Maintenance Committee please meet on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Next week the Forum reconvenes on Wednesday 14th and will meet in Clitheroe. (It was to be in Sabden but the parish hall is in use)

I invite members of the Finance Committee to an inaugural meeting in the Presbytery on Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm. The founding members of this committee are: Daphne Marsden (Women), Aileen Evans (Social Centre), Paul Dudbridge (Knights), Mike Bradley (Maintenance), Gerard Keane (Sabden), and two appointed for their financial expertise: John Thornburn and Peter Lambert.

Our church camera/alarm system is so new to the market and sophisticated that the programmers have spent over eight hours setting it up. We now need a key pad added so that it will not require a maths degree to turn the alarm on and off! Once that is connected we shall be able to leave the church open all day. (I'm now able to view the interior of the church on my mobile phone!!)

I recommend two talks by acclaimed scripture scholar Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB at 7.30pm in St Gabriel's High School, Bury on 7th September and 12th October. Details on the notice board. Regrettably I'm unable to attend them.

Holidays are over – all good things come to an end! Fr John

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th September 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (11th September)

11.15am - 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

Monica Pearce, Joan Penney

SICK

Jeff Cowgill

ANNIVERSARIES

Monica Pearce, Vincent Long,

Next weekend there will be a collection at all masses for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday - M Valovin Sunday - A & J Marsden

READERS Saturday - A.McGuire Sunday - P.Sutcliffe

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Saturday - B.Worden & A.Southworth
Sunday - J.Hall, S.Hall, A.Marsden

TEA AND COFFEE S.V.P.members

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £763.38 + Gift Aid donation £364 Sabden £94.61

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE Meeting for members Tonight Sunday 4th Sept at 7pm (to accommodate Sunday quiz at 8.30pm) to update members on recent developments, to increase membership, to extend the committee and to assist with planning for the future. **JOHNNY SOLO**, popular artist Next Sat 10th Sept

URGENTLY NEEDED More volunteers for Eucharistic Services Monday to Friday please telephone Lily on 01200 426949

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

LADIES GROUP TREASURE HUNT Many thanks to those who came along and supported this annual event. Winners were the Shorter family - St Mary's Sabden.

CONCERT The Fairey Geneva Brass Band, Rossendale Male Voice Choir and Ladies choir at Preston Guild Hall Next Sat Sept 10th. Coach to leave Interchange 6.15pm. Cost £20 inc ticket & travel. Proceeds to Rosemere Cancer Foundation. See Daphne 427912 or Janet 424657. For more details see poster in porch

BABYSITTING University student is offers babysitting service. Parish member, reliable, trustworthy and good with children. More details Anna McGuire 01200 42812

COME AND SEE 2011 Saturday/Sunday 17/18 Sept at Christ the King High School, Southport. Keynote speaker Sr Helen Prejean Cost £40. See Janet for booking form. More details can be seen on the poster in porch.

K.S.C annual sponsored walk - Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) will take place at 1.30pm on Sunday September 18th. Sponsorship forms are available from Arnold Marsden or any K.S.C. member

CHRISTMAS FAYRE a short meeting to arrange this years Christmas Fayre (Sun 20th Nov) in the presbytery at 7.30pm on Thurs 15th Sept. Could each organisation send one representative along with any new ideas for stalls etc they may have.

GRIEF TO GRACE a specialised, intensive, Catholic retreat programme integrating psychological and spiritual healing for anyone who has suffered sexual, physical, and emotional abuse, or any form of traumatic violation in childhood, adolescence or adulthood - including abuse from clergy. More etails tel 07548 552 558 or email: g2guk@yahoo.co.uk All enquiries are treated confidentially.

FOUND in church last Sunday - angel charm from a pilgrim bracelet. See Janet

CRAFT AFTERNOON Next meeting will be on Thursday 8th September from 2 - 4 pm in the Presbytery. Any ideas welcome

OPEN DAY at the old Blackburn Orphanage in Wilpshire Headquarters of 'Child Action Northwest Sunday 11 Sept 11am-3pm. Pick up a leaflet from the porch

PARISH ACTION GROUP will next meet on Thursday 15 Sept in the small meeting room in the presbytery

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER leaflets for Sept now available in porch free of charge

CAFOD The meeting of parish supporters has changed from Sunday Sept 11th to this Sunday September 4th at 7.30pm in the presbytery

FR LUIS RUIZ We have received some correspondence from Casa Ricci Social Service (founded by Fr Ruiz). You can find this info in the porch or visit the website www.casaricci.org

LADIES GROUP TRIP Oct 5th to Bradford for shopping or whatever you want then on to the Bronte Parsonage at Haworth. Cost £13 Contact either Janet 424657 or Daphne 427912 to book .

WALSINGHAM It is proposed to reorganise the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham whose new banner was blessed by Fr Wareing as the "Parishes of the Ribble Valley Pilgrimage". For details ☎01772 782110

S.V.P. Our Conference has been invited to an afternoon visit to St Joseph's, Brindle on Sunday Sept 11th. This will start with Benediction followed by a talk on St Edmond Arrowsmith and light refreshments. Fr Edmond worked in this area of Lancashire before being apprehended on Brindle Moss in 1628. He was imprisoned and martyred at Lancaster. If any parishioners would like to join us on this visit please contact Peter Donnelly ☎01200 441081

PUDDING FEST Andy Froud, vicar of St Mary's would like to thank anyone who contributed puddings to raise money for Friends of Chernobyls Children - over £900 was taken on the day.

WALSINGHAM Those interested in the pilgrimage to Walsingham in 2012 are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 20 Sept 7.30pm in Parish Social Centre

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

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 49 Tony Galea. Please collect winnings from Carol or Harry. There are a numbers still available for this draw, please join in it's only £1 per week.

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.

FASHION SHOW Our Fashion show will be on Saturday 8th October at 7.30pm with a Bucks Fizz reception. Fashions for all the family from Pendle Village Mill. Models and back stage help will be needed, please get involved - it should be a fun evening. Tickets available shortly More info from Susan White ☎ 01282 433455

WILD FLOWERS We hope everyone has noticed and enjoyed the wild flowers now blooming. We would now like to keep this ongoing. Bulbs in spring and more flowers next summer. If anyone would like to donate bulbs, plants etc they will be gratefully received.

A CALL TO SERVE

A day for Eucharistic Ministers & Readers led by the Carmelite Friars at Tabor in Preston.

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER
10am - 4pm

Bring a packed lunch, drinks provided. Please car share as parking is limited. Booking essential. If you would like to go please put your name on the list in the porch. Enquiries to Teresa Mercer 429960

**S.V.P. QUARTERLY
COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND**



**Please give with
your usual
generosity
Thankyou**