

Dear Parishioners,

Today is Home Mission Sunday, a day on which we pray for the work of evangelisation in our own country and remind ourselves that each one of us is called to share our faith. This year's theme is 'A Fresh Wind in Our Sails'. This is what Pope Benedict said his visit last year to the UK gave to him! So today let us thank God for the success of Benedict's visit, just a year ago, and ask the grace for ourselves to witness more confidently to God's love and mercy. There is a retiring collection to help fund the Home Mission Office which offers support and resources to dioceses, parishes, and Catholic organisations around the country. For more information go to: clare.ward@cbcw.org.uk

From earliest times Friday has been a day of penance in recognition of Christ's death on the cross on Good Friday. In recent times the Church has required all Catholics between the ages of 14 and 60 to abstain from meat or other food on Fridays or alternatively make some other small sacrifice. Now you may remember that well over a year ago I suggested that we return to observing meatless Fridays not just as a small penance but also to remind ourselves that for most people in this world meat is an indulgence they cannot afford. Also beef is produced by feeding grain to cattle. This increases grain prices causing many in the developing world to go to bed hungry. (The digestive processes of cattle also contribute excessively to global warming!!)

The Bishops of England and Wales have caught up with us and on the anniversary of Pope Benedict's visit invite all Catholics to return to the traditional practice of abstinence from meat on Fridays and so make this once again a distinctive part of our Catholic identity. In this way we not only unite our small sacrifice to the sacrifice of Christ who gave up all for us but we increase awareness of world food poverty and of the plight of the majority of the world's population for whom meat is a luxury.

For various reasons there was a poor attendance at the Parish Forum last Wednesday. However, we adopted the new constitution but deferred the election of a new chairman and secretary until the next Forum which will be held in Sabden on Wednesday, 9th November, at 7.30pm.

Fr John

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th September 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 (24th 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 - No Mass

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Mary Hunt x 3, Mr Smithson, Irene Pinder

SICK

Jeff Cowgill,

LATELY DEAD

Norah Wellock, Mary Hunt

**Next weekend there will be a Mission Appeal in aid of
Xaverian Missionary Fathers**

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat - C.Harkin Sun - D.Marsden & J.Byrne

READERS

Saturday - G.Harkin Sunday - C.Morgan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - L.Perrin & H.Mercer

Sunday - G.Lambert, E.Lambert, A.Marsden

TEA AND COFFEE

Fellowes Family

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £723.68 Sabden £171.65 Many thanks

RACIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION Clitheroe £163.09 Sabden £26.16

SOCIAL CENTRE Committee. Please meet in the Presbytery on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm. **Future Events in the Top Lounge** - October 29th - Andy Ash - Singer. Friday 11th November - Race Nite. Saturday 3rd December Johnny Solo

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. Please note: up to press we only have 16 names down on our list. Unless we have more names by Wednesday 21st Sept we will have no alternative but to cancel this event.

'THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE' a talk by Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB at St Gabriel's R.C.High School, Bury on Wednesday 12th October 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Suggested Donation per person, to meet expenses £5. See poster in porch

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING in the Presbytery Mon 19 Sept 7.30pm

LADIES GROUP Wednesday 28 September in our Parish Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker is Mr Stanley Winstanley will give a talk on 'Curious Customs With Bells On' - sounds interesting!!! Everyone welcome

K.S.C..DANCE Saturday 1st October in our Parish Hall - dancing to John Lancaster. Cost £6 including Hot Pot supper. Tickets from Les 427029 or Arnold 427096

H.C.P.T.SPONSORED WALK takes place TODAY Sunday 18th October. Sets off from Church at 1.30pm. Arnold will be outside church after mass on Saturday and Sunday this weekend collecting sponsorship money. Please support this worthwhile cause.

BAPTISM We welcome Sophie Louise Clarkson who was baptised last Sunday
ROTA'S For Welcomers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers etc are now available Please collect yours from the box which can be found on the table in the sacristy.

CHRISTIAN LUNCHEON CLUB meet at Henthorn Community Centre on Friday 30th Sepetmber at 11.45am for 12 noon. Speaker this month - Andy Gray who is curate at St James' Church. Jacobs Join

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

CAFOD Join us on Saturday 1st October 12noon to 4pm. Come to a CAFOD Campaign Energiser Day at Salford Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St, Salford M3 6DP with our Director Chris Bain, Parliamentary Co-ordinator Dominic Gogins as well as Climate Analyst Sarah Wykes. Lunch provided. Then at 5pm 'BEARING WITNESS', Manchester Cathedral. A joint ecumenical service followed by a procession and candlelit vigil outside the Conservative Party Conference venue 7.30pm finish. Be a climate witness. More details on the CAFOD notice board in the man church porch. Enquiries Maureen 443499.

CATHOLIC COMPANION September edition now on sale only £1

PARISH DRAW If you haven't had a ticket before and would like one please see Janet or complete one of the forms available from the porch. The cost is £10 which buys you a ticket that goes in the draw for the next ten months - September to June. The first prize each month is £100, one at £25 and five £10 prizes - there are extra prizes at Christmas and in June. The first draw will take place in two weeks time.

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE Wednesday 21st September in our Parish Hall 2pm - 5pm. Traditional and Sequence dancing with excellent afternoon tea - all for £3.50!!!. Everyone welcome to come along for a dance, a chat or just the afternoon tea.

SABDEN NEWS

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 37 R.Wayling. 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

FLOWERS We hope everyone has noticed and enjoyed the wild flowers now blooming. We would like to keep this ongoing. Bulbs in the spring and more flowers next summer. If anyone would like to donate bulbs, plants etc, they will be gratefully received. We have a small resilient band to thank for the progress so far. More help is always appreciated - look out for next working party

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL collect batteries and Nestle cereal tokens. Please hand in at school or in the container in porch

STEVE ROBINSON will be here NEXT Sunday

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. There will be a meeting on Monday 26 September at 7.30pm in Sabden Parish Hall for all helpers, models and volunteers. Tickets £5 available from Suzanne ☎ 01282 771517 or Susan ☎ 01282 433455 or from Janet at the presbytery

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