

Dear Parishioners,

This week we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and All Souls Day. What do these tell us?

Death is life's moment of truth when we see ourselves for what we are as God waits to accept us into his infinite love. Some may fall into God's arms immediately. For others the embarrassment of fickle and imperfect love may prevent an unconditional acceptance of God's embrace until vacillating love is purified and refined. Sadly, some may be so full of hatred and denial of everything good that they turn their face away from love, from God forever. An eternity without love is simply **Hell**.

On the other hand, **Heaven** is an endless moment of love. Nothing more separates the saints from the God whom they have sought their life long. Together with the angels they rejoice eternally in and with God. Observe a couple in love, oblivious to the world, as they look into each other's eyes or a suckling baby looking into its mother's eyes -- then you have some inkling of heaven. To be able to see God face to face is like a single, never-ending moment of love.

**Purgatory**, often imagined as a place, is actually a condition. One who dies in God's grace (and therefore in love and at peace with God and man) but whose frail love is in need of purification of self is in the state of purgatory. After Peter had betrayed him, Jesus turned and looked at him and Peter went out and wept bitterly -- he withdrew, unable to accept Jesus' forgiving gaze. Just such a purgatory probably awaits most at death -- the Lord will look at us full of love but on our side is a burning shame and remorse for past faithless and unloving behaviour. Only after purification will our love rush us into God's loving gaze in untroubled heavenly joy.

We, who are baptized, both the living and the dead, are united in one family, in one communion. So we pray for each other -- we ask the saints to intercede for us and in turn we intercede for our dead. Our example is St Thomas More who wrote to his daughter Meg on the night before his execution: "Farewell, my dear child, and pray for me, and I shall for you, and for all your friends, that we may merrily meet in heaven."

All Saints is a Holy Day and All Souls is the day we remember our departed family and friends.

Fr John

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

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**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th October 2011**

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



## **Sunday**

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

## **Monday & Friday**

Eucharistic Service

## **Tuesday - Feast of All Saints**

and a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm

## **Wednesday (All Souls), Thursday**

Mass at 9am

## **Saturday (5th November)**

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

**Tuesday All Saints** Holyday of Obligation - Mass at 11am

**Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

## **MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Tina Mashiter x 2, James Livesey, Lily Jackson, Harry Bishop, Mark Jezierski

## **SICK**

Mary Burke, Bob Morrison, Mark Jezierski, Pat Pozzi

## **LATELY DEAD**

Tina Mashiter, Doreen Carr

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Lily Jackson, James Livesey, Harry Bishop

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £660.25 Sabden £142.42 Many thanks

**A.P.F.MISSIONS** Clitheroe £260.80 Sabden £22.05

**SOCIAL CENTRE** . Future Events in the Top Lounge - **Friday 11th November** - Race Nite. **Saturday 19th November** - Bernie Calvert (ex Hollies) and Friends entertain **Saturday 3rd December** Johnny Solo

*Please note: the Social Centre is now open 7 days a week from 7pm and Sunday lunchtime from 12noon - 3pm*

**H.C.P.T. SPONSORED WALK** Will all please pay their sponsorship so a total can be published. Donations are still being accepted. If you wish you can put your money in an envelope - clearly marked with your name and for the attention of Arnold Marsden on the collection plate.

**YOUTH MASS** a diocesan wide Mass for Youth only will be held at 6pm TODAY Sunday 30th October in the Spiritan Centre, Northallerton, Lower Kersall, M7 3TP followed by things youth do. For details 0161 792 4195 or aspire@dioceseof Salford.org.uk

**BIBLE READING** anyone interested in joining us please ring Elsie on 424714

**CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT** Friday 11th November 7.30pm in St Philip's Parish Hall in Padiham (next to St Philips Church, just off A6068 Padiham/Fence bypass). Tickets £5 include Vegetable Hot-Pot supper (as the event takes place on Friday). Bring your own drinks. Tickets from Fred Uttley 01282 773032

**TEA DANCE** Wednesday 16th November 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.

**WALSINGHAM** The Official Parish of Our Lady of the Valley Pilgrimage to Walsingham in 2012 WILL take place. A committee has now been formed, details will be announced when available.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** - Parish Dinner Saturday 18th February 2012

## **CLITHEROE**

**CRAFT AFTERNOON** Last meeting before the Christmas Fayre!! If you have anything to contribute - ideas, support, crafts - please come along 2pm-4pm Thursday 3rd November in the presbytery.

**CAFOD** Please pick up one of the World Gift Catalogues which you will find on the shelves at the back of church.

**WHALLEY & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB** meet in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall and would welcome new members or visitors. Next meeting Thursday 10 November 7.30pm when Beryl Cotton will do a demo. All arrangements raffled afterwards Visitors £6, Annual Subs £30 for 10 meetings

**K.S.C. DANCE** Saturday 5th November. Dancing to John Lancaster. Tickets £6 including Hot-Pot Supper available from Arnold 01200 427099 or Les on 01200 427029

Christmas Fayre!! If you have

**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

**WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND** **Sat** - M.Illingworth **Sun** - Mr & Mrs Ryder  
**READERS** **Saturday** - M.Taylforth **Sunday** - M.Barrett  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** **Saturday** - L.Perrin & H.Mercer  
**Sunday** - A.Marsden, C.Leeming, J.Leeming  
C.James, M.Tomlinson & A.Pritchard

**TEA AND COFFEE**

**ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S LOYOLA SCOUT GROUP** the A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 2nd November in the Scout Headquarters Lowergate, 7pm for 7.30pm.

**SCOUT & GUIDE HEADQUARTERS** to celebrate the opening of St Michael & St John's Scout and Guide H.Q. there will be an open day with a display of past and present photos of Loyola Scout Group and 4th Clitheroe Guides and Brownies on Saturday 12th November 10am - 4pm and Sunday 13th November 1pm - 4pm at the Scout Headquarters, Lowergate - Everyone welcome

**LADIES GROUP** have got a table at a Table Top Sale in Whalley Village Hall TODAY Sunday 30th October 10am - 3pm

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER** leaflets for November now available from porch

**BAKE A DIFFERENCE** Cakes will be on sale to raise money for Children in Need. TODAY Sunday 30th October after Mass in our Parish Hall. Please come along and support us

**ROTA'S** There are still some of the current 'Rotas' for Welcomers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Little Church etc left in the box in the sacristy. Please collect yours as soon as possible.

**MODERN BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCING** in our Parish Hall with bar to refresh you on Saturday 12th November at 7.30pm. Cost £5

**JUMBLE SALE** K.S.C. Jumble Sale NEXT Saturday November 5th. Please bring any items you have to the Hall after 6pm on Friday 4th November or contact Les 427029 or Arnold 427096

**PARISH DRAW WINNERS** £100 117 M.Manning, £25 184 T.Peters, £10 - 31 J.Lofthouse, 94 G.Gorrighan, 69 D.Preedy, 9 J.Cross, 12 M.Nutter

## **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL (SABDEN)** The bonus ball this week is no 1 - this ball is homeless, could anyone give it a home? . There are some numbers still available for this draw, please join in it's only £1 per week.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE MEETING** Tuesday 1st November 7.30pm in Hall to discuss and organise this years Fayre. Please come along and bring your ideas.

**CHRISTMAS DRAW** tickets are now available. Please take books to sell. This years grand prize is an iPad2, so don't miss out. There is also a list in the porch with suggestions for other prizes - please sponsor them if you can.

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

## **HALLS FOR HIRE**

for



**Birthday's,  
Celebrations,  
Anniversaries  
Funeral  
Receptions  
etc**

contact

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