

Dear Parishioners,

Although the Ribble Valley is not included in the Olympic Torch route, the Spirit of the Games will be kept alive by Salford's 208 Diocesan Schools. The Diocese has organised an *Olympic Torch Relay of Prayer* which was launched at Thornleigh College, Bolton on Thursday 15th September. The event was attended by a number of celebrities and past Olympic stars. Bishop Terrence Brain sent a video message to encourage our children to share the news of the *Prayer Relay* with their parishes.

At the launch, each of the 208 schools of the Diocese were paired with one of the countries taking part in this year's Olympic Games. St Michael & John's drawing East Timor and St Mary's, North Korea!! The aim of the relay is to encourage our children to look at the cultural, sporting and religious links between countries and so celebrate this coming together of the world family. Each school will research the customs of their twinned country and, having received the *Torch of Prayer* from a neighbouring school, will carry, drive, jog, run, walk or in some suitable manner convey *the torch* to the next school and deliver an assembly about their particular country.

The torch commenced its epic journey on 28th November, from the most northerly school in the Diocese, Thorneyholme St Hubert's, Dun-sop Bridge and headed westwards. Since then it has travelled around the diocese before returning to the North. It will arrive from St Augustine's via Oakhill at St Michael & John's this Tuesday, 10th January when Oakhill pupils will lead an assembly at 11am. All parishioners are invited to attend this event. Following the assembly, the *Torch Ambassadors* from St Michael & John's will take *the torch* over the Nick to St Mary's Sabden and present their East Timor assembly at 2pm. Again parishioners are invited to attend.

If any parishioner has any novel suggestion how *the torch* (and children) might get to St Mary's Sabden on Tuesday in a safe manner, please let me or Mr Murray have your ideas.

Finally, we welcome Frankie Mulgrew to our parish. Frankie has already completed five and a half years training towards the priesthood and, please God, will be ordained in the summer next year. He will be with us for three weeks

Fr John

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The Epiphany (B) - 8th January 2012

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 (14th January)

11am - 12 noon Exposition

11am - 11.45am Reconciliation

12 noon Eucharistic Service

6om - First Mass of Sunday

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

In thanksgiving, Robert Graham, Henry Thornber,

SICK

Anthony Cornwell

LATELY DEAD

John Ratcliffe, Terence Nolan

ANNIVERSARIES

Henry Thornber, Helen Crompton, Fr Bernard Dobson SJ

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £775.69 Sabden £175.29 Many thanks

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

WALSINGHAM only a few places remain available on the 2012 Pilgrimage June 18 - Thurs 21 Cost £185 + Insurance deposits £20 Ring Maureen 443499

JESUITS & FRIENDS Current issue is now available from porch - free

LADIES GROUP 2012 programmes now available at both Clitheroe & Sabden

LADIES GROUP ANNUAL DINNER Friday 20th January at Clitheroe Golf Club. 6.30pm for 7pm. £14 (two course) £18 (three course). Menu's are available from both Clitheroe and Sabden. Please return with payment to Janet by 8th January

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING tomorrow evening, Monday 9th January at 7.30pm in the presbytery

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE New year's Afternoon Tea Dance will be on Wednesday 18th January in the Parish Hall from 2pm - 5pm. Make a New Year's resolution to 'give it a go' - no price increase - still only £3.50 including excellent afternoon tea.

K.S.C. DANCE NEXT Saturday 14th January Dancing to John Lancaster. Tickets £6 including Hot-Pot supper from Arnold 427096 or Les 427029

WEBSITE COMMITTEE meet this coming Wednesday at 7.30pm

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE meet this coming Thursday at 8.30pm

JOY TO THE WORLD The amount donated to the Christian Aid collection on Saturday 17th December amounted to £642.82 and the amount donated to 'Action for Children' from the Trinity Carol Concert on December 18th was £267.58. Many thanks to all who supported.

ACTION GROUP next meeting is on 12th January at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

BIBLE READING GROUP - please contact Elsie 01200 424714

PARISH DINNER this year will take place on Saturday 18th February. The Cost this year will be £15 - please note no increase once again. Tickets and Menu options available soon.

LENT LUNCHESES this year will begin on Saturday 25th February in our Parish Hall. More details of the times and speakers should be available in next weeks newsletter.

Our next Marriage Preparation Course is on Sunday 29th January and Sunday 5th February. Couples planning to marry in Clitheroe or Sabden in the coming year must attend this course

CLITHEROE

CHRISTMAS FAYRE still two unclaimed raffle prize - 70 Yellow Cup and Saucer and 148 Green (very pale could be mistaken for grey/blue) Stole - please see Janet **The Bucket Raffle (£100)** has still not been claimed - please check if you have the winning ticket which is pink 110. See Janet at presbytery

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 18 - 24 January. For full programme of events please see the list in the church porch.

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm in Presbytery

NEXT WEEKEND

WELCOMERS Sat - M.Valovin Sun - P.Drews & R.Conti

READERS Sat - C.Astin Sun - Volunteer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sat - L.Perrin & H.Mercer

Sun - G.Lambert, E.Lambert & S.Hall

ROTA'S New rota's running from January to December. They are available from the box on the table as you enter the sacristy. Please collect yours as soon as possible.

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES We would like few more volunteers to help with these services, which replace mass when a priest is not available. The services take about 20 minutes and consist of readings from Scripture and Holy Communion. Three people are needed at each service - a prayer leader, a reader and a Eucharistic Minister. At the moment we have a rota of about ten people helping with this work, which means that Holy Communion is available each day even when Fr John is not available. Most of us are aged 70 plus!. We would all love to have Mass every day as has been possible in the past, but at least with these services the Sacrament is available and the church open on a daily basis. Services are held at 9am on weekdays and 12 noon on Saturdays. At the moment, Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays are the regular days for them with other days when needed. Please contact Lily 01200 426949 to be included on the rota.

SMSJ PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS

CHARITY This year we raised £2,040 for *Sadie's Pot of Gold* which supports the families of Leukaemia sufferers. Many thanks for all who supported in any way.

LITTLE CHURCH desperately need more volunteers to help out each Sunday. You would only be needed once every six weeks. You would need to be here about 10 minutes before Mass to help set up and you can be involved in planning Little Church sessions if you want to. Please contact Geraldine Hennigan 01200 425504

Should you wish to purchase any greetings card this weekend please see Janet Clegg or Teresa Mercer who will direct you to them - they should be back in their permanent home by Tuesday 10th January

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 2 Peggy Fielding.

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**

ST MICHAEL & JOHN'S
Kevin Shepherd
01200 428915

ST MARY'S SABDEN
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