

Dear Parishioners,

Lots of elbow grease has revealed our magnificent altar-step tiles. The work also uncovered a copy of the Manchester Guardian dated April 20<sup>th</sup> 1880 that carried a report on the war in Afghanistan. Nothing new under the Sun! This week tiles on the sanctuary floor will be cleaned and polished.

\*Work has also begun to reinstate our now famous bell.

\*Following venerable Catholic custom, the Crib will remain until the feast of the Presentation on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

\*There will be an ecumenical service hosted by St Paul's, tonight at 6.30, in Low Moor to mark this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Tomorrow morning at 9 there will be a brief service here in St Michael and St John's.

\*The Royal Blackburn Hospital has expanded to more than 1,000 beds. The chaplain, Fr Paul Blackburn, is keen to build up a body of Catholics willing to help take Holy Communion to patients or simply to visit a Catholic patient in need of company or prayer. Volunteering for just 2 hours a week will greatly assist the chaplaincy team. Even if you are only vaguely interested please have a word with me.

\*For the past 9 years the Church has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. Details for September 2012 to July 2013: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns)

\*The Diocese seeks to recruit a *safeguarding Co-ordinator*. For details, please see the notice board.

\*Would you like to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June with the Bishop? Accommodation and travel costs per person will be £374. This includes insurance, travel by coach from Salford to Holyhead, ferry to Dublin, four nights bed breakfast and dinner in a 3-star Dublin hotel and travel to and from the Congress site. These prices are based on twin bedded rooms. Congress registration costs a further £70. I have details.

\*A list is posted at the back of the church for groups who wish to lead Friday Lent Stations of the Cross.

\*Finally our Ladies Group has launched a recruitment drive. Subscription is £1.50 but that is no price for the world of activities and friends that it opens to women of all ages. I recommend it.

Fr John

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary time (B)**  
**22nd January 2012**

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

## Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

## Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

## Tuesday

Mass at 11.30am  
Requiem Emilio Conti

## Wednesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

## Saturday (28th 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**

Vivienne & family, Rita Thompson, Joan Rhodes, Jeff Cowgill,  
Ethel Kilroy, Terence Nolan, Emilio Conti,

### **SICK**

Joan Rhodes, Mary Burke

### **LATELY DEAD**

Emilio Conti

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Rita Thompson, Angela Brennan, Aidan Cooper

***Our next Marriage Preparation Course is on Sunday 29th January and Sunday 5th February at 1.30pm in the presbytery. Couples planning to marry in Clitheroe or Sabden in the coming fourteen months, must attend this course***

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £857.82 Sabden £149.62 Many thanks  
**PAX CHRISTI** Clitheroe £154.06 Sabden £41.50

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

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** Memberships can be renewed on Monday 6th and Friday 10th February 2012 from 8.30pm and every following Monday or Friday.

**BALLROOM/LATIN AMERICAN DANCES** in our Parish Hall on the following dates - TONIGHT 21 January, 25 February and 28 April from 8pm - 11pm Price £5 Everyone welcome. Also on Saturday 24th March there will be a Samaritans fundraiser £10 including Supper. Tickets from Vicky 442987 or Linda 01254 665552 or pay on door.

**BIBLE READING GROUP** - please contact Elsie 01200 424714

**PARISH DINNER** this year will take place on Saturday 18th February. Cost will be £15 - please note no increase once again. Tickets will be on sale before and after both masses for the next two Sundays here in Clitheroe and also at Sabden before and after the 11am Mass. See poster in porch for menu options and who have tickets for sale.

**LADIES GROUP MEETING** Wednesday 25th January at 7.30pm - NOT TO BE MISSED a nostalgic look and Slide presentation of the Old Shops of Clitheroe by Sue Holden. £1.50 inc refreshments. EVERYONE WELCOME - OPEN TO ALL

### **CLITHEROE**

**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.

**CATHOLIC COMPANION** January edition now on sale - only £1 excellent value

**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

**ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S BROWNIES AND SCOUT GROUP** would like to thank the Knights of St Columba for their donation towards the upkeep of their Headquarters.

**LENT LUNCHESES** this year will begin on Saturday 25th February in our Parish Hall. Still no details of speakers yet - watch this space. We also need some more volunteers to help prepare and serve the lunches which consist of bread, cheese etc. If you would be prepared to give up a couple of hours (on a rota basis) on a Saturday morning during Lent then please contact Daphne on 01200 427912

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

**WELCOMERS** Sat - C.Harkin

**READERS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Sun** - R & F Holgate

**Sat** - L.Perrin **Sun** - M.Barrett

**Sat** - R.Carter & B.Taylor

**Sun** - R.Embery, I.Parkes, P.Sutcliffe

M.Anwyl & G.Lambert

**COFFEE ROTA**

**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

**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.

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL (SABDEN)** The bonus ball this week is no 33 the Turner family.

**RED MISSION BOXES** It's time to empty these again. Please bring your 'full' one in and swap it for an empty one which you will find on the windowsill at the back of church. There are some spare boxes available - perhaps you could take one if you don't already have one - it's a very worthwhile cause doing good work all over the world. Further information from Jane Davies

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

**PARISH DINNER TICKETS** are on sale £15 from Christine Cartwright on 01282 772237 or Jennifer Mead 01282 770702



### **HALLS FOR HIRE**

**For Birthday's, Celebrations, Anniversaries**

**Funeral Receptions etc Contact**

**ST MICHAEL & JOHN'S**  
**Kevin Shepherd**  
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**ST MARY'S SABDEN**  
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