

Dear Parishioners,

A 24 hour Eucharistic Exposition in St Michael and St John's begins this Saturday at 9am and continues through until 9am Sunday morning. It is part of eight solid weeks of prayer in Salford Diocese in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin. Every day during this time there will be public veneration of the Blessed Sacrament in at least one church within the diocese. Cast your mind back to Pope Benedict's recent visit and the Saturday evening prayer vigil in Hyde Park where 80,000 – many of them young people - joined Pope Benedict in a period of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, the bread that at the consecration in Mass is transformed into the Body of Christ. How do we know this? Simply because it is what Jesus promised us -- that after the bread and wine are consecrated he is mysteriously but really present in them. At Mass we receive this very body of Christ, we commune with him. After mass that presence remains, secured in the tabernacle. This is why we genuflect before the tabernacle whenever we enter Church, for in a unique way God is present there. For privileged moments of prayer, adoration and meditation the Blessed Sacrament is placed, 'exposed,' in a special display stand called a monstrance for all to see. Exposition and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a uniquely Catholic devotion. That extended period of prayerful silence before the monstrance in Hyde Park made a deep impression on many. To ensure that there are at least two people in our church for every minute of the 24 hours there is a list at the back of church for parishioners to sign-up for half hour periods of 'watching'. We are in Lent, a time for prayer and self-denial intended to strengthen our relationship with Christ, so please do make a special Lenten effort to commit to a half hour's prayer during our 24 hour's exposition. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus asked his disciples to watch an hour with him. Can you spare him half an hour?

The following week we shall have two Reconciliation Services during which our children will make, what we oldies used to call, their first confession. Both these services are open to all parishioners and Frs Birmingham and Wareing will be here to help. The first is in Clitheroe on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30 and the second in Sabden on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, again at 7.30pm. Don't miss out on this opportunity for a good, spiritual spring-clean.

The rich variety of charitable and social services offered by our diocese and which now operate under the name of CARITAS are to hold an open day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 9.45 to 4pm at the Cathedral Centre. Entrance is free. See notice board for details.

Fr John

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## Fourth Sunday in Lent (B) 18th March 2012

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



**Sunday**

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

**Monday**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

**Tuesday & Wednesday**

Mass at 9am

**Thursday**

Mass 9am

Funeral Service 10am - Michael Boyer

**Friday**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

7.30pm Stations of the Cross & Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday (24th March)**

11am - 11.45am Reconciliation

12 noon Eucharistic Service 6pm - First Mass of Sunday

**SATURDAY 9am: 24 hour exposition of Blessed Sacrament, details on back page**

### St Mary's Church Sabden

**Sunday** - Mass at 11am

**Tuesday** - 7.30pm Stations of the Cross **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Joan Preedy, Brian Carr, Donor's intention, James Nolan, Lesley Holgate, Jack O'Brien, Ann Aspinall, Eric Whitehead, James & Mary Redhead, Michael Boyer, Carol Turner x 6,

**SICK**

Sally Hickling, Caroline Mulholland

**LATELY DEAD**

Carol Turner, Mary Bourke, Lesley Holgate, Jack O'Brien, Michael Boyer

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Joan Preedy, James Nolan, Eric Whitehead, Ann Aspinwall

**THANKYOU** John Turner and family would like to thank all those parishioners who attended Carol's funeral last Friday, and for all the sympathy cards, masses, and donations received - it has been very much appreciated.

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £721.37 Sabden £180.00 Many thanks

**S.V.P.** Many thanks for the very generous collection last weekend totalling £342.45

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

**SOCIAL CENTRE** Sunday evening In addition to the usual Quiz on a Sunday evening is 'Play your Cards Right'. Please come along - Everyone welcome

**SOCIAL CENTRE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** Memberships can be renewed from 8.30pm every Monday or Friday evening

**LENT LUNCHES** In our Parish Hall - NEXT Saturday 24th March the last meeting the speaker will be Gail Morgan - 'Befriending refugees and asylum seekers in Blackburn'. Lunch of assorted bread and cheeses with Tea or Coffee is £2. Everyone Welcome

**OUR DAY OUT** see opposite

**HOME PASCAL CANDLES** - traditional Pascal candle for use within your home. Candle & Stand £11 per set. To order sign the form at the back of church

**CARITAS ROAD SHOW** Saturday 21st April at Cathedral Centre Salford, 9.45am - 4pm See poster in porch. **St Michael & St John's** - please see Janet for booking form and parking arrangements. **Sabden** booking form etc attached to poster.

**CAFOD** The Lent Fast Day envelopes collected £885.82 plus the same again in the £ for £ scheme giving a total of £1,771.64. A sincere thank you for such a 'reaching out' to our sisters and brothers in poor countries

**LENT COURSE** This coming Thursday in our Parish Hall at 7.30pm. This weeks subject is St Ignatius of Loyola - his life and times and relevance to today.

**FOUND** A camel/brown checked silk headscarf was left in our School Hall after the Youth Day on February 18th. Please collect from presbytery

**THE GRAND** Jimmy Cricket (Frankie's dad) is appearing on Friday 13th April at 7.30pm. Tickets Adults £10 Children (under 16) £5. Tickets available from The Grand

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** for 2012/2013 - Hopefully these will be available for collection in the next couple of weeks as will the new rota running from April to June.

**ST MARY'S COLLEGE** Spring Concert Tuesday 27th March - see poster in porch

**EASTER AFTERNOON TEA DANCE** next Wednesday 21st March in our Parish Hall. Dancing 2pm - 5pm. Adm £3.50 including delicious afternoon tea. Everyone welcome.

**LADIES GROUP** - Wednesday 28th March in our Parish hall at 7.30pm there will be a talk by Dee Ellis on 'How I Became a Butlins Redcoat'. Admission £1.50 including light refreshments. Everyone welcome

**LADIES GROUP TRIP** our next day out will be on Wednesday May 9th to Southport. Set off from Interchange 8.45am. In the afternoon we have booked at Southport Floral Hall for the show 'We'll Meet Again', celebrating the Queens Diamond Jubilee (see poster in porch) Cost £20 (inc show & coach) Anyone who does not want to go to the show the price is £8. Ring Daphne 01200 427912 or Janet 01200 424657 to book.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** - Saturday 21st April Ladies Group Coffee morning

**SAINSBURYS ACTIVE VOUCHERS** are being collected by St Michael & St John's Primary school. Please pop in Red Communications Box in porch.

**PLEASE NOTE ANY CHEQUES SHOULD NOW BE MADE PAYABLE TO OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH A/C**

## **CLITHEROE**

| NEXT WEEKEND          | Saturday                | Sunday                          |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Welcomers             | C.Harkin                | J.Clegg & E.Davies              |
| Readers               | C.Riley                 | J.Hennigan                      |
| Eucharistic Ministers | B.Worden & A.Southworth | G.Lambert, E.Lambert, A.Marsden |
| Tea & Coffee Rota     |                         | J.Marsden & M.Marsden           |

**BEAVER SCOUTS** are wanting to do their Air Activity Badge and need to speak with someone who has flown an aeroplane, hot air balloon or helicopter. Can you help? If so please contact Julia Kennedy 01200 538793 or julia\_kennedy83@hotmail.com

**EASTER REMEMBRANCE BOOK** A Remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is being compiled and will be placed at the back of church. We are asking for a donation of £3 for a white calla lily, which will decorate the church at Easter time. Teresa Mercer will be collecting the money after Sunday morning mass up to Easter.

**WHALLEY FLOWER CLUB** Hand crafted floral bag workshop with Jane Brown in our Parish Hall Wednesday 21 March 7.30pm £7 (£6 for NAFAS members)

**NEW CARD STOCK** The piety stall at the back of church has been re-stocked. There is a wide variety of greeting cards available at very reasonable prices - Birthdays - Sympathy - Weddings - Baptisms Wedding Anniversaries - Birth Congratulations - Thinking of you - Thank you - Get well, as well as a good selection of Mass cards again for every occasion - Sympathy - Birthdays - Get Well - Wedding Day. Easter Cards are also now on sale as well as Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards. Also for sale - Rosary Beads and Bracelets - Fridge Magnets - Bookmarks - Francis Crosses - Laminated prayer cards - Illustrated Rosary Books - Novenas (good selection) - Simple prayer books (new updated version) - Stations of the Cross (including large print), and The New Mass Book, exceptional value for money at only £2. If you are looking for a missal then please take a look at the samples available at in the sacristy. There are two versions available £8 or £10 (exceptional value for money) If you would like one then put your name on the order form available.

## **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL (SABDEN)** The bonus ball this week is no 33 the Turner family  
**SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS** Our Primary school are collecting Active Vouchers  
**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** collect batteries and Nestle cereal tokens. Please hand in at school or in the container in porch

**SALE** of gift items this week during coffee ALSO raffle. Proceeds towards wild flower garden.

**OUR DAY OUT** rehearsals continue on Sundays 2pm - 4pm in St Mary's Hall (Sabden). All cast must attend. Still not found our male teacher - ring 01282 433455. Please consider joining in, it will be fun.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Tuesday at 7.30pm



**HALLS FOR HIRE**  
for Birthday's,  
Celebrations,  
Funeral  
Receptions,  
Anniversaries etc  
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