

Dear Parishioners,

This week we embark on a journey that leads from the joy of Palm Sunday through the suffering and sorrow of Holy Week to the triumph of Easter.

Maundy Thursday

Salford Cathedral 10.30am Chrism Mass

Clitheroe 8.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

We commemorate the last meal that Jesus ate with his disciples in which he washed their feet and instituted the Eucharist. Afterwards he walked to the Garden of Gethsemane where the Apostles were unable to stay awake and pray with him. In darkness he was arrested. At the Altar of Repose, we respond to Christ's words, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" by watching with Christ from **9.00pm until Compline** (the Church's night prayer) at **10.00pm**.

Good Friday

NB Today is a day of Fast and Abstinence

Clitheroe 9.00am Stations of the Cross

Sabden 10.00am Stations of the Cross

Clitheroe: 10.00am Ecumenical Service at Trinity Methodist church, followed by ***procession of the Cross to Castle Gate***

Sabden: 11.00am Ecumenical Service at the Village Cross

Clitheroe 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Jesus died at three o'clock in the afternoon. We gather in mourning to hear St John's passion; to pray for all for whom Christ died; to venerate the cross on which he died; and to share the fruit of his redeeming death in Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday

Clitheroe 9.00pm Easter Vigil

With the Easter fire and the blessing of the Paschal Candle we celebrate Our Saviour's resurrection from the dead and the victory of light over darkness. The extended readings recall God's redeeming acts throughout history that culminated in the Resurrection. The Easter Water is blessed and we are invited to commit ourselves afresh to Christ by renewing our baptismal promises along with two candidates who will be received into the Church and Confirmed. This Vigil Mass is the most important Service of the whole year and should be attended even in preference to Mass on Easter Sunday itself.

Easter Sunday

Clitheroe 9.30 Mass & Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sabden 11am Mass & Renewal of Baptismal Promises

A prayerful Holy Week and Joyous Easter...Fr John

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Palm Sunday (B) 1st April 2012

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am (sung)
followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday to Sunday

See back page

St Mary's Church Sabden

TUESDAY - Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Other Services in Holy Week - See back page

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Betty Biddulph, Lilly Marchese, Hilda Metcalfe, Joseph Dewhurst, 70th birthday.

SICK

Sally Hickling, Caroline Mulholland

LATELY DEAD

Denis Balmбра, Hilda Metcalfe

ANNIVERSARIES

Lilly Marchese, Joseph Dewhurst, Anthony Leecy, Patrick Fullalove,

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £807.64 Sabden £242.21 Many thanks

THANKYOU for money for Altar flowers for Easter

Please note: the Social Centre is now open 7 days a week

from 7pm and Sunday lunchtime from 12noon - 3pm

THE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. WILL RE-OPEN EASTER SUNDAY.

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

OUR DAY OUT see opposite

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.

LENT COURSE This coming Thursday in our Parish Hall at 7.30pm. This weeks subject is St Therese of Lisieux.

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 AND ROTA'S for 2012/2013 are now available from the Sacristy

LENT LUNCHESES Thankyou to all our Ladies and the K.S.C. who helped at the Lent Lunches this year.

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 £9 (not £8 as in last weeks newsletter). Ring Daphne 01200 427912 or Janet 01200 424657 to book.

VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOL for both Tesco and Sainsburys are being collected by St Michael & John's Primary school. Please pop in Red Communications Box in porch.

JESUIT & FRIENDS Spring issue now available from porch - FREE

NOVENA a magazine of Catholic Devotions now on sale at back of church £3.50.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER leaflet for April now available free from porch

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION at St Wilfrid's, Longridge on Sunday 15th April. Celebrations begin at 1.30pm with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and accompanied with prayers, reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by Mass at 3pm. See poster in porch

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Blackburn People's Choir will perform in our Church (St Mary's, Sabden) on Saturday 5th May. This is an amazing choir - an event not to be missed. Details later

HOLY WEEK & EASTER ROTA

WELCOMERS

Easter Vigil - Mary Manning Easter Morning 9.30am - P.Drews & R.Conti



HALLS FOR HIRE

for Birthday's, Celebrations,
Funeral
Receptions,
Anniversaries etc
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ST MICHAEL & JOHN'S

Kevin Shepherd
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SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 32 Margaret Waling

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

CARDS Easter cards for sale in porch. Individual 50p or packs for £1. Also Mass, first Communion cards etc

UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES (wild flower event) 106-110, 146-151, 156-160, 176-180 please claim after mass.

OUR DAY OUT rehearsals are taking a break over the Easter Holiday and Holy Week. Next Rehearsal Tuesday 24 April, time to be arranged. We have a lot of interest from the young people but still need some adults to make this a success. There must be some thespians with or without experience in such a large parish as Our Lady of the Valley. Please give it a go and support the youth

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Tuesday at 7.30pm

GIFT AID ENVELOPES Please collect from back of church