



# Roby's Regular Readers

May / June 2011

## Pastoral News

Bob has had an email from Echo telling us she is ok and her mum's treatment is finished. She hopes to come back to the UK soon. The Salim family have met up in Pakistan and are all OK. They are attending a church just outside Lahore and Agnes has registered with a local doctor and is feeling alright at present. Shaziah and Ayaziah are looking for a local college. We are pleased to hear that Sam will be starting a PhD here in Manchester next year and so still hopes to be with us at Roby. We wish Rene and Angelica a wonderful trip to America visiting family and especially for Molly's graduation ceremony.

**Anniversary Service:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May 3pm with Jan Berry

Please bring food to contribute to the faith tea and you can also bring a friend to share in our celebrations.

Service on 29<sup>th</sup> May will be led by the Worship Group

## Rotas

Duty Elder	Junior church	Teas	Communion
Margaret	Pauline	Carol	Margaret

Thanks to the following for providing flowers this month.

12<sup>th</sup> Edith and Brian Hinchliffe.

26<sup>th</sup> Brenda Day

The hanging baskets are doing well.

Thanks to those who planted them.



## June dates for your diary.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

**To Trinity Community Church Moss Side**

No service at Roby that morning

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Pentecost and Communion service, Bob Day

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

Sally Thomas

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Bob Day

## Visit to Gorton Monastery



The 'Taj Mahal' of Manchester was designed by E.W. Pugin and built by the Franciscans in the 1860's as a church and training centre which served the community in many ways. Edith and Brian remember visiting it for a concert before it was vandalised and closed in 1989. It has now been partially restored but there is still much to do. Many volunteers help with fund raising.

We enjoyed lunch in the café and then went for a look round. The deconsecrated sanctuary is enormous and the altar is in need of repair. The saints also need to be restored and put back on their plinths. The large labyrinth was in use when we went giving people a chance to meditate and make a journey of faith. The building is now used for all sorts of community events, conferences and worship. It's well worth a visit.



The High Altar by Pugin



Brenda and Angelica enjoy the sunshine