

Bereavement Response Group

The parish bereavement response group was formed early this year after awareness was raised of the lack of immediate support from the Parish at the time of a death in a family. The group is made up of parish volunteers who are CRB checked and have time to respond to the needs of the family if wanted. They undertook some basic training which involved discussing and trying to understand grief, looking at the funeral service and particularly the purpose of the requiem Mass and exploring communication and visiting skills.

The purpose of the group is to respond to a parishioner's bereavement through an early visit to the family to express the sympathy of the parish community and to offer support and practical help. Our role is to support the bereaved family through this immediate, difficult time. Fr. John always has a meeting with the family to discuss liturgy but we can give help with this, as well as any practical help that may be needed. When a parishioner dies Fr. John immediately informs one of the group. He will also let one of us know if need arises at any other time following a death. As soon as we hear of a death we telephone the nearest relative on behalf of the parish community, if requested, two of us visit the family.

Since 28th May seventeen families in the parish have suffered the loss of a loved one and have been contacted by members of the group. Almost all have appreciated parish prayers and support. Examples of help that has been given include reading at the funeral service, assisting with the choice of music and readings, some more practical help and follow up visits with support from members of the group. Long term, further support is taken up by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Mass cards or sympathy cards are sent from the parish community and, whenever possible, one of us attends the funeral service.

This group works on behalf of the parish trying to make a little difference to families at an extremely difficult time. If anyone would like to help with this work please contact Peter Donnelly. Tel:01200 441081 or any member of the group.

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

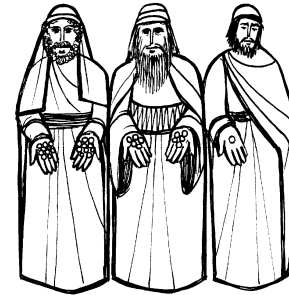
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th November 2011

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 10.30am Requiem

Saturday (19th November)

11.15am - 11.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation

11 - 11.55am Exposition 11.30am - Rosary

Noon—Eucharistic Service First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am

Friday - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Giovanni Marchese, Holy Souls, Audrey Redhead x 3, Brian Smiths,
Mark Jezierski, Fionnuala Dickinson

SICK

Mark Jezierski, Clifford Chatburn, Joan Leeming, Mavis Gibson,
Molly Walton, Joan Scott

LATELY DEAD

Audrey Redhead, Fionnuala Dickinson, Marjorie Higgins

ANNIVERSARIES

Giovanni Marchese, Brian Smiths

***This weekend there will be a retiring collection for the
Bishops Administration Fund***

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £805.55 Benediction (23 Oct) £65.07 All Saints £100.87 Sabden £189.30 Many thanks

SOCIAL CENTRE Future Events in the Top Lounge - **Saturday 19th November** - Bernie Calvert (ex Hollies) and Friends entertain **Saturday 3rd Dec** Johnny Solo

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

H.C.P.T. SPONSORED WALK The full total sponsored amounted to £2,303

TEA DANCE Wednesday 16th November in our Parish Hall 2pm-5pm. Traditional and Sequence dancing with excellent afternoon tea - all for £3.50! Everyone welcome to come along for a dance, a chat or just the afternoon tea.

WALSINGHAM England's National Shrine of Our Lady in Norfolk. The official Parish of Our Lady of the Valley Pilgrimage in 2012 takes place from Monday June 18th to Thursday 21st. Cost £185 + Insurance. Deposits of £20 cash will be collected at Masses this weekend Nov 12/13th. Enquiries 443499

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL this year at The United Reformed Church 16 - 18 Dec. Theme this year is snowflakes. We would be grateful for donations of white, cream, silver or gold snowflakes to decorate our tree. Please place them in the box labelled at the back of church - both Clitheroe and Sabden before Sunday 5th Dec

CLITHEROE

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE meeting Monday 14 November at 7.30pm

LADIES GROUP TRIP Our next trip will be to Lancaster for shopping etc then on to Barton Grange to view their Christmas showroom and maybe have a bite to eat in their lovely café. Wednesday 7th December Cost £9 - 9.30am from Interchange

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES We have now received the information leaflets for the shoe boxes. You can find one in the porch

SCOUT & GUIDE HEADQUARTERS Open Day TODAY Sunday 13th November to celebrate opening of St Michael & St John's Scout and Guide H.Q. - display of past and present photos of Loyola Scout Group and 4th Clitheroe Guides and Brownies 1pm - 4pm at the Scout Headquarters, Lowergate - Everyone welcome

PHOTOGRAPH a couple of weeks ago a photograph 'appeared' on my (Janet's) desk. It looks like a school photo 1930's? of 12 girls 4 boys and a teacher. Would be grateful if the owner of the photograph would contact me (Janet!) Thank you

VACANCY Salford Diocese Caritas - full time Finance Officer. See poster in porch

BAPTISM We welcome Kayden Luke Warburton who was baptised last Sunday

CATHOLIC COMPANION November edition now on sale only £1

A SHORT HISTORY OF SANTA December 2nd at 5pm St Mary Magdalene followed by a short walking nativity through the town finishing with carols at the park gates by the town crib (to be finished by 6pm in time to watch the Santa dash come through. As many children and adults as possible to come dressed as either shepherds or angels. **Other ecumenical events** during Advent are - **Advent Carol Service** at ~St Mary's on 27 November, **The Pop Choir** at U.R.C. on Sunday 11 December, **Joy to the World** - Christmas Concert Saturday 17 December at Trinity. **Radio Lancashire Sings Christmas** on Thursday 22nd December at Low Moor Club, The Wagon and Horses and St Michael & St John's Social Centre

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND **Sat** - P.Hardwick **Sun** - S.Shore & M.Rogers

READERS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - A.Southworth **Sunday** - School

Saturday - R.Carter & B.Taylor

Sunday - J.Hall, S.Hall, A.Marsden

E.Davies & M.Valovin

TEA AND COFFEE

CHRISTMAS FAYRE commencing directly after Mass once it has been officially opened by Father Christmas (approx 10.45am). No goods (other than cakes) can be accepted on the day of the event (Sunday). Please leave any donations you bring to mass with you this weekend at the back of church. No books this year other than children's - but any old jewellery - Homemade Cakes - Pickles - Jams - Toys - Plants - and anything (as long as it is new) for the tombola's will be gratefully received. Alternatively you may drop them off at the presbytery on the week running up to the event (Mon 14th to Saturday 19th). Refreshments this year will be Bacon/Sausage Butties, Toasted Fruit Bread, Tea or Coffee. Please note the entrance will be from Lowergate NOT THE BACK ENTRANCE

ADVENT LUNCHES Tuesday 29 November (followed by opening of Town Crib at which our primary school children will be leading the singing), December 6th and 13th at The United Reformed Church. More details next week.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 43 Carol and Harry Waterworth. There are some numbers still available for this draw, please join in it's only £1 per week.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 3rd December at 2pm in the Hall. Items needed are toys, toiletries, candles, bottles, cakes and groceries anything saleable. Items can be left in sacristy or in box in porch. Help will be needed on the day - please volunteer. Father Christmas will be available from 2pm - 3pm. The Grand Draw for the iPad will take place at this event. Come along and enjoy the fun and games.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS We will again be selling Christmas wreaths at the Christmas Fayre. If you wish to order one please put your name on the list in the porch. We will be making up the wreaths on Thursday 1 December from 9.30am - please come along and help. If you have any suitable greenery please leave by the hall during the week before.

CHRISTMAS DRAW tickets available after Mass - please take and sell. There will be a prize for the person selling most tickets. To take part just place all your monies and counterfoils in a sealed envelope, with your name on the front. There is also a list in the porch with suggestions for other prizes - please sponsor them if you can.

SABDEN VILLAGE SERVICE OF LIGHT Sunday 27th November 4pm at the Baptist Church

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**

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