

Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever reflected that we Catholics have a prayer that is particularly suited to Advent? It is the Angelus, traditionally recited the year round but particularly appropriate to this time of preparation for Jesus' birth.

### The Angelus

**V:** The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

**R:** And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary ...

**V:** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**R:** Be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary ...

**V:** And the Word was made flesh.

**R:** And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ...

**V:** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:

**R:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray:** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope Benedict comments: "This prayer constantly reminds us of the historical beginnings of our salvation. The Archangel Gabriel presents God's plan of salvation to the Virgin Mary by which she was to become the Mother of the Redeemer. Mary was fearful but the angel spoke a word of comfort to her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God." So Mary is able to respond with her great "Yes". This "Yes", by which she accepts to become the handmaid of the Lord, is the trusting "Yes" to God's plan and to our salvation."

By this simple yet profound biblical prayer we ask God to grant that through Mary's intercession we may imitative her in doing his will and welcoming his Word into our lives. So, why not resolve now to pray the Angelus daily until Christmas – and possibly continue on afterwards?

Fr John

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe & Sabden

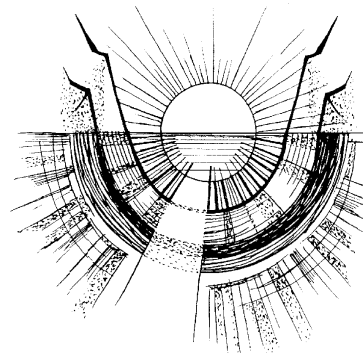
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**Second Sunday of Advent (B) - 4th December 2011**

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



### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

### Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

### Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Mass at 9am

### Saturday (10th December)

11am - 11.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation

11am - 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**

Mark Jezierski, Brian Fletcher, Michael Dixon

### **SICK**

Mark Jezierski, Mary Bishop, Fr Fred Watson

### **LATELY DEAD**

Brian Fletcher, Michael Dixon

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Betty Haslam, Ashfield Batts, Fr Francis Hannan SJ, Kenneth & Janet Barlow

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £806.81 Sabden £151.43 Many thanks

**S.V.P. COLLECTION** £395.59 Many thanks

**SOCIAL CENTRE** Future Events in the Top Lounge - **TONIGHT Saturday 3rd Dec** Johnny Solo **Thursday 15th December** in the Top Lounge - Annual Christmas Carols with Slaidburn Band

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

**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 by Sunday 5th Dec

**WALSINGHAM** only a few places remain available on the 2012 Pilgrimage June 18 - Thurs 21 Cost £185 + Insurance deposits £20 To book ring Maureen 443499

**LADYEWELL** For the two feast days of Our Lady, Dec 8th Immaculate Conception and Dec 12th our Lady of Guadalupe, special devotions Sat Dec 10th. Mass 12 noon at the SHRINE, packed lunch, followed by devotions

**JESUITS & FRIENDS** Current issue is now available from porch - free

**ST HUBERT'S, DUNSOP BRIDGE** Annual Bingo and Hot Pot Supper at Newton Village Hall this coming Monday 5th December. Raffle tickets available from Arnold or Les outside church.

**LADIES GROUP** 2012 programmes now available at both Clitheroe & Sabden

**LADIES GROUP ANNUAL DINNER** Friday 20th January at Clitheroe Golf Club. 6.30pm for 7pm. £14 (two course) £18 (three course). Menu's are available from both Clitheroe and Sabden. Please return with payment to Janet by 8th January

**CAFOD FUNDRAISING EVENT** - Carols by Candlelight at St John the Baptist, Padiham. Friday 16th December. Tickets £3 adults, £1 children and include a mince pie and glass of wine after the event. Tickets ring Fred Uttley 01282 773032

**ST AUGUSTINES CAROL SERVICE** Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm. Adults £3 under 12's £2. Proceeds to CAFOD

### **CLITHEROE**

**LADIES GROUP TRIP** to Lancaster then on to Barton Grange to Christmas show-room will go ahead despite the low numbers, however we have had to increase the price to £10. Still some places left. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange 9.30am. Ring Daphne 427912 or Janet 424657 to book

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** still some unclaimed raffle prizes, list in porch - please see Janet if you have a winning ticket

**ROSARY OF THE UNBORN** will be said after Mass/Service each morning this coming week for all pro-life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

**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

***Congratulations to Michael Bank and Sonia Bates who were married here last Saturday.***

**WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND** Sat - T.Wilkinson Sun - M.Swales & T.O'Donnell  
**READERS** Saturday - J.Byrne Sunday - C.Morgan

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Saturday - R.Carter & B.Taylor

Sunday - A.Marsden, C & J Leeming  
Clews family

### **TEA AND COFFEE**

**GREENERY WANTED** for decorating the church at Christmas. Please bring any-time between 1st -21st December

**ADVENT LUNCHES** this coming Tuesday 6th December for details see poster in porch. This week the speaker will be Mary Sellers.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT** with our Primary School Choir Friday 16th December in our Parish Hall 2pm - 4pm. Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies will be served further information school 01200 422560

**CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA DANCE** 2pm - 5pm Wednesday 14 December in our Parish Hall. Special Christmas Buffet Tea - Tickets £6

**UNIVERSE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL** includes some interesting articles all relating to Christmas - Crafts and recipes. Only £2 - good value

**ECUMENICAL EVENTS** (more on back page) . during Advent are *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

**CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERIES** Cards should be ready by next weekend for delivery. You can collect from the sacristy. Anyone who has helped previously and would like to do their usual 'delivery round' please give Janet a ring this coming week

**ROTA'S** new rotas will be compiled in the couple of weeks. If you wish your name to be taken off any of the rotas please let Janet know before 19th December

***Christmas Cards etc are now on sale on the stall near the War Memorial. Please put money in C.T.S. box mounted on the wall. All individually priced. Also available some reduced packs of Christmas Cards - HALF PRICE***

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL (SABDEN)** The bonus ball this week is no 15 H.Dewhurst There are some numbers still available for this draw, please join in it's only £1 per week.

**ADVENT SERVICE** here in St Mary's this coming Tuesday 6th December. Please come and join to mark the advent season.

**FOR SALE** Items for Advent on sale after Mass

**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  
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