

*Dear Parishioners*

After seven weeks the work of refurbishing the sacristy will be completed when the floor covering is laid on Wednesday. It has taken much longer than anticipated due to the perished state of the plaster on both the walls and ceilings which simply fell away once the work began. A leak in the roof which has been patched many times over the past decades demanded the removal of the slates, renewal of the supporting woodwork and replacing the troughings. On the positive side the renovations offered the opportunity to re-design the whole sacristy area to provide adequate storage for vestments, servers' albs, cleaning materials and all the other bits and pieces that a functional church requires.

The door between the church and the sacristy is now fitted with a keypad. Opportunistic thieves have targeted a number of presbyteries by simply walking into sacristies during Mass and through to the presbytery before escaping with their ill-gotten gains. No one ever thinks of challenging a person entering a sacristy! The number operating the pad is not a secret – the servers know it – but it should deter thieves.

Sabden's new bell was hung on Monday and daily rings the Angelus at 9am, 12noon, and 6 pm. On Friday it was tolled for the first time for Alice Parkinson's funeral.

There will be an ecumenical 'Advent Service of Light' in St Mary's Sabden at 4pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. While adults are in church, children will have their own service in the hall during which they will decorate lanterns before processing into church to join their parents.

Sabden St Marys will hold their own Advent services on the first three Tuesdays of Advent at 7.30pm.

St Michael and St John's has an 'Advent Service of Light' on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm which will also involve our school and First Communion children with lots of candles and lanterns.

The annual Rotary Clitheroe Civic Carol Service will be hosted this year by our parish and school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

Further details of these and other Advent services will be published later.

*Fr John*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - 11th November 2012**

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



**Sunday**

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

**Monday & Friday**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

**Tuesday & Wednesday**

Mass at 9am

**Thursday**

Mass at 7.30pm

**Saturday (17th November)**

11am-11.55am - Exposition

11am - 11.45am Reconciliation (Confession)

11.30am - Rosary - 12noon Eucharistic Service

6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)

**Sunday next (18th November)**

Extra Mass at 3pm - Knights of St Columba

*St Mary's Church, Sabden*

**Sunday** - Mass at 11am

**Friday** - Mass at 10.45am - Requiem Alan Dewhurst

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Special Intention, Alice Parkinson x 2, Holy Souls, Annette Swain,  
Maureen Thompson, Nora Hart

**SICK**

Mary Shepherd, Sally Hickling, Cecilia Brown, Brigid Hardwick, Maria Middleton

**LATELY DEAD**

Alice Parkinson, Alan Dewhurst, Annette Swain, Maureen Thompson

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Nora Hart

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £837.49 Sabden £173.33 Many thanks  
**SOCIAL CENTRE** Sunday evening In addition to the usual Quiz on a Sunday evening is 'Play your Cards Right'. Please come along - Everyone welcome

**The Social Centre is now open through from 12noon on Saturday & Sundays**

**CAFOD** There will be a meeting of the group on Wednesday November 14th at 10am in the presbytery. **SATURDAY** Nov 17th a special day in celebration of CAFOD's 50th Anniversary this year, at Salford Cathedral Centre 10am - 3.30pm. **WORLD GIFT CATALOGUES** with ideas for Christmas gifts, now available at the back of church.

**CLITHEROE HOSPITAL** Volunteers with various skills expertise and interests to lead/facilitate a social activity for patients on a regular basis for 1 hour in the afternoon. Singing - Music - Art - Painting - Bingo - Card Making - Scrapbooking etc or simply reminiscing. Contact Janice Atkinson or Susan Abraham-Jones 01282 804485 or email janice.atkinson@elht.nhs.uk or susan.abraham-jones@elht.nhs.uk

**GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT IN CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE** workshops at various venues in Lancashire starting Tuesday 20th November - Cost 114 per person per workshop. email info@jilleastham.co.uk for more information or see Janet for a booking form

**TABOR** Carmelite Retreat House, Preston on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> (10am -4 pm) for a day of prayer and quiet reflection. Suggested offering £12. Ring 01772 717122 or email tabor@carmelite.net to book

**CHRISTIAN AID** Coffee & Mince Pies Saturday 1st December Ribble Valley Town Hall. See poster

### **CLITHEROE**

**LITTLE CHURCH** New members needed to help run groups. No need to be a parent or even have children - just enthusiasm and a willingness to teach young children about the gospel. Contact Geraldine Hennigan 01200 425504.

**LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING** Monday 12th November 7.30pm presbytery

**LADIES GROUP TRIP** next trip will be on Wednesday 5th December leaves Interchange 8.45am for Leeds for Shopping and German Christmas Market. Cost £8. Names and money to either Janet 424657 or Daphne 427912. Also an opportunity of a tour around Leeds Town Hall extra charge of £4 but there are a limited number of places (25), so if you wish to take the tour then please ring Janet or Daphne as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

**TICKETS** for both the Murder Mystery Evening and The Grand Draw (Sabden) are available from the Parish Office. Please see Janet

**TEA DANCE** Wednesday 21st November 2pm - 5pm in our Parish Hall. Come and enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea - still only £3.50

**K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday 13th November 7.30pm in presbytery

**LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Wednesday 28th Nov - more details next week.

**MACMILLAN CHARITY FOOD BINGO** November 16th 7pm in our Parish Hall. Tickets £5 including supper. Tickets from Janet at the presbytery or Barbara Barker 424564

**CATHOLIC TIMES & UNIVERSE** Over the last couple of weeks the Catholic Times has sold out early and resulted in a regular reader not being able to buy a copy on Saturday morning. If you are a regular reader of either of these publications please see Janet and she will reserve you a copy.

**Next weekend there will be a retiring collection at all masses for  
The Bishops Administration Fund**

<b>Next weekend rota</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Welcomers	T.Wilkinson	B.Parkinson & M.Mafia
Readers	R.Carter	J.Hennigan
Eucharistic Ministers	S.Kerr & T.Woodhead	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee Rota		M.Anwyl & G.Lambert

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Saturday 24th November from 11am - 2pm. Lets all pull together to make this event a huge success. All proceeds will go towards the redecoration of our church. To boost these funds this year we are having a raffle leading up to the fayre. Please bring any goods prior to the event to the presbytery. The prize, a child's rocking horse (donated anonymously). Tickets on sale after mass on Saturdays & Sundays leading up to November 24th.

**UNWANTED TOYS** an appeal for unwanted toys for the Christmas Fair. Please bring to presbytery

**SHOEBOX APPEAL** - Boxes will be collected on Tuesday 13th November. When you have filled your shoebox you may leave it either at school or at the presbytery.

**JOB VACANCIES** at St Anthony's Centre, Trafford Park - see Janet for details

**LIFTS TO CHURCH** Thankyou to all who put down their names to bring people to church. I will get in touch with you soon and arrange lifts to suit. If anyone knows of anyone who would like a lift to church please contact Rae Carter on 424198

**BAPTISM** We welcome Felix Michael Norman Harvey-Higgins who was baptised last Sunday

**DEMENTIA AWARENESS EVENT** At The Grand 20th November 4pm-6pm. See poster in porch

**PRO-LIFE** The group would like to thank all who contributed to the £2,560 sent to Right-to-Life as a result of our sponsored walk on 17th August.

**H.C.P.T.** Would all KSC members bring their sponsor monies for Handicapped Childrens Holiday Trust to the meeting on Tuesday night 13th November.

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this week no 10 P.Clarkson

**MURDER MYSTERY EVENING** NEXT Friday 16th November at 7.30pm - admission £6 to include Pie and Peas. Bring your own drinks. The format has been slightly changed and will be more of a quiz centered around murder mysteries. Please join us as funds raised from this event will be used to purchase a major prize for Grand Draw. There is a list in the porch for people who wish to donate prizes for the Grand Draw. Tickets now available.

**RAFFLE** Three unclaimed prizes from last week no's 29 Blue, 49 Blue, 90 Pink, 105 Pink (claimed). Please collect from sacristy.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Wednesday 5th December Christmas Bingo.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Saturday 1st December 2pm-4pm. To include the Grand Draw. Carrier bags are available for donations of items for sale. Toys in good condition wanted too.

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** collect batteries and Nestle cereal tokens. Please hand in at school or in the container in porch

**Please remember in prayer Alice Parkinson who was buried  
from St Mary's on Friday.**