

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas isn't far away and so here is a list of our Christmas week services to help you plan and pray your Christmas week. Please note inside the Advent Service of Light that will be held next Sunday in St Michael & St John's at 4pm.

Thank you for your support of the Christmas Fayre yesterday and if you have not spent up then go to Sabden next Saturday.

Fr John

Saturday 21 December		Clitheroe Exposition Reconciliation Eucharistic Service First Mass of Sunday	11.00 - 12noon 11.00 - 11.45am 12 noon 6.00pm
Sunday 22 December		Clitheroe Mass Sabden Mass	9.30am 11.00am
Monday 23 December		Clitheroe Mass	9.00am
Tuesday 24 December	Christmas Eve	Clitheroe Reconciliation Carols Christmas Mass Sabden Reconciliation Carols Christmas Mass	11.00 - 12.00 noon 5.30pm 6.00pm 11.00 - 11.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm
Wednesday 25 December	Christmas Day	Clitheroe Mass	10.00am
Thursday 26th December	St Stephens (Boxing Day)	Clitheroe Mass	12.00 noon
Friday 27 December	St John the Evangelist	Clitheroe Mass Sabden Mass	9.00am 9.15am
Saturday 28 December	Holy Innocents	Exposition Mass First Mass of Sunday	11.00 - 12 noon 12.00 noon 6.00pm

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First Sunday of Advent - 1st December 2013

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Requiem Mass 12noon

Monica Hargreaves

Mass at 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday (7th December)

Reconciliation (Confession) 11am - 11.45am

Exposition 11am - 11.55am Rosary 11.30am

Eucharistic Service 12noon First Mass of Sunday 6pm



St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am followed by coffee **Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Maria Middleton, Anthony Cornwell, Marjorie Worswick, Theresa Clare,
Ashfield Batts, May Hughes

SICK

Sally Hickling, Teresa Tomlinson, Peter Wright,
Nigel Winnard, Mary & Pat Shepherd, Bob Morrison

LATELY DEAD

Monica Hargreaves, Anthony Cornwell, Theresa Clare

ANNIVERSARIES

Marjorie Worswick, Ashfield Batts, Johanna Riley, Julia Tresnan

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £683.67 Sabden £214.60 S/Orders £201 Many thanks
R.C.I.A. The R.C.I.A. programme continues on Thursdays at 8pm after 7.30pm Mass in the presbytery.

ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT

Next Sunday, 8th December at 4pm. Children begin in the Hall making lanterns for their safety candles before joining adults in a candlelit church to listen to the story of how Christmas began with the Annunciation. This service is for all ages and was a huge success last year, so do come and join us as part of your spiritual preparation for Christmas.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CAROL SERVICE Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December
Tickets £3 adults £2 (under 12's) Includes mulled wine and seasonal refreshments. Swing Band afterwards. All proceeds to CAFOD

CAFOD Carols by Candlelight at St John's Padiham, 7pm Friday 13th December. See poster in porch

PHILLIPINES APPEAL On behalf of the Filipino Community in Clitheroe, I would like to say thank you to all who gave support and help to our Typhoon Haiyan Charity Event on 17th November. It was an overwhelming response, Vena.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER leaflets for December now available from porch

2014 DIARIES are now on sale from the back of church at both Clitheroe & Sabden the cost is 50p towards bench cushions. Please put money in C.T.S. box

CLITHEROE

SOCIAL CENTRE Sunday In addition to the usual Quiz on a Sunday evening is 'Play your Cards Right'. Please come along - Everyone welcome. There will be a Christmas Carol concert again this year in the main hall on Thursday 19th December when Slaidburn Silver Band will be with us again playing. It starts at 7.30pm when you will be welcomed with Mulled Wine and Mince pies. All donations to charity.

LADIES GROUP The BBC Media City trip on Next Wednesday 4th December will leave the Clitheroe Interchange at **8.30am prompt** - Please note change of time At our Christmas Party last Wednesday a cheque for £450 was presented to a representative of North West Air Ambulance and one for £450 to Crossroads Care. Many thanks to all those who have supported our charity events. Our new programme of events for 2014 is now available from the back of church.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT St Mary's College, Blackburn are holding a Concert on Monday 9th December in the O'Neill Academy for Performing Arts Theatre at 7pm. £3.50 pay on the door

ST NICHOLAS NIGHT CELEBRATIONS next Friday 6th December from 5pm at Church of St Mary Magdalene. Dress Code: 'Biblical' (adults can join in). We start with mulled wine and mince pies in the church, then we all take part in a walking Nativity through the town, ending with carols at the town crib and the Santa Dash.

RED APF MISSION BOXES Could you please aim to have your donations back to church by 1st December so that we can bank it before Christmas. Calendars for next year have been delivered with your collection bag, and extras are available in the church porch.

K.S.C. FUN NIGHT will be on Friday 27th December. More details later

Rota Dec 7/8	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Roberts	M.Swales/T.O'Donnell
Readers	C.Moxham	G.Lambert
Euch Min	M.Illingworth & A.Southworth	C.Morgan, P.Donnely, A.Marsden
Tea/Coffee		C.James, M.Tomlinson,A.Pritchard

RAFFLE TICKETS for St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge will be on sale outside church this weekend.

CHRISTMAS CARDS help will be needed to distribute Christmas Cards again this year. Please let Janet know if you are willing to help.

LADIES GROUP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER This year we are holding this event at Waddow Hall. Cost £21 all inclusive. Menu's are available from the back of church (printed on bright yellow paper). Please let either Daphne 01200 427912 or Janet 01200 423307 have your menu choice and money S.A.P.

ADVENT LUNCHEAS at The United Reformed Church start this coming Tuesday 3rd December at 12.30pm. The Town Crib dedication and Carol Singing by the children of St James's will follow the lunch.

JOY TO THE WORLD Christmas Concert at Trinity Methodist Church Saturday 14th December at 7.30pm. All the Churches in Clitheroe will be involved. Admission free but a retiring collection will be taken for Christian Aid. See poster in porch

PARISH DRAW WINNERS £100 - 188 G.Gorrighan, £25 137 K.Duckworth £10 - 22, K.Downes, 8 B.Parkinson, 248 J.Thornber, 135 M.Driver, 133 T.Mercer
Please collect your winnings from your agent.

LADIES GROUP FUND RAISING EVENT on Friday 24th January 2014 - Watch this space

S.V.P. COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS USUAL

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 15 S.Brown

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Next Saturday 2 - 4pm Father Christmas will be there 2 - 3pm. Lots of fun stalls and attractions. Don't miss out - BE THERE - lets make this the best event ever. Still need help with stalls, put your name on list in porch. You can still donate items for sale, just leave in Sacristy. Grand Draw will be drawn at the Fayre - please return all monies and ticket stubs on or before Saturday 7th. In addition this year there will be a stall selling Christmas cards at very reasonable prices and Fr Frankie will be doing a 'book signing' of his recent publication 'Does God LOL'

ADVENT CALENDARS now available to buy - please see Susan White

CHRISTMAS WREATHS these will be assembled on Thursday 5th December from 9am in the Hall. If you can spare some time to help come along, training will be given. Still time to get your order in for one of these lovely wreaths - only £6

ADVENT SERVICES our first Advent reflection will take place Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm in our church. Come along and join this preparation for Christmas.

SERVICE OF LIGHT St Mary's parishioners are invited to Sabden's Annual Service of Light TODAY Sunday December 1st at 4pm at St Nicholas's Church. The service is aimed at children and families. It has been organised by Sabden Christian Council.

THANKYOU to all those who supported our Variety Concert on November 14th. A total of £280.20 was raised.