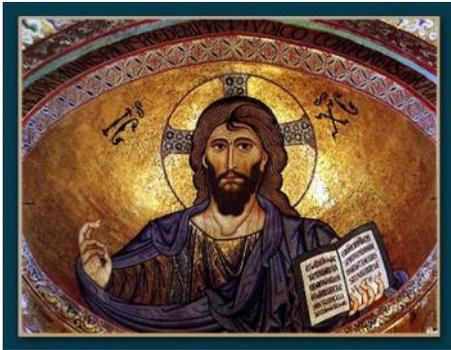


# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## Christ the King - 23rd November 2014

### St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee

#### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

#### Saturday (29th November)

11am - 11.55am Exposition 11am - 11.45am Reconciliation  
12noon - Eucharistic Service 6pm - First Mass of Sunday

## St Mary's Church, Sabden

**Sunday**—Mass at 11am **Wednesday**— please note—Mass at 9.30am

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#### Masses received this week

Antonietto Telese, Rose McGready x 2, Catherine Cuddigan, Luke Cuddigan,  
Fr Paul Embery, Carol & John Turner x 4, Holy Souls, Jack Haythornthwaite,  
Frank Wrigley, Lily Crossley, Joan Worden x 2

#### Sick

Fr Peter Birmingham, Fr Peter Knowles, Peter Wright, John Lofthouse,  
Mary Miller, Joan Chew, Theresa Smith, Luke Cuddigan, Reginald Leeming

#### Lately Dead

Joan Worden, Jack Haythornthwaite, Lily Crossley, Rose McGready

#### Anniversaries

Frank Wrigley, John Brown, Joseph Fullalove

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £712.28 Sabden £170.88 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks

**RETIRED PRIESTS** Clitheroe £266.37 Sabden £61.90

**CATHOLIC SINGLES** Single, separated, widowed or divorced? See yellow poster

**ST HUBERT'S—DUNSOP BRIDGE**—Arnold will be selling tickets for their Annual

Draw this weekend

**PANTOMIME** Unfortunately due to lack of support the proposed visit to the Pantomime has had to be cancelled.

**CHRISTIAN AID** Coffee morning at the United Reformed Church, Clitheroe Next Sat 29th November 10am - noon - Cake and Fairtrade stalls.

**FOOD BANK** is planning to give out, as last year, special Christmas meals and goodies to those struggling to provide food for themselves and their families. We ask for

donations of Christmas puddings, cakes, crackers, chocolates, sweets and treats as well as food for Christmas day. Christmas bags will be made up at the beginning of December.

**T.H.O.M.A.S.** The Catholic Charity THOMAS which rehabilitates drug addicts has opened a charity shop in Blackburn town centre - open six days a week Mondays 8.30-3.30, Tuesday - Saturday 10-4.30pm. Please contact THOMAS 30 Darwen St, Blackburn BB2 2BY- 01254 690743

## **CLITHEROE**

**URGENT** We urgently require volunteers to join our depleting band of church cleaners, who spend an hour every Monday cleaning the church and the toilets. Please consider this appeal—one hour only. Fr John

**SOCIAL CENTRE** Sunday - In addition to the usual Quiz on a Sunday evening is 'Play your Cards Right'. Please come along - Everyone welcome.

**LADIES GROUP - Chatsworth House** trip Wednesday 10th December. £23 which includes the entrance, coach and drivers tip. **Please note—payment for this trip is now overdue!!!** - please see either Daphne 427912 or Janet 423307 ext 3

**LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY**—Wednesday 26th November at 7.30pm

**LOVE CLITHEROE** In addition to the Walking Nativity this year to take place on Saturday 6th December, Clitheroe churches need some volunteers to help with craft and costume making. Proposed programme 2pm-4pm making crafts and costumes on the High Street—small groups singing carols on street corners. 4pm-5pm Food, 5pm-6pm—Walking Nativity. If you can help with the crafts, catering or can play or sing with the carol singers please tel Andy or Andrew 01200 423608 or [www.loveclitheroe.org](http://www.loveclitheroe.org) link on St Mary's website. Please see poster in porch with details of all the other ecumenical events in Clitheroe throughout December.

**JOY TO THE WORLD 2014** rehearsals for the annual concert on 14th December will begin on at Trinity Church Hall today Sunday 23rd November at 2.30pm. The actual event is on Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm in, please note, St James's (Trinity church is still undergoing renovation). It is a celebration of Christmas and recalling events in 2014 in music, drama, dance and poetry, including carols featuring Ribble Valley Choir and Orchestra. The event is free and will end around 7.45pm when refreshments will be served. There will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid. All the Clitheroe churches are involved

**ADVENT LUNCHES** at The United Reformed Church Tuesdays starting on December 2nd. See poster in porch

RCIA meetings  
continue on Thursday  
evenings at 8pm  
in the presbytery.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars will be on sale this weekend Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November (normally the time of our Christmas Fayre), after mass in the side porch (just before the sacristy door).

**CHRISTMAS MINUS ONE** - remembering loved ones at Christmas, Sunday December 7th at St James. See poster in porch or christmasminusone@gmail.com

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** K.S.C. Annual Quiz—Monday 29 December

<b>Nov 29/30</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Welcomers	M.Valovin	J.Clegg & E.Davies
Readers	V.Murray	G.Lambert
Eucharistic Ministers	F.Ellis & R.Embery	P.Sutcliffe, A.Marsden, T.Mercer
Tea & Coffee		C.James & A Pritchard

**ECUMENICAL SERVICES** Please see the poster in porch listing what's going on at various churches during December, including Tuesday 9th December—Comedy and Carols at 7pm here in St Michael & St John's, which will be recorded by BBC Radio Lancashire and will air throughout the month of December. This will be a night of laughter, carol singing and reflecting on the Christmas story. Four hilarious comedians—Jimmy Cricket, Steve Royal, Tony Vino and John Cooper. It will be interspersed with carol singing led by the church band. This is not a ticket event its free but on a first come, first served basis for places.

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** this weeks winner No 40 The Brown family. Two spare bonus ball numbers have become available - £1 per week. See Carol Waterworth

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** is on Saturday 6th December from 2pm—4pm. Father Christmas will be there 2pm—3pm. We need donations of things to sell, particularly bottles and homemade cakes. There will also be a pot stall and a toy stall. Bags will be available after Mass today for donations. There is a list in the porch for people requiring Christmas wreaths. An assortment of Christmas cards with an Advent Calendars will also be on sale.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** switch on at 6.30pm Sunday December 7th by Fr Frankie—an outdoor service in the centre of the village

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS** The list is now in the porch. Lovely handmade wreaths only £6. Get your order in now

**GRAND DRAW** This years Grand Draw tickets are now available after mass. If each family buys one book and sells one book that would be great. First prize this year is a luxury break for 2. Please try and sell as many as you can. There will be lists in the porch for donations for draw prizes and volunteers for stalls. Please help if you can.

**St MARY'S, SABDEM  
CHRISTMAS VARIETY CONCERT  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 12th at  
7.30pm in the Hall.**

Tickets on sale after Mass.  
£7.50 adults, £5 children  
which includes refreshments.

Featuring teenage soprano  
Grace O'Malley, the Flat Cap Pack,  
the 50 Something Theatre Co  
and a Couple of Swells  
*Tickets also on sale from  
St Michael & St John's Parish Office*

## *Dear Parishioners,*

Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, who reigns over Heaven and earth. But does He reign in our hearts? Or does He seem a distant Person whom we hope to meet one day in Heaven? Do we experience the new spiritual life He gave us in Baptism? On Sunday night we begin a week-long Parish Mission. Everyone is invited to come closer to Jesus during this week, letting the Lord himself speak to us through his Word, and asking Him to renew and enliven all the gifts and graces He has already given us in Baptism and in Confirmation. He wants to do this for us! We merely have to respond to Him and his invitation to know Him personally and intimately. Our relationship with the Lord is more important than any other. Take this opportunity to be with Him this week, so that you will really be able to celebrate His birth at Christmas. This is a great opportunity not only to receive special spiritual blessings for you and your family, but to prepare your heart for this coming Advent. The mission will be led by Barbara Mason, who has given retreats, missions, talks all around the world and has a number of catholic publications to her name. Ideally please come to all the nights of the mission but if your time is pressured please don't be afraid to attend one or two.

- Please bring a Bible.
- We will meet in St Michael and St John's parish hall from 7.30 – 9pm, Sunday 23 Nov. through Friday 28 Nov. except on Wednesday and Friday when we will be in St Michael and St John's Church.

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.' (Pope Paul VI). The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms" (EG, no. 3). **Pope Francis from 'Joy of the Gospel'**

*Fr Frankie*