

Dear Parishioners

We have already reported on the Bishop's policy document concerning the Permanent Diaconate and Confirmation. Today we begin to look at Baptism

The general principle: "Good preparation for Baptism is essential and can also have very positive benefits for the parents of the child being baptised, often being the opportunity to bring them back to a committed practice of their faith. We must seek to provide for the best catechesis and preparation for this sacrament, in all our parishes."

To ensure this, children must be baptised in the parish in which they live but if for good reason, such as regularly attending Mass elsewhere, parents ask for baptism in another parish, they must obtain a letter of permission from their parish priest.

Each parish is asked to recruit a number of parishioners who will offer a warm welcome to parents when they come along to arrange a baptism, to record their details and share with the family the importance of their commitment to bring their children up in the practice of the faith.

Following the initial welcome, parents will attend a baptism preparation course along with the godparents.

One godparent must be a practicing Catholic! The other may be a baptised Christian of another denomination. This is important because the godparents need to be people of living Christian faith so that they may be examples of faith in practice and an encouragement in faith to the child and its parents.

Practice of the faith includes regular attendance at Sunday mass. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass every Sunday, except when prevented for grave reason! Sadly, there are many children in our primary school who would love to come to Mass but are prevented from doing so because their parents will not bring them. The Bishop writes: "As an indication of the parents' willingness to embrace the call to live as part of the Church, it should be required that they, or at least the Catholic parent, attend Mass for at least six Sundays in preparation for baptism." However, where there is a willingness to do this but also genuine serious difficulties (work commitments, single parent, illness etc) then the situation can be discussed with the priest.

Other requirements for Baptism will be dealt with next week. Meanwhile if you have difficulties with any of these issues then please do speak with me or Fr Kevin.

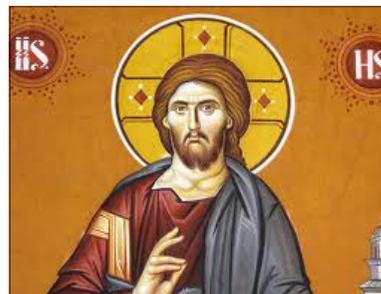
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Christ the King - November 20th 2016 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday (26th November)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11am—11.45am
Exposition—11am—11.55am First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am

Parish Mass book p.167 Eucharistic Prayer III p.27 Preface of Christ the King p.68

Tuesday Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Bernadette Malone, Joseph Fullalove, In thanksgiving, Special Intention, John McDonald, Holy Souls, In thanksgiving, Brian Smith, Frank Wrigley

SICK

Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Bill Dewhurst, Jane Crowther, Jean Schofield
Ian Chew, Fr Joseph Wareing SJ, Sean Bennett, Olive Bromley

LATELY DEAD Bernadette Malone

ANNIVERSARIES Joseph Fullalove, John McDonald, Brian Smith, Frank Wrigley

PARISH—Clitheroe, Dunsop and Sabden

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £854.32 Dunsop £328.00 Sabden £146.61

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

RETIRED PRIESTS FUND Clitheroe £347.38 Sabden ——— Dunsop £135.20

LADIES GROUP ANNUAL MEAL Friday January 27th at the Newdrop and the cost is £27 for a three course meal including transport and tips. Menu's are available from the porch. Please return at our next meeting on November 30th

REFUGEE Christmas Cards on sale—see Katherine Clay (07857 808984

KNIT AND KNATTERTHON Knit a blanket square for Syrian refugees in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall Wednesday 23rd November 11am-4pm.

CHURCH FLOWER TEAM our Flower Ladies are collecting artificial flowers, used and unused candles for Christmas displays. Please leave at the presbytery.

CAROL SERVICE First Sunday of Advent 27th November at 6.30pm Carols in St Hubert's Church with Slaidburn Band followed by mince pies in Dunsop Village Hall. Come along—All welcome.

RIBBLE VALLEY FOOD BANK During November we are collecting food for Christmas parcels. Last year 120 Christmas parcels were delivered to local people, making a difference to their lives at that special time. Please donate Christmas food and Fayre by 27th November. Please mark 'Foodbank' so as not to get it mixed up with Christmas Fair donations. Thankyou

REFUGEE COME DINE WITH ME If you would like to host a meal for a refugee household, please collect the leaflet and form from the back of church this Sunday, and return it completed to the Parish office or to Tom Clay in an envelope marked "Refugee meal FAO Tom Clay" by 4th December.

COURSE The five Northern Dioceses are running joint courses for Aspiring Deputies and Headteachers in Catholic Primary schools. A two day residential for those aspiring to deputy headship will take place on 19-20 January 2017 and for those aspiring to headship, a two day residential will take place 2-3 February. Interested in either course please contact one of the priests.

Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection at all Masses for S.V.P.

CLITHEROE

CHRISTMAS CARDS Christmas Cards/Advent Calendars/Christmas gifts on sale in the side porch (to the left of the door into the sacristy). Open before and after all masses/service. Cards etc will also be on sale at our annual Christmas Fair next Sunday

CHRISTMAS FAIR NEXT Sunday 27 November after 10.30am Mass. Tombola—Games—Craft Stall—Cake Stall—Jewellery—Christmas Cards—Bucket Raffle— and we hope Father Christmas will call. Refreshments—Bacon/Sausage sandwiches, Toasted Fruit Bread, Tea and Coffee. Grand Draw. Please support this Parish event

SEEDLINGS Wednesday 9.30-11.30am, desperately need new volunteers to help with snack time. Chance to meet the next generation. ☎ Kay 07921 855576

PRAYER AND PRAISE this coming Thursday 24th November 8.10-9.10pm where we will praise God in adoration through Holy Scripture and through lively music. Come and be uplifted.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICER The diocese is to recruit a suitable experienced and qualified practitioner to support the Safeguarding Co-ordinator. Please see the notice board for further details.

LAUDATO SI On Wednesday we meet in the presbytery to look at the human qualities of climate change and the ecological crisis. 7.15pm Tea. 7.30 –8.30pm meeting.

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welc J.Bentley Reader—M.Taylforth, Euch Ministers—B.Worden & B.Hilton **Sun**—Welc—B.Parkinson & E.Thomson Reader—A.Chadwick Euch Min— P.Donnely, H.Lofthouse, L/ Church—J.Hennigan & J.Golding **S.V.P.** we would be grateful for donations of chocolates and/or good as new scarves for the Christmas Fair. Please give to any SVP member or leave at the presbytery.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE St Mary Magdalene's Parish Church next Sunday 27 November 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to explore the special meaning of Advent in hymns, readings and prayers.

ADVENT SERVICE and light lunch will be held each Tuesday during Advent at the United Reformed Church 12.30pm commencing on 29th November. All welcome

LADIES GROUP meeting Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm. A seasonable demonstration 'AUTUMN DELIGHTS' by Celia Brown. Admission £2 inc light refreshments. At this meeting we will present Grace Fellows the representative from CAFOD with a cheque for £1,500, the amount raised at the Mercy Bros concert. The Ladies Group are delighted to have received a letter on behalf of H.M.Queen Elizabeth from Mary Morrison her lady in waiting. We were thanked for our best wishes on her 90th birthday and told the Queen was interested that we had celebrated the occasion with a Tea Dance.

COFFEE AFTER MASS TODAY Some of our younger parishioners are having a small cake stall after coffee today to raise money for 'Children in Need'. Please support.

SALVATION ARMY Coffee Morning Saturday 26 November 10-12. See poster

FR WAREING Please continue your prayers for Fr Wareing, he is quite exhausted and should not be visited for the moment.

FESTIVE FAIR TRADE MARKET will take place at the Grand next Saturday 26 November from 10am—2pm.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Please return all counterfoils to Parish Office for the draw after Mass today or before 9.30am tomorrow morning.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

CHRISTMAS DRAW Tickets are available for the Christmas Draw—please support by taking tickets to sell to your friends and family. The draw will take place at the Bingo on Monday 12th December in Newton Village Hall.

CAROL SERVICE First Sunday of Advent 27th November at 6.30pm followed by mince pies and refreshments in the Village Hall.

REFRESHMENTS Could the ladies please bring mince pies to church next Sunday morning (27th) for refreshments after the evening Carol Service.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 8. Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 3rd December 2pm-4pm. All the usual stall and attractions. Father Christmas will be in residence 2pm-3pm List in porch to volunteer to help—please get involved. The Grand Draw will take place at the Fair—tickets should be available next week - If you can donate a prize put your name on the list in the porch.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS will be available again at a bargain price of £6. Please put your name down if you would like one.

GRAND DRAW TICKETS available this week. Please take a couple of books to sell. Again a big selection of super prizes.

SERVICE OF LIGHT St Mary's Church Sunday November 27th at 4pm, led by Fr Kevin and the children. Special family service to mark the beginning of Advent with special music and readings. All welcome. Coffee/Tea, mince pies and biscuits served in Hall afterwards.