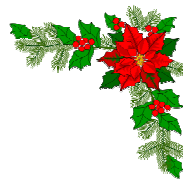


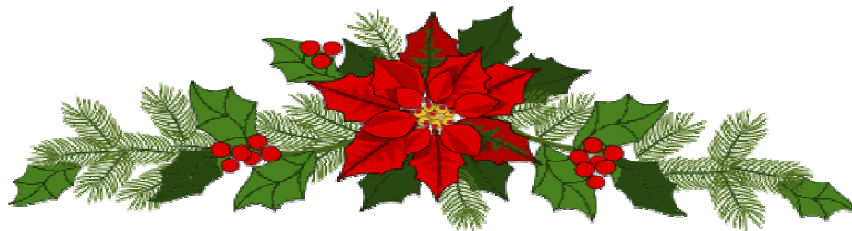


CHRISTMAS SERVICES CLITHEROE, SABDEN & DUNSOP BRIDGE



Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve	Clitheroe Reconciliation Christmas Mass & blessing of crib Carols Christmas Night Mass	 11.00-12.00noon 4pm 5.30pm 6.00pm
	Sabden Reconciliation Carols Christmas Night Mass	 11.00-11.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm
Sunday 25th December Christmas Day	Dunsop Bridge Christmas Day Mass	 9.00am
	St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe Christmas Day Mass	 10.00am
Monday Boxing Day	St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe Mass	 12noon
	Tuesday to Saturday—see notice board Saturday & New Years Day—usual services	

**Wishing you a peaceful Christmas and
Happy New Year**



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Fourth Sunday of Advent - 18th December 2016

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



**Monday, Wednesday
& Friday**
Mass at 9am

Tuesday
Eucharistic Service at 9am

Thursday
Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am Parish Mass book p 90 Eucharistic Prayer III p 28
Tuesday—Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am **Wednesday** Mass at 9.15am
Tuesday—Village Carol Service 6.30pm St Nicholas Church

Masses received this week

In thanksgiving, Tom & Marian Macauley, John, Alf & Ada White, Molly Walton x 2,
In thanksgiving, Fr J Wareing SJ, Maureen Mercer x 3, Addy family, Barbara Taylor,
Haslam family, In thanksgiving, Teresa & Bernard Mercer, Moira Robinson,
Filbin family, Frances Whittaker, Harold Bradley, John Humphreys, David Cottam.

*Please note there will not be a newsletter next Sunday—December 25th
Mass intentions received this week will be in the January 1st newsletter*

SICK Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Jean Schofield, Ian Chew, Fr Joseph Wareing SJ, Sean Bennett, Olive Bromley, John Dixon, Pat Horrocks
ANNIVERSARIES Tom & Marian Macauley, John Alf & Ada White, Alice Clegg Catherine Tresnan, John Humphreys.

PARISH—Clitheroe, Dunsop and Sabden

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £698.60 Dunsop £148.69 Sabden £174.29
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

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 note there are only eight places left.** Sadly one of our past Treasurers, Mrs Doreen Cowman passed away this week. Her funeral service will be next Friday 23rd December at 10am at St James' Church.

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

CAFOD Looking for Christmas presents with a difference—CAFOD World Gifts could be the answer! Delight your friends and family and make a huge difference to people around the world. See the new Christmas catalogues in all three of our church porches.

LADIES GROUP Programme of events for 2017 is available from the porches

CAFOD Bishop John will give a talk on his recent visit to Central America. Venue—St John's, Ivy St, Burnley at 2pm on Saturday 21 January. Everyone is most welcome.

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.

A thank you from Diane Ngoza (Assylum seeker) I would like to extend my gratitude for all your support at this moment in my life. I am profoundly humbled and touched by your compassion and I will never forget everything that you are doing for the rest of my life. I feel so privileged to have people like you to empower me when the tide seems to be against me. I feel so strong and peaceful because of all of you. My life has changed so much during the past few months and I have been blown away by your courage. Thank you once again and God bless you. Yours sincerely, Diane

CLITHEROE

CHRISTMAS FAIR Still one unclaimed raffle prizes ticket 1323 (Haircare voucher)
FR WAREING Please continue your prayers for Fr Wareing, he is quite exhausted and should not be visited for the moment.

BIG CLEAN A special 'THANKYOU' to the people who helped at the 'BIG CLEAN' last Monday. We really appreciated all the work you did.

WANTED Could anyone lend 2 airbeds for a week starting from 22nd December. Please ring Kathryn Clay on 01254 825948

ADVENT PRAYER AND PRAISE

The final Advent Prayer and Praise will be on Thursday 22 December at 8.10pm after the evening mass and will be a special Christmas Celebration.

OLIVE AID is a charity which helps Palestinians who have lost their olive trees, usually their only source of income, to the expansion of illegal Israeli settlements on the West bank and that dreadful security wall. Olive trees are precious: just twenty trees can sustain a family for a year. Olive Aid is a self-help project run by the Catholic Bethlehem University which provides needy families with 3 year old olive saplings. Christian and Muslim alike are helped but the project particularly aims to stem the emigration of Christian families who suffer the most in conflict. Today, Christians in Bethlehem constitute less than 15% of the population. Fifty years ago, Christians living in the birthplace of Jesus made up more than 70% of the population! You can donate a tree for £25. For details see me or go to www.oliveaid.com. It is a Christmas Charity that I support and a number of parishioners have joined with me over the past few years.

K.S.C. ANNUAL FUN QUIZ

in our Parish Hall

Wednesday 28 December

7.30pm (doors open 7pm)

Admission £1

Please contact Betty 427029 or Jean 427096 if you are coming as we need to know for suppers

Proceeds to Mary's Meals

NEW YEARS EVE

in our Parish Hall—dancing to the sound of

NORTHERN SOUL

8pm till late—Fantastic music

Tickets now available from the Parish Centre 01200 423073

£10 inc Pie & Pea Supper

The Defibrulator is now in position at the back of church to the right-hand side of the choir loft door

MISSION CALENDARS are available from the porch—Please take one.

ROTA'S CHRISTMAS—Volunteers for welcoming and Eucharistic Ministers

ROTA—DEC 31/JAN 1 Saturday Welcoming—J.Bentley Reader C.McGuire, Eucharistic Ministers F.Ellis & M.Fox Sunday—Welcoming A & J.Marsden, Reader J.Hennigan Eucharistic Ministers—C.Leeming, B.Collinson, S.Smith. Tea & Coffee—R & C Conti & E.Thomson

ADVENT LUNCH and short service followed by lunch will be held each Tuesday during Advent at the United Reformed Church 12.30pm. All welcome

ROTA'S for early 2017 have been sent by email or hard copies on table at front.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

BINGO EVENING On Monday the parish held its annual Bingo & Social Night, which included the drawing of our Christmas Raffle. Thank you to everyone for their support, donation of prizes, supporting and assisting in the running of the event. Congratulations to all the winners (see poster for details) and thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets, special thanks to Arnold Marsden, who co-ordinated the sales of 780 tickets to our parish friends in Clitheroe. The total income was £2,969.20—after expenses £1,882. Fantastic achievement and thank you again for your support.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 20 Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.