

A New Year's Prayer

When the song of the angels has been stilled
when the star has gone from the night sky
when the kings have reached their far shores
when the shepherds have returned to their flocks
then the work of Christmas really begins
to find those who are lost,
to heal those who are broken in spirit
to feed those who are hungry
to release those who are oppressed
to rebuild the nations torn by strife
to bring peace among all peoples
to bring the Light of the Gospel
into the darkest corners of our world

O Lord, as we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. **Amen**

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Mary, The Holy Mother of God - 1st January 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9am

Saturday—7th January

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 109 Eucharistic Prayer III p 28
Preface p58 **Tuesday**—Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Margaret McKenna, Paul Francis Byron, Dolly & Bill Geelan, Ann Wharton, Kevin O'Hara, Jeff & Graeme Cowgill, Margaret & Alan Moon, Horace Hudson, Winifred Fox, Doreen Cowman, Vincent Fox, Richard & Winifred Fox, James & Frances Holden, Sara Gallagher, Deceased Gallagher family, May Geelan, Monica Pearce, Albert Pearce, Danuta Pearce, Dolores Baldwin, Maria Baldwin, Mercer Family, Noonan family, Chris Carr, Michael Carr, Barrett family, Holly Hartley x 2, James Albert Hartley x 2, Carol Waterworth, Terence Nolan x 2, Alexander Madi, Thomas Holden, Fadua Khassout, Frances Neill, John Marsden

SICK

Joseph Kitching, Bert Bradley, Jean Schofield, Ian Chew, Fr Joe Wareing
Sean Bennett, Olive Bromley, John Dixon, Pat Horrocks, Agnes Marsden

LATELY DEAD

Margaret Rawsthorne, Kevin O'Hara, Doreen Cowman

ANNIVERSARIES

Winifred Fox, May Geelan, John Marsden

PARISH—Clitheroe, Dunsop and Sabden

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £2292.31 Dunsop £699.21 Sabden £284.55
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 five places left.**

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 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.

A TASTE OF TIBET Pendle Club, Lowergate, Clitheroe Saturday 11th February 6.30pm. Himalayan food, Live Music, Meal + glass of wine £10. All proceeds to the Gesu Genany nunnery Kham Eastern Tibet. Tickets available on the door of from Clitheroe Books, Moor Lane, Clitheroe.

MEDAILLE TRUST Winter edition of the free magazine now available in the porch. The Medaille Trust is a Catholic charity that provides safe houses for victims of human trafficking.

CLITHEROE

CHRISTMAS FAIR One unclaimed raffle prize ticket 1323 (Haircare voucher)
FR WAREING Please continue your prayers for Fr Wareing who is residing in St Wilfrid's Presbytery, Preston.

K.S.C. QUIZ NIGHT Many thanks for all those parishioners and friends who helped or supported in any way our Quiz Night on Wednesday evening. A total of £364 was raised for Mary's Meals

PARISH DRAW December winners £100—125 S.Robinson, £20—61 A.Dewhurst, 17 Linda Dudman, £10—112 P.Humphreys, 5 P.Byrne, 59 E.Clegg, 52 J.Sutcliffe. Winners please collect their winnings from their agent

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 14th—22nd. More details next week.

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass/Service each morning this week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pray for us

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. Fr John

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 NEXT WEEKEND **Saturday Welcoming**—J.Luciani **Reader**
A.McGuire, **Eucharistic Ministers** B.Worden & B.Hilton **Sunday**—
Welcoming J.Clegg & E.Davies **Reader** G.Lambert **Eucharistic Ministers**—
P.Donnelly, H.Lofthouse, Volunteer, **Tea & Coffee**—M.Geddes & E.Curphey
SALE! SALE! SALE!

In the side porch there are many Christmas items—cards—ornaments—Advent calendars etc on sale, most half price. Please feel free to browse. Please put money in box on the wall (in the side porch) or in the C.T.S box on the wall to the right of War Memorial

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 coordinated 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.

ROAD CLOSURE the Clitheroe Road, Sabden will be temporarily closed from 3rd—14th January to enable resurfacing to take place. More details on