

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR; SUNDAY 19th OF NOVEMBER

In June, Pope Francis instituted an annual World Day of The Poor, the first being on November 19th.

In announcing it, he said: "It is my wish that, in the week preceding the World Day of the Poor, Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance". He continues: "This Sunday, if there are poor people where we live who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be a favourable moment to encounter the God we seek. Following the teaching of Scripture, let us welcome them as honoured guests at our table; they can be teachers who help us live the faith more consistently."

As a centre piece for the Diocese's World Day of the Poor, Caritas Salford will be launching the 'Refugee Dine With Me' initiative across the Diocese on Wed 15th November at 6pm at Guardian Angels parish centre in Bury. This was successfully piloted by OLOV parishioners last year, and Caritas hopes that people who took part in the pilot will come along and share their experiences.

In the preface to the Toolkit, Bishop John Arnold says: "I am very pleased to introduce the launch of this new initiative: 'Refugee Dine with Me'. It is a very simple but effective way of welcoming people into our parishes who have left their homes and families to seek refuge and safety amongst us. When people sit together to share a meal, especially people from different cultures and life experiences, there is an opportunity to share more than just food. They create what Pope Francis has called a 'culture of encounter.' In accepting to share a meal together both host and guest are opening themselves to a very human encounter that breaks down barriers and builds new friendships. 'Refugee Dine with Me' creates such an opportunity that also leads us to a deepened understanding of human dignity and to a greater empathy for those who have journeyed to our shores seeking sanctuary. My hope is that you will take up this initiative as a part of the life of a missionary parish."

If Parishioners want to participate in the initiative, please contact Tom or Kathryn Clay on 07962136749 or email tomclay48@hotmail.com.

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th November 2017 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Eucharistic Service 9am
Reception 5pm—Les Neary

Friday

Requiem Mass 10.30am—Les Neary

Saturday (18th November)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am
Reconciliation 11-11.45am
Exposition 11-11.55am
First Mass of Sunday—5pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Mass at 9.15am Saturday—First Mass of Sunday at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11.30am (this week only) Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

There are currently some 60 retired priests of the Diocese of Salford. They have generously given their lives in ministry and service in the pastoral care of our people. Now we must be sure to provide for their comfort and well-being in retirement. Please be as generous as you are able in your contribution to their care.

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Please note that our email addresses have changed and the old addresses no longer function. The new addresses are:

Parish Priest: john.corcoran@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Parish Secretary: janet.clegg@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Theresa Gaffney, Les Neary, Philip John Murray, Antonia Antonuci, Maria Antonuci, In thanksgiving, Mary Miller

SICK Fr David Foster, John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor, Lou Marsden

LATELY DEAD Les Neary, Theresa Gaffney

ANNIVERSARIES Antonia & Maria Antonuci,

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £767.45 Sabden £124.02 Dunsop £281.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

PARISH FORUM meets this Wednesday at 7.30pm (tea served from 7.15pm) in the Social Centre. Mike Bradley has completed his three year term as Chair and so the first item on the agenda will be the election of a successor. Any parishioner willing to stand may be nominated and the vote will be by secret ballot. Margaret Donnelly has completed a 2nd term as secretary. A Secretary will be elected.

CRAFT FAIR Slaidburn Village Hall today Sunday 12 November 10am-4pm.

KNITTED SQUARES: STITCH THEM INTO BLANKETS Thankyou to everybody who has knitted squares. We now need people to stitch them into blankets which you can do at Sabden every Monday (see Knit, Stitch & Natter); or we can let you have squares to knit into a blanket at home. We no longer need squares but do let us have any you have completed. Further info Anthony Brown abrown.boggarts@gmail.com

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—J.Bentley Reader

J.Byrne **Eucharistic Ministers** M.Preedy & M.Smith **Sun morning Welcoming—**

J.Clegg & E.Davies **Reader—**Caroline Carr **Euch Ministers—**A.Marsden, P.Donnelly,

E.Lambert **Tea & Coffee** – Fellows family **Little Church—**D & C Carr/V.Harvey-Higgins

PARISH CENTRE As you walk past the Parish Centre you will notice new name boards. The Old Club is now called the Old Schoolrooms, and the Hall: The Assembly Hall. St Michael & St John's also appears on each. The website is www.clitheroebar.com This hopefully will dispel the belief that the Parish Centre is only really for Catholics, and the new names will attract more custom.

LADIES GROUP Christmas Dinner Friday 19 January at Ferraris, Longridge. Menu's available from porch. Everyone welcome including men! **ALSO** We are arranging a trip to Saltaire and Bradford on Thursday 7 Dec £18. Leaving Interchange 8.45am. Names will be taken at next meeting or See Janet or Daphne to book.

TEA DANCE in our Parish Hall 2-5pm Wednesday 15th November. £4 inc Afternoon Tea. Tickets for the Christmas Tea Dance (£8) will be on sale at this event. Limited numbers so order yours early. Tel Daphne 01200 427912

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting tomorrow Monday 13 Nov at 7pm in presbytery

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 14 November 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CAFOD meeting this Tuesday 14th November at 10am in the presbytery.

COFFEE MORNING Salvation Army Saturday 18 November 10-12—see poster

Christmas cards, Advent Calendars and gifts are on sale from the side porch before and after all masses/services throughout the week. Please put money in box on wall or in the C.T.S.box at the back of church on the wall to the right of the war memorial.

SALVATION ARMY The Clitheroe group will be speaking about their vision and plans for their new premises in the old Job Centre Mon 13 Nov at 7.30pm St James'

FOUND Two unclaimed raffle prizes from the concert several weeks ago 417 White (brown border) and 273 white ticket (grey border)—collect from presbytery.

LET MY PEOPLE GO Anthony Brown will give a talk on human trafficking and modern day slavery, Monday 13 November St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Chapel St, Preston PR1 8BU. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Refreshments provided.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL St Paul's, Low Moor Saturday 2/Sunday 3 December 11am—4pm. See poster in porch

PARISH DRAW—delayed a week—sorry

DUNSOP

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY There will be a short service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in Dunsop on Sunday 12 November from 1.55am. All welcome.

BINGO & SOCIAL NIGHT Monday 4 December at Newton Village Hall. Doors open 7pm Eyes Down 7.45pm. £7 inc Hot Pot Supper and One Bingo Card (additional ones 20p). Christmas Draw Raffle will also be drawn. See poster

ANNUAL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE with Slaidburn Band this year is on Sunday 3rd December at 6pm. Again we need mince pies and cakes for the get together after the service in the Village Hall. These can be brought to Mass on Saturday 2nd December.

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning number 57. Please keep up with your weekly payments You have to be in it to WIN it

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER every Monday 10-15am—noon, top room in the hall. All welcome to pop along for tea/coffee and biscuits and chat. Bring your own crafts if you wish and knit, **STITCH** or just natter.

FUN FITNESS & DANCE Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm. Suitable for all ages. Cost £3.50—proceeds go to hall and church funds.

CHRISTMAS FAIR this year is having an exciting revamp. There will be some craft stalls alongside our usual stalls and events. The time is also different 11am-3pm Saturday 2nd December. Hot Soup will be available. Father Christmas will arrive 1pm and there will be the usual Grand Draw—1st prize will be a drone, plus lots more. Please support this event—there is a list in the porch if you would like to donate a raffle prize.

CHRISTMAS BINGO St Mary's Hall Friday December 8th. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Festive themed family night—more details later.

CHRISTMAS CARDS Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars children's Christmas books will be on sale after Mass on Sunday in the Hall.

VOLUNTEERS more are needed for Tea & Coffee after Mass. If you can help put your name on the rota in the porch.

JUMBLE SALE—MARY'S MEALS

The Jumble Sale for Mary's meals last weekend, including cash donations, raised over £1,000. We have quite a lot of good quality items left over and so we are running a stall on Clitheroe Market next Saturday 18th November. If anyone has any items (not clothing) or cash donations they wish to contribute please give Arnold a ring on 01200 427096. We have had a generous donor who is prepared to match pound for pound on the final total.