

Update on Safeguarding

Safeguarding is much more than completing lots of forms, but rather about promoting the well being of children and vulnerable adults in our Parish. We have to ensure that parents and carers can be confident that our volunteers have been “cleared” and also that we are all aware of “Best Practice”.

There have been several developments since the last update:

Alpha Cards These wallet size cards contain a short summary of what to do if a problem is suspected. They will be distributed in the next few days.

Diocesan Support The Safeguarding Office in Salford have a heavy workload in processing clearance applications as well as dealing with cases. The Bishop has recognised this and an additional person has been recruited to the team so that the application process should speed up

Incident Report Forms The Incident Report Forms are designed to capture any issues such as falls, faints or “near misses” to ensure that we can alter our processes or make repairs where necessary.

Web Site We shall soon be unveiling the Safeguarding page on the Parish website which will give access to local information as well as Newsletters from Salford Diocese.

Help Needed Bridget has now moved from the Parish and I’m sure that we’d all think to thank her for her hard work.

It’s important that we have two Safeguarding Reps to ensure that one of us is always available – especially with so much ground to cover over the three Churches. I’d be really grateful if someone could volunteer to be a new Rep. There is the odd flurry of activity on admin side, but mainly it’s about being available if someone has a question or a concern. No direct experience is necessary - just a willingness to ensure that we are keeping each other “safe”.

If you have any further concerns (or wish to volunteer!!), please contact me on anhark456@aol.com

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th November 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Friday

Mass at 9am

Requiem Mass 11.30am—John Dixon

Saturday (25th 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 11am **Wednesday**—Mass at 9.15am

This Sunday is the first “World Day of the Poor”. Pope Francis has instituted this new day of prayer as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those in poverty “Enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel”.

The annual Deanery Requiem Mass for deceased clergy of the deanery and all who you wish to pray for will be on Tuesday 21st November at 10.30am in St Mary's Langho

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Holy Souls, Special intentions x 2, Brian Smith, Deceased McKenna, Veronica Higgins, Gallagher and Degg families and friends, Les Neary x 2, John Dixon x 6, Lou Marsden, Michael Morgan

SICK

Fr David Foster, Cliff Astin, Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor,

LATELY DEAD

Les Neary, John Dixon, Lou Marsden, Elizabeth Booth

ANNIVERSARIES Brian Smith

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £793.18 Sabden £147.22 Dunsop £182.40

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

RETIRED PRIESTS Clitheroe £461.85 Sabden £112.30 Dunsop £100.00

FOODBANK Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help the Ribble Valley Foodbank to collect Christmas food at Clitheroe Tesco from 9am-6pm Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December. Each collection period lasts for 90 minutes. The food donated on this occasion ensures that our clients can enjoy special Christmas meals over the festive period. To confirm your availability ring 07849 534431 or email info@ribblevalleyfoodbank.org.uk. Thankyou very much.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—J.Luciani **Reader** C.Riley **Eucharistic Ministers** A.Southworth & A.Rowley **Sun morning Welcoming**—M.Swales & T.O'Donnell **Reader**—D.Carr **Euch Ministers**—H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, S.Smith **Tea & Coffee** – C.James & A.Pritchard **Little Church**—G.Hennigan & J.Golding

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 meeting Wednesday 29 November 7.30pm in the Hall. At this meeting we shall present a cheque for £1,300 to a representative from East Lancs Hospice plus £50 donated by the R.M.V.C. We thank everyone for their valued support at this event. At the meeting we will be taking bookings for the Christmas Dinner (Friday 19 January) and our outing to Saltaire/Bradford on Thursday 7 December.

S.V.P. COLLECTION the S.V.P. Christmas collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend 25/26 November. All money donated will be distributed to people in need locally, especially families. Please be a generous as you can.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICE At St Mary Magdalene's on Sunday 3 December the first Sunday of Advent at 6.30pm

ADVENT REFLECTIONS and a light lunch at Clitheroe United Reformed Church on Tuesday 5th, 12th and 19th December from 12.45pm

JOY TO THE WORLD this annual ecumenical service is at Trinity Methodist Church on Sunday 10th December at 6.30pm. A celebration of Christmas including carols and featuring Ribble Valley Choir and Orchestra. This event is free and will end around 7.45pm when refreshments will be served. A retiring collection to support refugees through Christian Aid will be made.

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.

PARISH DRAW October Winners **£100** 73 -S.Dugdale, **£20** 127- C.Riley, **£20** 58 -T.Mercer, **£10** 26 -B.Byrne, 22 -D.Marsden, 18 -B.Worden, 65 D.Ashworth
A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Wednesday 13th December—Rotary Club Carol Service here in St Michael & St John's

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

K.S.C. QUIZ NIGHT this year will be on Wednesday 27 December—more details later

BAPTISM We welcome Sienna Rose Harvey who was baptised last weekend

RAFFLE TICKETS as you are aware there is no Christmas Fair in Clitheroe this year, but there will be an opportunity to support our Parish in Dunsop Bridge—Raffle tickets will be on sale the next two weeks here in Clitheroe.

WALKING NATIVITY in Clitheroe on Saturday December 2nd—more details later

DUNSOP

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.

THORNEYHOLME SCHOOL We are holding an Open Day on Wednesday 29 November between the times of 9.30—11.30am and 1.15—3.15pm. Come along and see us at work and at play! *"We're nearer than you think!"*

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning number 54 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 All the usual stalls plus some craft stalls. Father Christmas will be in his grotto from 1-2 don't miss him. The grand draw will take place 3pm—the first prize this year is a Drone with lots of other prizes. Raffle tickets available after mass—please try to sell them. They are also on sale from Janet at the presbytery in Clitheroe. There is a list in porch for donations towards raffle together with a list of stalls we need to man. Any donations towards Tombola or homemade cake stall needed as well as towards the drone and luxury hamper.

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.

COFFEE AFTER MASS please volunteers, a rota is displayed on the notice board.