

Spring Happening

At our recent Lady of the Valley Parish forum it was proposed and agreed to have a 'Spring Happening'. This will be a celebration to include all our Parish, friends and local communities; playgroups, primary and high schools, parish groups, local community groups and parishioners. With games to play, stalls, crafts, demonstrations, refreshments and lots more. Let's have fun for all the family at this Spring Happening. This event is open for one and all.

So save the date, **Sunday 20th May 2018 at St. Michael and St. John's Secret Garden and Assembly Hall.** It is important that everyone contributes, no matter how big or small your ideas are valued. We will be delighted to see you at the 'Spring Happening' planning meetings which have been arranged for Monday 4th December at 11am and 7.30 pm at St. Michael and St. John's Presbytery, Clitheroe. This should enable us all to have a greater understanding of each other needs for this celebration and to join together with our local communities.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute, do not hesitate to contact one of the below.

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From the Bishop

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, but there are signs that they are going to abandon this pledge. We all to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Go to: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap>

or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools from accepting more than a 50% Catholic intake. Thank you for your cooperation.

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First Sunday of Advent - 3 December 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9.15am

Friday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (9th December)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11-11.45am

Exposition 11-11.55am First Mass of Sunday—5pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday 3rd December—Annual Advent Carol Service with Slaidburn Band at 6pm

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

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Tuesday 5th December—Advent Reflections 7.30pm

Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

'Walk with Me' booklets with a reflection and prayer for every day of Advent £1 available at the back of church

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Elizabeth Booth, Ashfield Batts, Teresa Brown, Lou Marsden x 5, Carol Turner x 4, Special intentions, Margaret Peters
SICK Fr David Foster, Cliff Astin, Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor, Amelia Telese
LATELY DEAD Teresa Brown, Lou Marsden, Elizabeth Booth
ANNIVERSARIES Ashfield Batts, Fr Francis Hannan SJ

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £776.20 Sabden £182.87 Dunsop £166.50

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

S.V.P. Clitheroe £874.98 Sabden £152.60 Dunsop £77.00

THANKYOU to St Martin De Porres for prayers answered.

REFUGEE DROP IN Thank you for the large response to the request for volunteers for the Refugee English class. We have a full rota. Thank you for your generosity. Tom and Kathryn Clay

CAFOD Stuck what Christmas gifts to buy? Tired of trawling shops to find that perfect present? **World Gifts** deliver the true spirit of Christmas giving. Whatever you choose, your gift will make a real difference to someone in need this Christmas. So look no further. Avoid the chaos of the shops and choose an ethical gift for your loved ones to help someone smile this Christmas. Pick up a catalogue in all 3 churches.

FOODBANK We are currently short of the following items: washing up liquid, sponge puddings, squash, sugar, cat food. Thank you for your continued help.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—M.Valovin Reader V.Murray Eucharistic Ministers B.Worden. Volunteer Sun morning Welcoming—J.Byrne & P.Dixon Reader—C.James Euch Ministers—T.Mercer, C.Leeming. Volunteer Tea & Coffee P.D'Souza & family

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.

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

LADIES GROUP Please pick up a copy of the 2018 Programme from the porch. There is a Ladies Group Committee meeting Tuesday 5 December 7pm in the presbytery Please note regrettably we have had to cancel the trip to Saltaire & Bradford—only 18 people showed an interest.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS on Clitheroe Market Saturday 9th & 16th—lots going on for all the family—local musicians, brass bands, gospel choir, street theatre and a number of children from local Primary schools who will sing all our festive favourites.

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

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 £100 23 D.Marsden, £20 70 James Clegg, £20 49 D.Hutchinson, £10 66 J.Bentley, 73 S.Dugdale, 80 M.Jones, 26 Betty Byrne.

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

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.

THANKYOU to all who supported the children in Need Cake Sale. We raised £51

HELP WANTED a gentleman from Castleford would like a lift to 9.30am Mass on Sunday each week. If you could help please contact Peter Donnelly 01200 441081

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Friday 8th December. Rosary in honour of Our Lady will be said after Mass—Do come and join us.

MARY'S MEALS The total raised is £1,500. Many thanks

BAPTISM We welcome Neve Isabella Evelyn Carter who was baptised last weekend

New rotas for 2018 are due out soon. If you wish to come off any of the rotas then please let Janet know as soon as possible

DUNSOP

ANNUAL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE with Slaidburn Band this year is TODAY 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.

BINGO & SOCIAL NIGHT Tomorrow evening 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

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning Bonus Ball number is 8

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 BINGO Fun Family Christmas Bingo Friday 8 December 7 for 7.30pm in St Mary's Hall. £5 adults, concessions for children inc refreshments. Raffle. Tickets on sale after mass. Any raffle or bingo prizes welcome.

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.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS Tuesday 5, 12 & 19 December 7.30pm with readings, hymns and quiet reflection. Come and join us and contemplate the meaning of the season.