

DUNSOP BRIDGE

STARLIGHT COLLECTION Thorneyholme RC Primary school are helping to raise funds for charity and for the school itself by collecting adult and children's clothing, coats, paired shoes, underwear, bags and belts. Please bring any items to school either by Monday 2nd December anytime between 7am and 5.45pm.

ADVENT SERVICE Sunday 1st December at St Hubert's **PLEASE NOTE this year at 7pm** with Slairburn Silver Band. All welcome—see poster in porch

ANNUAL BINGO & SOCIAL NIGHT Newton Village Hall Monday 2nd December, doors open 6.45pm eyes down 7.30pm Hot Pot Supper. Raffle tickets will also be available to buy on the night. We also need donations of mince pies and cakes for the refreshments offered afterwards at the Village Hall. Can these please be delivered to Janet Wells at the Village Hall prior to the service, and if people could let Janet know (01200 448201) beforehand what they are bringing that would help a lot. Thank you Julie Bennett 01200 448630

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Winning no 31 Michael Hargreaves

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER Monday's at 10.15—noon in the Hall. All welcome for a chat, tea and biscuits and knit or stitch if you want.

CHRISTMAS BINGO Friday 13th December 7pm. Tickets Adults £5, Children £2 including Bingo ticket, mince pie and mulled wine. Tickets available from Margaret Parsons, Margaret Waling, Pat Whitwell, Carol Hartley, Olive Doyle. We would appreciate any donations of Raffle or Bingo prizes.

SERVICE OF LIGHT A Sabden tradition, this year St Mary's is hosting this unique service—this Sunday 1st December at 4pm. All welcome. Please bring your children—there will be a torchlight procession with prayer and readings as well as lots of music. This is a lovely start to the season. Mince pies served in the Hall afterwards.

ADVENT REFLECTION SERVICES on Tuesdays throughout Advent at 7.30pm. First one next Tuesday 3rd December. Come and join in the journey to Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FAIR NEXT Saturday 7 December 12noon—4pm. Lots of stalls, Grand draw, a whole forest of trees. Come along and join in the festive fun. Admission £2. Wonderful refreshments. Help still needed on the day—sign up if you can help. See you there.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve 4pm Clitheroe
6pm Clitheroe
8pm Sabden

Christmas Day 8am Dunsop Bridge
10am Clitheroe

Service of Light 4pm today at Sabden
Advent Service 7pm today at Dunsop Bridge

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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1st December 2019 - First Sunday of Advent

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, & Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Friday

School Advent Mass at 9.15am

Saturday (7th December)

Reconciliation—11am—11.45am

Exposition 11—11.45am

First Mass of Sunday—5pm



St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Advent Carol Service—7pm

Thursday—School Advent Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am Service of Light - 4pm

Tuesday—Advent Reflection Service 7.30pm **Wednesday**—Mass at 9am today

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Joseph Lofthouse, x 2, Ashfield Batts, Paula Tambling, Margaret Peters x 2, John Fielding, Phyllis Filbin, Anthony Cornwell
SICK Lucy Wright, Beth Heseltine, John Fielding **LATELY DEAD** Paula Tambling

ANNIVERSARIES Ashfield Batts, Anthony Cornwell,

Live Simply Thought of the Week: Amid the frenzy of Christmas shopping and putting up Christmas decorations, please take time to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas: the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP & SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £771.73 Sabden £218.81 Dunsop £137.50

CAFOD Stuck for 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.

WEBSITE CONTACT In order to keep information on the website up to date it would be helpful if all Parish Group identifies a person who will liaise with Andy Brown on a regular basis—andrewbrown595@btinternet.com. Please pop your completed questionnaire from last weeks back page of the newsletter in the box at the back of church.

THE EUCHARIST—FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY a talk by Mariana Miller will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm at St Gabriel's High School, Bury BL9 OTZ. All welcome to register email hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR DEMENTIA CHARITIES Thurs 5th December in the Assembly Hall (St Michael & St John's Parish Hall), including Peter Riley (Swing Commanders), Pop Choir, Wrong Direction, Rachel Rose (vocalist) and Jazz Junction. Tickets £12.50. Tickets Sheila Bailey 07799 092123 or Ann Geldard 07885 503411

ADVENT REFLECTIONS—WARDLEY HALL Each event will run from 10.30am —12.30pm. 6 December—The Voice of John the Baptist, 13 December—The Voice of Matthew. To book or for further info please contact ☎ 0161 794 2825 Marie Sartini marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.ort.uk

FOODBANK CHRISTMAS COLLECTION Christmas food is now gratefully received to help many people enjoy Christmas. Please donate this up to the weekend of **December 7th/8th**. Other donations always accepted. Many thanks for your generosity.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome in your parish of Our Lady of the Valley. Thank you also for your patience and understanding as I find my way around the parish and our three churches and three schools.

One of my main priorities, at the moment, is to visit the sick and housebound, so I am slowly making my way around the Nursing homes, and people in their own homes who are sick or housebound. Please be patient with me as its taking a while for me to get to visit everyone!

If you know of anyone who is not on my list, who would appreciate a visit, please let me know

Also you might know of others who are not sick, but who perhaps would be happy for me to visit, again please just let me know. I'll get round eventually.

Let us all do what we can to use these days of Advent wisely, as a wonderful God given opportunity to grow closer to the Lord, so that we will be truly ready to celebrate his birth at Christmas.

Fr Paul

GENERAL ELCETION There will be a hustings hosted by Clitheroe Christians in Partnership at St Mary's Centre, Clitheroe on Wednesday 4th December from 7.30pm—9.30pm. Questions for the candidates for election as Member of Parliament for the Ribble Valley are welcome and should be submitted in writing to the Parish Office, St Mary's Centre, Church Street, BB7 2DG or admin@stmaryclitheroe.com before 6pm on Wednesday 4th December.

ENGLAND'S NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY The annual pilgrimage by Branches of Walsingham Association in 2020. Blackburn, Tuesday 19 -Thursday 21 May Cost from approx £190 per person for Standard room. Non-returnable Dep £50. To book a place tel: Vincent 01254 209101. Mini-bus from Clitheroe to join main coach in Blackburn. tel: Maureen 443499. Chorley, Monday 22—Friday 26 June Cost from approx £330 per person for Standard room. Deposit £25. To book a place tel Jose 01257 265498. Main coach starts in Clitheroe.

**CLITHEROE
SATURDAY**

Welcoming—A.Harkin **Reader**—R.Bowes
Eucharistic Ministers—B.Worden & A.Ward

SUNDAY

Welcoming—B.Parkinson & P.Dixon **Reader**—P.Sutcliffe
Eucharistic Ministers—A.Marsden, S.Smith, G.Hennigan
Tea & Coffee—P.Geldard & T.O'Donnell
Little Church—A.McNulty & F.Garner

Rotas (Welcoming, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Tea & Coffee) for January—April 2020 will be compiled during December. Would anyone who would like to change from Saturday to Sunday or visa versa, or come off the rota please let Janet know as soon as possible

LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS DINNER January 24th 2020 at the Newdrop Inn. Menu's now available from the porch. Names to Daphne or Janet. Please note only 3 places left.

SMSJ PRIMARY SCHOOL our Reception class Nativity is on Friday 13th December 10-10.30am in school. Entry £1 including tea/coffee and mince pies

LITTLE CHURCH are looking for new leaders to help us run sessions. New Rota's are due out for Advent. Please join us—training will be provided. Contact Geraldine 01200 425504 or johnnandgerry@talktalk.net

K.S.C. QUIZ NIGHT Friday 27th December in The Assembly Hall. More details later

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

Christmas Cards and Gifts now on sale in the side church porch

ECCUMENICAL SERVICES IN CLITHEROE

ADVENT SERVICE St Mary Magdalene's Sunday December 1st at 6.30pm

ADVENT REFLECTIONS Tuesday's 3rd, 10th & 17th December at 12.45pm at The United Reformed Church, Castlegate. Short service followed by light lunch.

JOY TO THE WORLD Christmas Concert this year at St James—Sunday 8th December at 6.30pm (sorry put wrong date in last weeks newsletter)