

Our Lady of the Valley
Parish Newsletter 29th November 2020
First Sunday of Advent

29th November. The Week Ahead:-

Sunday No public Mass

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Wednesday Mass 10am in Clitheroe

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Friday Mass 10am in Clitheroe

Saturday Mass 12 noon in Dunsop Bridge

Mass 5pm in Clitheroe

Sunday Mass 9.30am in Clitheroe

Mass 11am in Sabden

As from next Wednesday Public Mass will again be celebrated following the previous restrictions which were in force before the last lockdown.

There is still no Sunday Obligation, numbers are limited in Church, masks must be worn, and Masses will be brief with no singing and Holy Communion will be distributed on the way out of Church.

Advent:- As you know, this year the Season of Advent will be different. To help parishioners to build Church at Home, the Department for Formation have created a document of resources called Preparing the Way: Advent at Home. You can access the document via the website: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/covid19/advent-at-home/> They will be sharing weekly reflections, videos and resources on our website, social media and via the Wednesday bulletin in the coming weeks.

The Word This Week

Advent opens with a great cry, and a great promise: Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down! is the cry, of a people who need God. ...The master is coming is the promise, not to breed fear, but to answer our cry.

Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with love and mercy. Nevertheless we must

always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!

Lately Dead: Kathleen Lakin, Joanna Berry, Carmelius Sheehy, Joan Chew

PARISH FORUM

The next Parish Forum will be held “virtually” on 30th November with a 7.00 p.m. start for a general “catch up” and the meeting starting at 7.30 p.m.

Please send any agenda items to me on anhark456@aol.com and I will pass them to our Chair, Carol Riley.

It is simple to join the meeting and you do **not** need an invitation. If you have installed the Zoom App on your computer, tablet or smartphone (recommended) the ID is 865 074 9717. If you don't have the App installed, click on the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8650749717>

The last meeting was really great way to catch up with other parishioners who you may not have “seen” since this all started in March. Even if you don't normally attend, please consider doing so. This is definitely a case of, “the more, the merrier” and it's not likely that you will have other plans!

LAUDATO SI' ZOOM MEETING, TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER, 2.00 PM

Our parish Laudato Si' (Live Simply) Group hasn't met since January but during that time we have liaised with the local primary schools and we hope that we can bring the Parish and the schools more closely together, not just on the environmental issues but on all things pertaining to social justice and integrally bound with our faith.


We are pleased to have input from St Michael and St John's Primary School and also from Bob Turner who led the eco developments at St Mary's Primary School, Clayton-le-Moors.

Please attend if you can.

You will find details and instructions on our [Laudato Si' \(Live Simply\) Group webpage](#)

Clitheroe Civic Society:


The next Civic Society Meeting via 'Zoom' will be on Monday 7th December when Andy Froud, Vicar at St Mary Magdalene Clitheroe, is giving a presentation entitled "The Real Father Christmas".



Clitheroe Civic Society

PRESENTS

THE REAL FATHER CHRISTMAS



A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION
BY REV. ANDY FROUD
VICAR OF ST MARY MAGDALENE'S CHURCH
CLITHEROE

Monday 7th December 2020 at 7.30 pm

Civic Society Members & Students Free
Visitors welcome (£3.00) and should arrange access to this
presentation by contacting the Treasurer: contact details @
www.clitheroecivicsociety.org.uk
from Monday 26th November – Noon Monday 7th December

The meeting will commence at 7.30pm. Non-members of the Society are most welcome to join us. There is a cover charge of £3.00 for visitors to be paid prior to the commencement of our virtual meetings. Details of access is available via our Treasurer Barbara Alty by email at: shawcottage3@btinternet.com.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

An extract from The Boy's School Log Book January 1870

Mon	10 th	I, John Burke took charge of this school this day January 10 th 1870. The attendance in the morning was 52 and that in the afternoon was 47.
Tues	11 th	The Rev'nd Manager, Father Cardwell, visited the school this morning. I found it almost impossible to teach single-handed, the '3 Rs' to the different standards. I used a monitor from the 6 th Standard to superintend the transcription of the 2 nd and 3 rd Standards, but found him utterly useless. I find that I must deal very strictly with the children who are having silent work in the desks, for any breach of the school rules while I am giving special lessons.
Wed	12 th	There is only one easel and one blackboard in the school. Another easel and blackboard is indispensable to the good instruction. I warned the half-timers of coming late and also of the negligent manner in which their home tasks were done. I also put the home tasks down on the partition between the two schools. I think that if parts of the partition were painted they would make good blackboards. The home tasks were put down in the morning so that the half timers who came in the morning might take them home.
Thurs	13 th	The night scholars are few in number. They are very industrious. The writing in the school receives a great check from the children buying what copy books they think fit in the town shops. I must endeavour to get a series of copy books in the school and compel the children to buy that copy book which I think best suited for them. The attendance this afternoon was very poor. Many of the children leave the school at 11.30 in the morning and 3.30 in the afternoon on the plea of home duties. I must see into the truth of this. I punished publicly several boys for coming late, they being previously named. This afternoon I told all the children that no boy should leave the school during the school hours, to go home, unless received word from their parents that they had to go. Many of the children looked very blank at this. I fear that many of them have been going home this week during the school hours unnecessarily.
Fri	14 th	
Mon	17 th	The time table does not work as well as I could wish. I must alter it by Monday next. I told all those who are in copy books that before buying a copy book they must first of all ask what number they are to buy.
Tues	18 th	I examined the dictation of Standard VI and found that out of ten lines of Stand VI reading book, some of the Standard VI boys had as many as eight mistakes in spelling.
Wed	19 th	

Thurs	20th	<p>Two parents came today stating that their children must leave the school at 11.15 am and gave the parents to understand that their children must be in the school at least two hours before that time.</p> <p>I punished publicly two boys who ran out of the school before four O'clock on Tuesday afternoon.</p>
Fri	21st	<p>The children were very restless all day, and the attendance was small. One of the children's mothers came today and threatened to send her boy to a protestant school if he did not make more progress. The child to my own knowledge is getting on very well which I told her. I also told her that if she sent her boy to a protestant school she alone would be held accountable for her child's soul.</p>
Mon	24th	<p>Several boys asked me today what copy books they should buy. I acquainted the Rev'nd Manager of the necessity of a payed monitor in the school.</p>
Tues	25th	
Wed	26th	<p>The attendance was fair. The children were very talkative today about their Sunday School prizes which they received yesterday.</p> <p>The home tasks today were done very badly. I fear I have been too lenient in hearing them.</p> <p>Punished two boys for truant</p> <p>The Rev'nd Manager F.Cardwell has kindly allowed me a payed monitor. He began his duties this morning.</p> <p>The monitor was absent this afternoon without leave. I have devoted an half hour every day during the whole of this week to give a special writing lesson to the whole school at once, in order to eradicate the errors which the children make in joining letters to the letters 'w' and 'v' and 'b'. The result of the lesson has been very satisfactory.</p>
Thurs	27th	
Fri	28th	

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CLITHEROE CATHOLIC GIRLS CLUB

ASPIDISTRA WENT TOO

The drama section of Clitheroe Catholic Girls Club with two 'busloads' of supporters, most of the furniture from Stanley House, and numerous bags and boxes filled with "props" including an aspidistra which is not the biggest in the world, was the biggest seen in these parts for some time, travelled to the Jubilee Theatre, Blackpool recently to give their festival-winning play at the County display.

Four other plays were presented by teams from Cleveleys, St Helens and Blackpool. Clitheroe's was the only comedy, and judging by the laughter and applause the audience found it rather a relief after the tragedy and drama of the rest of the evening.

VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

There was no detailed adjudication, but after the final curtain Mr A Willett Whittaker, Lancashire Drama Organiser, spoke of his pleasure at the standard the teams had attained and of the importance and benefit of drama as a club activity. Mrs Walter Elliot, chairman of the National Association of Girls' and Mixed Clubs, was also present and expressed her enjoyment of the entertainment.

The players were a little disappointed not to have the benefit of an adjudicator's criticism and comments, but nevertheless, found it a valuable experience to perform in a display and to have the opportunity of comparing the work of other teams.

FRANTIC SEARCH

Before the performance, some of the Clitheronians spent a rather envious five minutes prowling about the back-stage, most of them wishing it were possible to take home the magnificent set of curtains which the Jubilee Theatre possesses. Needless to say the evening was not without its lighter side. A necessary sofa for the set nearly didn't turn up, and at the last minute a frantic search had to be made for a piece of furniture on which to stand the precious aspidistra. About 20 of the party got stuck in the lift taking them to the theatre and had to be rescued; several people managed to get lost in fish and chip shops just before the return home.

COMB BAND

Finally after a number of hectic and practically useless attempts to count furniture, props and people from forgetting the aspidistra, the party set off homewards and arrived in Clitheroe with a comb band and two impromptu choirs in full swing shortly after midnight.

Audrey Bradshaw, the producer, tells me she hopes the next production will be a three-act "something" that isn't comedy.
