

Jan	25	Bible Service on Unity. (Composed by Dom E.Jones O.S.B of Cockfosters). Other denominations attended. It took place at 7.30.
	28	In the morning, we found that someone had broken into the Church. The veil of the tabernacle and a corporal were missing; the sanctuary lamp had been spilled, and a crucifix removed and missing. The first impression is of Kensit-complex rather than simple vandalism. Later it was noted that the crucifix from the temporary altar had been thrown away in the Castle grounds. It was brought in by some good Catholic who found it. One of the crucifixes in Church was mutilated. Various other bits of damage. The police took the matter up.
Feb	23	Fr Charles Somerville's eyes collapsed with dramatic suddenness about three weeks ago. The specialist says simply: "He can't read". He has peripheral vision.
	28	I took a bus load of our youth to a talk by Fr Giarchi, C.S.S.R who is giving a "preach-in" for Youth at St Joseph's Nelson. I was very impressed, as were the Youth, I think. We could not afford more than one night each week.
Mar	6	Fr Gallagher took the party over to Fr Giarchi
	8	Lenten Sermon no 1. Peter Low from Stonyhurst.
	15	Lenten Sermon no 2 Fr Peter Low
	19	I went down to London for Final Vows of Bro.Michael Dunn O.P. at Haverstock Hill. He is a native of this parish.
	22	Third Lenten Sermon by Fr Peter Low. S.J.
April	29	Lenten Sermon no 4 by Fr Peter Low S.J.
	5	Lenten Sermon by Fr J.F.Gallagher Volunteers came to scrub the Church for Easter. Only four turned up. N.B. Chocolates for cleaners. Cigars for collectors. Try to pursue Jim Marsland to accept something for himself.
	11	Maundy Thursday. Fr Burns said the children's Mass at 9am 8pm I said the official Maundy Thursday Mass. Fr Gallagher went to Haslingden to collect the Holy oils from the Dean.
	12	Good Friday. Solemn Liturgy at 3pm. 7.30pm Joint Inter-denominational Service in the Anglican Church. Fr David Hoy, Rector of Stonyhurst preached the Passion sermon. N.B. Fr David Lonsdale S.J. from Heythrop has been helping out in Holy Week.
	21	Low Sunday. United Scout Service in Congregationalist Church
	22	Fr John Gallagher appointed permanently to Clitheroe
	23	Public Meeting on the new Cheshire Home in Lancaster area. (Garstang is thought of as likely place)
	25	St Mary's College, Blackburn provided popular music in our Hall 7.30 onwards
	26	Badminton season in the Hall closes to-day until autumn. Fr C Somerville goes to see specialist re his eyes.
	28	Vocations Sunday (2 nd after Easter).
May	5	The Apostolic Delegate spoke at a huge rally in St George's Hall, Blackburn
May	10	Visit to house of the Jesuit Assistant from Rome, sch V.Rev Fr Snoek. (Flemish, I think)
	12	May Procession
	25	Saturday. First Communion Day here

June	26	World Communications Day. Special letter from the Pope.
	2	Whit Sunday. "New Pentecost" speakers at request of the Hierarchy: Wilfrid Metcalfe; Pat Fullalove; John Cowman; Bernard Warren; Tony Thornber
	16	Corpus Christi Procession. Points to attend to: 1. Flower strewers from First Communicants. 2. Canopy-bearers: Mr Marsland picked them for me 3. Singing 4. Altar Staff 5. Preacher 6. Outdoor Altar 7. Wardens during procession.
July	28	Governors Meeting at St Augustine's, Billington Last Day of Marian Crusade. This was organised by a Belgian priest, at request of His Lordship the Bishop, from Whit Sunday up to to-day. The organiser in Belgium sent directions, but did not come during the Crusade. A Marian Sign was obtained by a few.
	9	Very Rev Fr Provincial-Delegate (Fr Charles Pridgeon) arrived at 3 and made an immense impression on me as a true representative of the Society in Vatican II era. He stayed the night. See diary for account of his conversation which gave real guidelines of policy
	15-26	Fr Gerald O'Mahoney S.J. on supply here. He did excellent work
	18	Infants and Junior schools close for summer holidays.
	22	Kathleen Bowker gave notice of her retirement as assistant housekeeper. She departed on 28 th July.
Aug	1-12	Fr Dom Doherty S.J. on supply here.
	7	Interdenominational effort in Waddington for BIAFRA
	12	Mrs Rose Conti started as assistant housekeeper to-day
	15	Two talks on Lourdes, with coloured slides, by Mr Harrison and Mr W Corbishley, laymen from Preston.
	20	Trouble in Youth Club Sunday 13 th to be solved with three clear rules which I gave: 1. Full lighting all the time 2. Parishioners (men appointed ought to be in the Hall almost all the time, and parents should be invited. 3. The numbers ought to be limited.
	24	Work on Boiler House chimney started. One might note here the material jobs I have had to do: 1. Rebuild boiler house for Infants, and change over to oil-firing. 2. Chimney of Church Boiler-house. 3. Louvres of Church Towers; Build a car park (orders of County Council about limited parking on Lowergate made this necessary) 4. The walls of Stanley House....a danger to life and limb, as were the louvres of Church Towers. These jobs all completed by the time I handed over on Oct 22 nd .
Sept	29	Canon Clark, Anglican Vicar of St Mary's came to lunch... a farewell gesture as he leaves shortly for Lytham.
	1	Fr Adamson departs after supply from Aug 19 th
	4	Lantern lecture by Sister Ignatius Jackson S.N.D.of the Rhodesian Mission (Bulawayo diocese, Mariannahill fathers)...on the Mission. She is a former parishioner, and her mothe, Mrs Walter Jackson, is still alive.
	8	Diamond Jubilee of Fr E.S.Burns S.J.who has served here since 1946 and still does excellent work for us.
	11	Currently, two priests, natives of the parish, are on visits to their parents, and help out: Fr Peter Walmsley a professor at Lisbon College (English); and Fr John Taylor, a Mill Hill father, going to Rome for higher studies. Also Fr Foley, a White father, cousin of Pat Fullalove.

	18	About this time we began the system of duplicating the Church notices, as the Bishop wishes to save the amount to be read out. Mr Warren very kindly does the stencilling.
Oct	27-29	Forty Hours Devotion. This Sunday was also Home Mission Sunday
	22	Rev Fr F.W.Dillon S.J. arrived as the new parish priest to succeed Fr H.McEvoy who never slept in the house after Nov 16 th 1966. Fr Hannan had a long caretaker job as Vicar Substitute from that date until to-day, and is most grateful to be relieved, as bad eyes are a big handicap. But many hands helping made the work much lighter than it would have been, and God bless all those who supported him in the long two year inter-regnum. Deo Gratias.
Nov	18	Monday. Installation of Fr Dillon as parish priest by the Dean, Fr Peter Purcell of Haslingden.
Dec	1	United Service, a Bible Service, in our Church: they asked to be invited. They really wanted to come to our normal Evening Service, but His Lordship the Bishop on the principle of reciprocity, does not wish non-Catholics to be invited formally and in a body to a Eucharistic service.
	21	Joint Service at the Crib 3pm and this was repeated at 4pm. Fr Dillon spoke at the first service. Earlier on December 11 th and Thursday December 12 th : A Musical play was presented by the schoolchildren of Lowergate. It was based, I understand, on Dickens' "Christmas Carol", but dramatised and songs and music composed also.
	18-21	The Youth Club produced a very successful Pantomime under the direction of Edmund Cambien, and with dancing mistress Mrs Frances Sherliker. A non-Catholic acted as pianist, Miss J.Hincks, who lives on Lowergate. Mother Goose was title.
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Jan	1	Old Folks Party organised by Fr Dillon. Partly a social; partly very good meal; and partly a concert in the Hall.
	9	Wednesday the United Service took place in the Congregational Church: very well organised
	22	On Tuesdays in Lent there were a series of discussions on World Hunger in Trinity Methodist Church. Mr McColl was our representative on committee. <u>Good Friday</u> A large Cross was erected outside the Congregational Church as a symbol of witness from all the Churches of the town to our gratitude to Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. <u>Holy Week here.</u> Fr Gilbert Modakayi S.J. a native from Southern Rhodesia supplied for us. <u>Our own Lenten sermons</u> These were preached on the Sunday evenings of Lent (up to Passion Sunday inclusive). The preacher was Fr David Hoy Rector of Stonyhurst