



CLITHEROE ROTARY

are taking over a shop in Castle Street, Clitheroe (the one that used to be the Card shop in between the shoe shop and the mobility shop) for two weeks

Monday 18th—Saturday 30th October

The shop will be open from 10am—5pm Monday to Saturday for people to donate any coats, from puffer to parka, duffle to down, every donation helps. Any colour, style or size for children, teenagers, young adults and adults alike, for the annual appeal

WRAP UP EAST LANCASHIRE, but ***please no hats or scarves this year***

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Our congratulations to the children who recently received their First Holy Communion. Let us keep these children and their families in our prayer.

We had to postpone First Holy Communion at Sabden which should have been last Sunday, because of Covid, so we pray for them too.

Some parishioners have been asking why have we not had First Communion in June as we used to do. The simple answer is that Covid changed all that. The children only started on the Sacramental Programme at the start of the new year unlike in previous years when they started in September. Also those on last year's programme were still receiving their First Communion (two at each Sunday Mass) until June. So we could not have done it any other way this year. Thanks to all who have supported the children on this journey of faith.

CONFIRMATION: As you may remember, in 2016 our diocese decided to move the age of confirmation from year 3 to year 8. Our plans to launch a new programme last year were affected by the pandemic, however we hope to do this before too long. We will soon be inviting any young people in year 8 and 9 (or older if they have not already been confirmed) to register so as to be Confirmed next June. The preparation course will then begin once we receive it. More information will be available soon.

TOILET The church toilet which has to be kept closed for several months has now reopened, and has been for several weeks!!

CLOCKS: Don't forget that the clocks go back one hour next weekend!

MASS FOR THE PANDEMIC at Salford Cathedral 7th November 2021, 11am (The mass will also be livestreamed on churchservices.tv)

Throughout November Catholic Dioceses across the UK will commemorate and celebrate all those affected by the pandemic. This will take the form of Masses for the Pandemic in Catholic cathedrals around the country.

SYNOD 2021-2023 Commenced 17 October For a synodal Church: Communion Participation, Mission, Pope Francis has described the upcoming Synod as a journey in which the whole Church is engaged. The Synod will take place between October 2021 and October 2023, and the itinerary has been conceived as 'a dynamism of mutual listening, conducted at all levels of the Church, involving the whole people of God'. The first stage of the process (October 2021—April 2022) is the one concerning the individual diocesan Churches. Each local church will be sent details for a consultation and listening process that must last until April 2022 when a diocese will be required to submit proposals to their bishops' conference. We are waiting for further instructions and information from the diocese, then we can make known how we can move forward as a parish and as a diocese.

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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24th October 2021 - 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Mass Times

12 noon (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge

5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe

9.30am (Sunday) Clitheroe

11am (Sunday) Sabden



Monday—Mass 10am Clitheroe

Tuesday—Mass 10am Clitheroe (St Chad and Ched)

Wednesday—Mass 10am

Thursday—Mass 10am Clitheroe (St Simon and Jude)

Friday— Mass 10am Clitheroe

Sunday 30th/31st October

12noon (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge

5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe

9.30am (Sunday) Clitheroe

11am (Sunday) Sabden

Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Rita & Frank Donbavand. Andrew Whitwell,

LATELY DEAD Peter Anwyl

Collection last weekend £1095.42

LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK For those who haven't watched this yet, please take time to watch the BBC series: Earthshot Prize: repairing the planet. The Earthshot Prize is centered around five 'Earthshots' - simple but ambitious goals for our planet which, if achieved by 2030, will improve life for us all, for generations to come. Copy and paste this link onto your browser:

<https://youtu.be/cSrvkSGCrOI>

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY 1 OCTOBER 2021 Thank you to all those who have returned their Harvest Fast day envelopes. If you haven't yet returned yours, please put your envelopes in collection basket provided in each church.. Thank you

CHEQUES: Just a gentle reminder that cheques must be made payable to "Our Lady of the Valley" otherwise they will not be accepted

PAUSE FOR HOPE is an ecumenical service being held under the auspices of Clitheroe Christians in Partnership at 3.00pm until 4.00 pm today Sunday 24th October 2021 at St Michael & St John's Church, followed by refreshments. Although described as a "service", the aim of the event is to pause and reflect in a spirit of hope for all affected by cancer. Special guest, Fiona Castle, widow the famous entertainer Roy Castle, will be speaking at the service about her experience of supporting Roy through his cancer and how her faith has sustained her through many difficult periods in her life. Recommended reading is *Give us this day* which Fiona wrote in 1993 which has been reprinted many times.

CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTIANITY EVENT this event which was cancelled due to Covid will now take place on Wednesday 15th December 2021 from 6.45pm—9.30pm at Whalley Parish Church, Church Lane, Whalley, BB7 9SY. The event includes a retreat based on the Christian meditation practices as passed on through the teaching of the Benedictine monk John Main. There are limited places, so booking is essential. For bookings email: drworthington@live.co.uk. No charge for this event. See poster in porch

HOPE IN THE FUTURE There will be a meeting in the Presbytery this coming Tuesday 26th October at 8pm. Everyone most welcome

AN EVENT FOR EVERYONE Wednesday 27th October (not 28th as stated in last weeks newsletter) at 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall, (Parish Hall), hosted by our Ladies Group—a talk by Heather Wilson entitled—Maharaja's and Magic Indian Textile Tours and much more. The Ladies Group would love you to join us. You will be made very welcome. Only £2 including tea/biscuits.

VACANCY—FOOD BANK MANAGER The Trustees of Ribble Valley Gateway Trust are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and inspirational leader who will continue to build on the success and impact of the Ribble Valley Foodbank. 20 hours per week with salary of £16,000—wanted as soon as possible. For more details please see the poster in the porch. Closing date 27th October



V.E.CELEBRATION Saturday 13th November. Remembering Veterans of both world wars, with a tribute to all workers and volunteers who helped in many ways during the pandemic. To be held in the Assembly Hall, Old School Rooms, Lowergate 7.30pm (doors open 6.30pm). Windgate Band will provide the music. Seats are very limited. Cost is £10. To reserve one please ring Daphne 01200 427912

CCP PRAYER THEME OCTOBER on Love Clitheroe Website. This month the focus is on modern-day slavery—on the website there is an inspiring story of a man from Gtr Manchester rescued from slavery—see literature in porch.

CLITHEROE

A.P.F.MISSON BOXES Please bring your red box along next time you are at Mass to be emptied. Afterwards it will be available for you to collect. If you need help bringing it in please ring Janet or Sion Hall on 01200 428949

CHARIS AFRICA EVENING Saturday 13 November at St James Church, Clitheroe. 7-10pm. Come and enjoy Mozambique food + music by Philip White + hear about the work of Charis among the marginalised poor of Mozambique and Ethiopia. Tickets £10 Donation. See poster in porch

FOUND A hearing aid was found outside of church. If you think it may be yours then please enquire at the presbytery (Clitheroe)

CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY Monday 1st November 7.30pm in the Assembly Room, Lowergate—speaker John Cowking (Slaidburn Silver Band), a most entertaining presenter with many anecdotes from his long involvement with the provision of music in the Ribble and Hodder valleys. Non members £3

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Monday Nov 1st at 1.30pm in presbytery

UNFORTUNATELY THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE AFTER MASS TODAY
We still need volunteers until we establish a new rota. Please contact Janet email on smsj@btinternet.com or janegg@jhotmail.co.uk or tel: 01200 424657 or 07866 898109

SABDEN

KNIT STITCH & NATTER every Monday 10.30am for a couple of hours in the top room of the Hall. All welcome for a chat, tea and biscuits and knit or stitch if you want.

APF MISSION BOXES Please bring along your red box when you next come to mass and give to Jane Davies

DUNSOP

A.P.F.MISSION BOXES Please bring along your box when next at mass and give to Anne Cook. Thankyou.

HOLD THE DATE for the Annual Bingo in Newton Village Hall—MONDAY 6th December 2021. Further information to follow

COMMUNICATIONS

We welcome any information regarding upcoming events etc that parish organisations may wish to promote via our weekly newsletter. The deadline for inclusion is Friday morning 9.30am.

October is a month dedicated to Our Lady and the Rosary, so let us all try and say at least part, if not all, of the Rosary each day.