

HOLY WEEK

This week we embark on a journey that will take us from the joy of Palm Sunday through the suffering and sorrow of Holy Week to the triumph and celebration of Easter.

Maundy Thursday

Clitheroe 8.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

We commemorate the last meal that Jesus ate with his disciples in which he washed their feet and instituted the Eucharist. Afterwards he walked to the Garden of Gethsemane where the Apostles were unable to stay awake and pray with him. In darkness he was arrested. We commemorate this by the removal of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. As a community we respond to Christ's words, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" by watching with Christ from **9.00pm until Compline** (the Church's night prayer) at **10.00pm**.

Good Friday

Today is a day of Fast and Abstinence

Clitheroe 9.00am Stations of the Cross

Sabden 10.00am Stations of the Cross

Clitheroe: 10.00am Ecumenical Service at Trinity Methodist followed by procession of the Cross to Castle Gate

Sabden: 11.00am Ecumenical Service at the Village Cross

Clitheroe 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Jesus died at the ninth hour, three o'clock in the afternoon. We gather in mourning to hear St John's account of Jesus' Passion; to pray for all for whom Christ died; to venerate the cross on which he died; and to share the fruit of his redeeming death in Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday

Clitheroe 8.00pm Easter Vigil

In darkness, the Easter fire and the blessing of the Paschal Candle celebrate Our Saviour's resurrection from the dead and the victory of light over darkness. Extended readings recall God's redeeming acts throughout history that culminated in the Resurrection. The Easter Water is blessed and we are invited to commit ourselves afresh to Christ by renewing our baptismal promises. This Vigil Mass is the most important Service of the whole year and should be attended even in preference to Mass on Easter Sunday itself.

Easter Sunday

Dunsop Bridge 9am Mass & Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Clitheroe 9.30am Mass & Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sabden 11am Mass & Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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Palm Sunday - 9th April 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am
11am Christ Mass in Cathedral

Thursday to Sunday

See back page

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am

Tuesday—Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Tuesday—Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Wednesday - No Mass

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Michael & Eileen O'Neil, Margaret Fagan

*Lenten Thought for the week : Be litter aware
participate in a Parish clean up—to be arranged.*

SICK

John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Joseph Wright, Cap't Elizabeth Smith (Salvation Army),
Carol Hartley, Mgr Peter Wilkinson, Eileen Walmsley (nee Leeming)

LATELY DEAD

Ian Parkes, Mary Hall

ANNIVERSARIES

Deacon Bill Gornall

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £794.80 Dunsop £220.10 Sabden £160.25

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

EASTER LILLIES The remembrance book for deceased relatives and friends is now open. A donation of £3 contributes towards the Easter lily display. Please see Jane Brown (Sat) or Teresa Mercer (Sun) by the Baptistery at the back of church. Please note that names and money to be in by TODAY April 9th—Palm Sunday.

INFANT BAPTISM The next preparation evening will be on Wednesday 12th April at 7pm in the Presbytery.

BROWNEGE PARISH & COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2017 takes place at St Mary's, Brownedge, Bamber Bridge from Saturday 29 April to Friday 5 May with all the usual events, concerts, exhibitions, displays and workshops. Why not enter the annual art or photographic competitions? To see the programme of events and competition details visit www.brownegefestival.org.uk or like our Facebook page: Brownedge Festival

CAFOD MEETING Thursday 27th April 2017 at 10am in St Michael & St John Presbytery. New members always welcome.

PAUSE FOR HOPE A special ecumenical service for anybody affected by cancer will take place at 3pm on Sunday 30 April here in St Michael & St John's. Participants will include patients, professional practitioners and fund raisers. This is a special opportunity for prayer and praise. Please invite you relatives and friends including those whose lives are touched by cancer.

CARITAS Diocese of Salford wishes to recruit an Admin Officer (Fundraising & Community Services). This position will be based in Salford. More info ☎ 0161 817 2264 or www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers.

CARITAS NEWSLETTERS The fourth edition of the Beacon, the newsletter of our Diocesan charity is now available in the porch. Please take one

PARISH YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE The Parish Representative will be a young adult (18-25 years) who is part of the parish and is passionate and confident about getting young people involved more in the life of the parish and deanery. If you are interested, see your Parish Priest or contact Lorraine Leonard (Diocesan Youth Ministry coordinator) by emailing lorraine.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES Just a few left for collection from the side porch (near Sacristy door). If anyone has not got theirs or has any queries then please see Janet in the Parish Office.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—23rd April at St Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn. Starts at 2pm—Eucharistic adoration, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3 o'clock prayer, Procession, Mass at 3.15pm. Two spare seats available ☎ Teresa 01200 429960

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Saturday 6th May will be our Parish Day of Prayer for Life 9am—6pm. More details next week.

MASS OF HEALING This will be celebrated on Sunday May 7th at 2pm in the Social Centre. Anyone who would like to attend please complete one of the forms which are now available at the back of church. Numbers are needed for transport and catering arrangements. All forms to be returned by Sunday April 30th.

KNIT AND KNATTERTHON A big thank you to the many people, young and old, from the local Christian communities, who came to the latest Knit and Knatterthon and also to all those who have contributed from home with squares, blankets and baby clothes. Around 40kg of woollen goods will go to refugees in Turkey at the end of the month. Square and knitted items can be left by the food bank collection point at the back of church.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Sat (Easter Vigil) Welcoming—Volunteers Eucharistic Ministers—Sabden parishioner, B.Hilton, Sun (Easter Sunday)—Welcoming—R & F.Holgate Eucharistic Ministers—M.Mercer, N.Dixon, P.Sutcliffe. Tea & Coffee—Fellows family

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE will take place at Trinity Methodist Church, Wesleyan Row at 10am. At the conclusion of the service the congregation is invited to participate in a Walk of Witness, following a wooden cross to the Castle Gate where there will be a Good Friday meditation.

LADIES GROUP thank everyone who supported the Fashion Show 22 March. With your help we made £750 for Derian House Childrens Hospice

COFFEE MORNING Saturday 29 April in Ribbles Valley Mayors Parlour 10am—noon. Cake Stall, Tombola—any donations of cakes or tombola gifts will be very much appreciated. Tickets £1 on sale after Mass on 8/9th & 22/23rd April.

TEA DANCE Wednesday 19 April 2-5pm in our Parish Hall. Sandwiches/Homemade cakes. Admission £4. Information ring Daphne 01200 427912

LADIES GROUP Committee meeting Monday 10th April at 7pm in the Presbytery.

K.S.C. Council meeting Tuesday 11th April at 7.30pm in the presbytery

DUNSOP

EASTER READ AROUND All parishioners are warmly invited to Thorneyholme's School Hall for an Easter Read Around. The Easter story will include eye witness accounts of the events of Holy Week and will be interspersed with Easter hymns. It will be held on Thursday 13th April at 9.05am

APF RED MISSION BOXES are now due—please bring them in to church. Thanks

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Garden open for charity—Waddow Lodge, Waddington Sunday 28 May—more next week.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Congratulations to winning number 14. Two numbers have unexpectedly become available—if interested please see Donna Wharton.

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP Each Tuesday morning a Caring and Sharing Bible Study Group—Sabden Baptist Church 10.30am to noon, with coffee, tea and biscuits.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Coffee Morning/Easter Bonnet parade Sat 15 April would like to take part let us know, otherwise please come and give your support.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS The last Lenten Stations will be this coming Tuesday at 7.30pm

K.S.C. JUMBLE SALE

**Saturday 22 April
2pm**

in our Parish Hall.

Entrance 50p

Jumble collected—tel
Arnold 01200 427096 or
Betty 01200 427029

Money raised at this event
will go towards helping
Year 10 pupils at
St Augustines finance
their trip to Lourdes