

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 St James' Church 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 7.30am 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- 25th March 2018

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 Chrism Mass at Cathedral

Thursday to Sunday

See back page

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—No Mass Saturday—See back page

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am Tuesday—Stations of the Cross 7.30pm
Wednesday—No Mass

The Good Friday collection is taken in support of the besieged Christians of the Holy Land

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Bryan Roberts, Betty Brown, Bill Wilson, Eileen Duggan, Margaret Cunningham, Eric Whiethead, John Willman

SICK

Jonathan Taylor, Margaret Cunningham, Ruth Edwardson, Bill and Barbara Dewhurst, Violet Robbie, Peter Sellers, Bill Wilson, Maria Middleton, Margaret Shaw, Agnes Marsden

LATELY DEAD Eileen Duggan, Margaret Cunningham, John Willman,
Canon Tony Dorran, Joyce Kwasniewski

ANNIVERSARIES

Bryan Roberts, Betty Brown, Eric Whitehead

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £691.58 Sabden £115.77 Dunsop 3/10/17 March £275.47

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

THE CHRISM MASS at which the Bishop blesses the sacramental oil to be used this year and priests renew their commitment to the service of the Diocese is on Wednesday 28th March at 11am in the Cathedral. Entrance is by ticket only. If you would like to attend please ask me for a ticket. Fr John

LIVERPOOL & DUBLIN anyone considering attending either the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool or the World Wide gathering of families in Dublin needs to contact Fr John. Pope Francis will attend the world meeting of families in Dublin.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Friday 20 April. Fundraising party for Refugee Day; "Wonderful Tonight". Delicious curry and entertainment at the Old School Rooms, Lowergate. Tickets £10 from Tom or Kathryn Clay 07962 136749

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Saturday 5 May led by Bishop John. Pilgrimage includes, Procession, Reconciliation, Mass £20 return. See poster in porch. More information from John Griffin 0161 817 2222 or john.griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

LOURDES The Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage this year led by Rt Rev John Arnold, takes place on 27 July-2 August. Cost for flight, 6 nights hotel accommodation and meals is £729 (single supplement £186). If you would like to join a group from the Parish please put your name and details on the list at the back of church by March 18th. Volunteers of Doctors, Registered Nurses, Healthcare assistants to help and support sick and disabled pilgrims. tel 0161 817 2209 or email: pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

CAFOD Please remember to bring back your Cafod Family Fast Day envelopes by Easter Sunday, they can be placed in the offertory basket at Mass.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Refugee Day—23rd June

REFUGEE FUNDRAISING Silverwoods Clitheroe are to Auction a selection of quality items at the Wonderful Tonight Refugee Fundraising event. If you have any items to help this auction we would be delighted. Our target is £1200 to pay for transport for the day. Thankyou for your unerring support.

CHEQUES a reminder: The bank will only accept cheques made payable to 'Our Lady of the Valley Parish'.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS Sunday 8th April St Joseph's Church, Audley Range, Blackburn, starting at 2pm with Mass at 3pm. More details on poster

HOPE IN THE FUTURE meetings. Meeting 3 at Dunsop Bridge will be arranged after Easter when the building work has completed.

PARISH FORUM The next meeting Wednesday 11 April. Items for the agenda should be passed to Peter Donnelly 01200 441081 or donnelmarg@aol.com by Wednesday 4th April so that the agenda items can be published before the Forum.

CLITHEROE TALK ENGLISH Want to learn English and get involved in the wider community, then join us every Monday at The United Reformed Church, Castle Gate, Clitheroe 1pm—3pm. See poster in porch

CLITHEROE

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE 10am Friday 30 March at St James' church. After the service there will be a walk of witness to the Castle Gate.

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 Baptistry at the back of church. Please note that names and money to be in by TODAY Palm Sunday 25th March.

COFFEE MORNING April 14th in Mayors Parlour 10-12noon. Tickets £1 on sale this weekend & 7/8 April. Proceeds to Sea Shell Trust, supporting children and young adults with complex learning disabilities. Our final effort to boost £642 already raised

LADIES GROUP TRIP to Terracotta Warriors exhibition in Liverpool is now fully booked. At last they have come back to us to confirm the booking. Thursday 26th April leaving Interchange 8.30am. Names and money please S.A.P. to either Janet or Daphne.

ROTAS MAUNDY THURSDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers have been arranged for all the services from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. **Tea & Coffee**—S.V.P.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Love Clitheroe BBQ and Family Fun Day Saturday 16 June.

LADIES GROUP meeting NEXT Wednesday 28 March 7.30pm in the Old School Room. Admission £2 inc tea/biscuits. Speaker Paul Wright—The Good Samaritan School (Building the School)

EASTER CARDS are now on sale from the back of church

SPRING HAPPENING—A date for your diary. Sunday 20th May—see poster in porch

DUNSOP

GIFT OF BOOKS Thorneyholme Primary School is a collection point for 'Gift of Books', a unique campaign in Greater Manchester. The aim is to reduce book poverty for the region's most disadvantaged children. The campaign is calling on your spirit of generosity and asking you to donate a favourite childhood book—complete with a printed note explaining why you want to share it (available from school or online) <https://www.cartridgesave.co.uk/printwhatmatters/gift-of-books/> In turn it will be gifted to one of the 40,000 children in Greater Manchester who have no books of their own. Drop a book off at the collection point at school, from now until 31st May.

SAVE THIS DATE Sunday 13th May we will be hosting the Trough Teas in Dunsop Village Hall—refreshments served from 10am-4pm. More details nearer the time.

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning Bonus Ball Number 39. a few numbers have become available. Please let me know if you would like one. Thanks Donna

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to go on the cleaning rota for the Church and Hall. Please help if you can it only involves a couple of hours every few weeks. Please see Jennifer, Suzanne or Damien after Mass.

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER every Monday morning 10.15am in the Hall. Very informal, all welcome. Come along for a chat and a cuppa.

EASTER CARDS are now on sale—see Pat Whitwell

RED MISSION COLLECTION BOXES Please can you bring your Red Mission box to church next Sunday.

K.S.C. DANCE

Friday 6th April

From 7.30pm.

Dancing to
John Lancaster

£7 inc Hot Supper
Tickets from

Arnold 01200 427096

or

Betty 01200 427029