



## “When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England”. Pope Leo XIII.

As we begin 2020 we approach a most important moment in the spiritual life of our country with the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary. The consecration takes place on the solemnity of the Annunciation 25th March. There is then a 3 day triduum of prayer on the 26th, 27th and 28th. On Sunday 29th March the Catholic Faithful in of England will render to Mary, Mother of God, a personal re-dedication of England as her Dowry. This will be done throughout the country in Walsingham, Cathedrals, Parishes and homes. More details to follow as to how you can take part.

The first dedication in 1381 was by King Richard II, when he sought the prayers and protection of Our Lady of Puy in Westminster Abbey, in a time of great political decision and turmoil.

Since 2018 the National Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham has been visiting England’s Catholic Cathedrals for a 3 day triduum of prayer. As the statue has already visited Salford Cathedral you are encouraged to support the Statue’s visit to Lancaster Cathedral Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT from 6th—8th February. Annually there are 2 two pilgrimages to Walsingham from this area, for details see the poster in our church porch or parish Web site: olotv.org.uk.

**CARITAS SUNDAY 25/26 JANUARY** Caritas is asking all parishioners to use their gifts and talents to BeTheChange and to help House the Homeless, Build Stronger Families and Communities, and Welcome Refugees. The second collection after Mass and ongoing support will allow Caritas Diocese of Salford to BeTheChange in our parishes across the Diocese. The Caritas representative for our parish is Anthony Brown. There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for Caritas, Diocese of Salford

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## HOLY WATER

In Christianity Holy Water is water that has been blessed by a member of the clergy and is used in baptism and to bless individuals, churches, homes and articles of devotion. The Holy Water fonts known as stoups can be found at the back of churches as you enter, and in Clitheroe on two of the pillars situated in the side aisles.

Fr Paul has blessed some water this week, and filled Holy Water bottles are now available for sale at the back of church for 50p (for the bottle not the water), in all of our three churches

Why not take one home with you to use to bless your house and family



# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 12th January 2020 - The Baptism of the Lord

### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

### Monday, Tuesday

Mass at 9am

### Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

### Friday

Requiem Mass 10.30am—Hazel Grainger

### Saturday 18th January

Reconciliation 11—11.45am

Exposition 11—11.55am

First Mass of Sunday—5pm



## St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Mass at 9.15am

## St Mary's, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Hazel Grainger x 6, Agnes Marsden x 4, Joan Spackman x 3, Holy Souls x 3, Special Intention, Muriel Holkon, Joan Alderson, Margaret Williamson x 3, Joe Healey, Mary Healey, Bob Cleeve, Special Intention

**SICK** Lucy Wright, Beth Heseltine, **LATELY DEAD** Bob Cleeve, Joe Scales,

Margaret Williamson, Hazel Grainger, Joan Spackman, Muriel Holkon, Joan Alderson, **ANNIVERSARIES** Agnes Marsden,

*Live Simply thought of the week: What are your resolutions for the planet this year? We invite you to join the Laudato Si pledge here: [livelaudatosi.org](http://livelaudatosi.org) (The Global Catholic Climate Movement)*

### **PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP & SABDEN**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £877.06 Sabden £191.82 Dunsop £132.50

**TRANSPORT** A new disabled parishioner would like transport to the Saturday evening Mass from John Wall Court (near the Railway Level Crossing). If you could help and would be willing to go on a rota please contact Peter Donnelly on 01200 441081 mobile 07967 103618 or [donnelmarg@aol.com](mailto:donnelmarg@aol.com)

**LAUDATO SI** Ribble Valley's very own plastic free shop 'REFILLUTION' at 16 Castlegate,. REFILLUTION sell delicious and nutritious foods and household goods all free from plastic packaging. Take your own containers to fill up.

**WEBSITE CONTACT** In order to keep information on the website up to date it would be helpful if all Parish Group identifies a person who will liaise with Andy Brown on a regular basis—[andrewbrown595@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewbrown595@btinternet.com).

**ENGLAND'S NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY** The annual pilgrimage by Branches of Walsingham Association in 2020. Blackburn, Tues 19 -Thurs 21 May Cost from approx £190 per person for Standard room. Non-returnable Dep £50. To book a place tel: Vincent 01254 209101. Mini-bus from Clitheroe to join main coach in Blackburn. tel: Maureen 443499. Chorley, Mon 22—Fri 26 June Cost from approx £330 per person for Standard room. Deposit £25. To book a place tel Jose 01257 265498.

**HOPE IN THE FUTURE**—Jan events—Eucharistic Ministers Training Day Sat 18th Jan 9.15am—4pm at St Vincent de Paul RC Church Rochdale OL12 6BU. Feb events The Challenges of Pope Francis' Vision of Mission by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy Wed 5th Feb St Gabriels R.C.High School, Bury, Music & Liturgy Workshop Day with Jo Boyce on Sat 8th Feb 10am—3pm at St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church, Bolton BL1 4PN To register your place visit [dioceseofsalford.org.uk](http://dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or call 0161 817 2214 or email [hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**HOPE IN THE FUTURE** The next meeting of the MST (Mission Steering Team) will be on Tuesday 14th January at 8pm in the presbytery—All parishioners are welcome.

**LOURDES** The Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020 led by Bishop John Arnold takes place on 31st July to 6th August. For several years now a group from Our Lady of the Valley have joined the Pilgrimage and have always had a most rewarding spiritual and social experience. If you would like to join the Pilgrimage this year please get in touch with Margaret Donnelly as soon as possible mobile 07967 103618 or 01200 441081. Please think about it, it's a brilliant 6 days

**PARISH FINANCE** The Parish Finance Committee is tasked with assisting the Parish Priest with matters relating to parish finance. At a recent meeting it was agreed that more information should be shared with all parishioners in order to provide transparency and understanding. Over the next few weeks items of interest relating to your parish finances will appear in the weekly newsletter.

**PARISH FORUM** The next meeting is on Wednesday 15th January 7.30pm with refreshments served from 7.15pm. Agenda to include: Review of Christmas services, Report on St Michael & St John's Primary School and Maintenance Report. All welcome

**SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** 18th April—Parish Jumble Sale. 17th May—Pause for Hope Service

### **CLITHEROE**

**SATURDAY 11th January Welcoming**—A.Harkin **Reader**—R.Bowes  
**Eucharistic Ministers**—F.Ellis, M.Fox, P.Withers

**SUNDAY—12th January Welcoming**—B.Parkinson & P.Dixon  
**Readers**—P.Donnely & P.Sutcliffe **Eucharistic Ministers**—J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes  
**Tea & Coffee**—M.Geddes & E.Curphey **Little Church**—A.McNulty & F.Garner

### **GIFT AID DECLARATION FORMS**

Existing parishioners who Gift Aid have previously signed a mandate under either St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe, St Mary's, Sabden or St Hubert's Dunsop Bridge. Now that we are known as Our Lady of the Valley we are required by H.M.R.C. to sign a new mandate.

Janet will be available at the front of church, (near Our Lady's Altar), after both Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses starting this weekend to issue parishioners who Gift Aid their offertory with a new mandate form to sign. Parishioners from Sabden and Dunsop may sign their new mandate at Clitheroe but for those who cannot, alternative arrangements for them to do so will be made

**CLITHEROE CRIB OFFERINGS** this year will be given to the charity 'Friends of the Holy Land', which helps the most vulnerable Christians living in and around Bethlehem. Cheques should be made to 'Friends of the Holy Land'

### **WANTED**

Volunteer to look after the candle stand on the Lady altar. Please speak to Teresa in the Sacristy.

**K.S.C. DANCE** Friday 17th January from 7.30pm. Dancing to John Lancaster. Tickets £7.50 inc supper from Arnold 01200 427096 or Betty 01200 427029

**LADIES GROUP** Committee meeting Monday 13th January at 7pm in the presbytery

**TEA DANCE** Please note there will be no Tea Dance in January. The next one will be Wednesday February 19th.

**C.C.P. (Clitheroe Christians in Partnership)** Christian Unity Week Prayer event Saturday 18th January Clitheroe Community Church at 10am, to will include prayer for our town and jointly led by Clitheroe Community Church and the Salvation Army  
**LADIES GROUP** Our Programme for 2020 listing our monthly meetings and speakers is available from the porch in Clitheroe, Sabden and Dunsop Bridge

### **DUNSOP BRIDGE**

**DUNSOP BRIDGE RUNNING GROUP** "To the Hill and Back" Sunday at 10am. Tuesday & Wednesday 7pm. Details Charlotte Hambnlet 07772 270719. All welcome  
**DUNSOP BRIDGE PLAY GROUP** all welcome every Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the Village Hall. A friendly welcome awaits you and your little ones.

### **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** Winning no 11 Olive Bromley

**KNIT, STITCH & NATTER** Monday's at 10.15—noon in the Hall. All welcome for a chat, tea and biscuits and knit or stitch if you want.

**BURNS NIGHT SUPPER** at St Mary's Community Hall Saturday 25th January 2020 at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 includes 3 Course Meal of Scotch Broth, Haggis Neaps and Tatties (alternative available), Trifle, Coffee and a Tot of Whisky, address to the Haggis, Bar and Scottish Music. Admission by ticket only available from Pat Whitwell, Margaret Waling, Olive Doyle and Margaret Parsons or Janet in the office at Clitheroe