

At the baptism of Jesus, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and the voice was heard from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in him I am well pleased". Jesus then began his public ministry. We too received that same Spirit at our baptism, and so we too are called and sent out to continue the mission of Jesus, as we walk in his ways and preach the Good News in the way we live, and the way we love.

Last week, I returned the parish Pastoral Statistics to the Diocese giving all the information about Our Lady of the Valley Parish, and in doing so I was reminded of all the good that goes on here, and that we are alive and well, as we continue to spread the Good News in so many different ways.

Thank you for all that you do, and for all that you share, sometimes in very obvious ways, but a lot of the time in ways known only to God, and to yourself. Thank you.

During 2019 we welcomed 23 children into God's family at their Baptism. We journeyed with 27 of our children and their families, who made their First Reconciliation and received their First Holy Communion.

We welcomed 6 adults into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

We rejoiced with 8 couples who were united in the sacrament of Marriage.

We ministered to over 60 parishioners who regularly receive Holy Communion in their own home, and in several nursing homes too. We also visit everyone in Clitheroe hospital every week.

We mourned with 32 families at the death of a loved one, and supported them with our prayers.

So much good done by so many, for which we rightly give thanks to God.

As we thank God for all his blessings, and for gracing our parish with so much good will and hard work, we look forward with hope, continuing to journey in faith, confident that God is always with us, as he calls us all and sends us out in his name.

Let us all do our own little bit to help build up God's Kingdom here in Our Lady of the Valley Parish, so that God may continue to look down on us and say "In you, I am well pleased".

## WANTED

On Thursday 6th February pupils from Bowland School will be coming to visit our church from 9.30am—2pm, and we need volunteers to show them around. The pupils will be split into groups and each tour would take around half an hour. There will be a short meeting after Mass tomorrow morning (Monday) for anyone who is willing to help, when Fr Paul will explain in more detail what is required

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 2nd February 2020 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee

### Monday—St Blaise

Mass at 9am followed by  
Blessing of throats

### Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

### Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am



### Saturday 8th February

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 7pm

### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special intention, Alice Wells, Ann Wharton, Monica & Harry Wiggans,  
John Cowdall, Lopresti Antonio, Antonio Antonici, Special intention

**SICK** Lucy Wright, Beth Heseltine, Jarek Antoniewicz, Peter Foley  
**LATELY DEAD** Joe Scales, John Gavin, Kathleen Wilson, Irene Joyce, John Cowdall  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Stanislaw Barnowski, Fr Joseph Wareing S.J, Alice Wells,

Ann Wharton, Lopresti Antonio, Antonia Antonici,

**Live Simply thought of the week:** Try to buy locally grown fruit and vegetables, especially those which are in season.

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

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £849.29 Sabden £139.88 Dunsop £142.50

**ENGLAND'S NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY** Annual pilgrimages by both the Blackburn and Chorley branches of Walsingham Association will take place in 2020. For all details and more information please see the poster in the porch.

**HOPE IN THE FUTURE**—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. Wed 4 March 7.30pm talk Fr Richard Ounsworth OP St Gabriel's RCHS Bury BL9 OTZ. Children's Liturgy Training Day Sat 28 March 10am-3pm with Linda Pennington Cathedral Centre M3 6DPTo register your place visit dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2214 or email hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

**CAFOD** Our CAFOD group are holding a meeting in the presbytery on Monday 3rd February at 7.30pm. Please come and join us—find out how CAFOD helps with the development of the Third World.

**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

**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

**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.

**GOVERNOR VACANCY** There is a vacancy for a Foundation Governor at St Mary's RCP School in Sabden. School governors are volunteers who work together with the head teacher and the local authority to improve education and other outcomes for all pupils. No formal qualifications needed as training will be given. You just need to be aged 18 or over and have some time to spare to attend meetings a read necessary papers. Interested ☎01282 771009 or email: bursar@st-marys-sabden.lancs.sch.uk

**DAY OF RENEWAL** led by Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal at St Clare's Church Preston, Saturday 29th February. See poster in porch

### **GIFT AID DECLARATION FORMS**

We still have a few people who have still not signed a new Gift Aid declaration form. If you took one home to complete could you return it as soon as possible and pop it in the box provided at the front of church (near Sacristy door). If you have not been given one then Janet will be available before and after Mass both Saturday evening and Sunday morning to assist you.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting next Tuesday evening 4th February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery

### **CLITHEROE**

**SATURDAY 8th February Welcoming**—J.Bentley **Reader**—C.McGuire

**Eucharistic Ministers**—M.Preedy, M.Dixon, R.Ward

**SUNDAY 9th February Welcoming**—C.Willman & M.Rogers

**Readers**—P.Lambert & M.Donnely

**Eucharistic Ministers**—H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, P.Donnely

**Tea & Coffee**—S.V.P.

**Little Church**—G.Hennigan

**SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** Wednesday

11th March—Simon Entwistle, 18th April—Parish

Jumble Sale. 17th May—Pause for Hope Service

**PARISH DRAW** Sorry but the first draw will take

place next weekend as we are still collating the

2020 list. There is still time to buy a ticket - £20 for

which you will be allocated a number to go into the

draw for ten month. The draw is usually made by the Parish Priest at the end of each

month, January to October. If you want a ticket please see either Janet Clegg, Arnold

Marsden, Peter Sutcliffe, Ann Harkin or Bernard Mercer.

**LADIES GROUP** Next Tea Dance Wednesday 19th February in Parish Hall 2-

5pm. Only £4. Info Daphne 01200 427912. Dates for your diary **Wed 11 March** Simon

Entwistle. Proceeds for Clitheroe Community Hospital.—More details later. **Saturday**

**18th April**—Parish Jumble Sale. Proceeds for Mary's Meals—more details later

**K.S.C.VALENTINES DANCE** Friday 14th February from 7.30pm. Dancing to

John Lancaster. Tickets £7.50 inc supper from Arnold 01200 427096 or Betty 01200

427029

**ROSARY OF THE UNBORN** will be said after Mass/Service each morning

this week. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr Andrew Smith who on Tuesday was appointed

Deputy Head of St Michael & St John's Primary School.

### **DUNSOP BRIDGE**

**DUNSOP BRIDGE RUNNING GROUP** 'To the Hill and Back' Sunday at 10am.

Tuesday & Wednesday 7pm. Details Charlotte Hamblet 07772 270719. All welcome

**BABY SENSORY GROUP** 10.30-11.30am on Thurs until Feb 13th birth to 13 months

in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. Details on internet or call in to find out what its about.

**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 21 Gerald Keane

**KNIT, STITCH & NATTER** Monday's at 10.15am—noon in the Hall. All welcome for

a chat, tea and biscuits and knit or stitch if you want.

**ALI-BABA AND THE FOUR & A HALF THEIVES** Pantomime at St Mary's pre-

sented by the Village Folk Panto Group, Wednesday to Saturday 26/27/28/29th Febru-

ary. Evening Tickets £10 inc Pie & Peas supper 7.15pm start and Matinee Saturday after-

noon £5—2pm start. Please ring Margaret Parsons 01282 778652 or mobile

07715 666866, or see Janet in the Clitheroe Parish Office.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** A box has been placed at the back of church for donations

for Altar Flowers