

Our Lady of the Valley
Parish Newsletter 3rd January 2021
Second Sunday of Christmas

A new-year prayer for God to bless and protect his people (Numbers 6:22-27)

*'The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.'*

*May the Lord fill your hearts, your homes and your families
with his peace and his love throughout this New Year.*

Prayers and blessings.

Fr. Paul

The week ahead:-

Today is the Second Sunday of Christmas

Mass 12 noon (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge

Mass 5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe

Mass 9.30am (Sunday) Clitheroe

Mass 11am (Sunday) Sabden

Monday Mass 10am (Clitheroe)

Tuesday Mass 10am (Clitheroe)

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Friday Mass 10am (Clitheroe)

The Baptism of the Lord

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The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation A free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre. A range of excellent speakers will

examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. At 7:30pm every second Thursday, from 14th January to 25th March. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

Thank You Fr. Paul would like to thank you for your cards and gifts, prayers and best wishes for Christmas. They were all very much appreciated. Thank you also for your continued help and support during the last twelve months, and as strange as things have been, together we have, with God's help, safely got through it.

Places of worship

You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times.

You should follow the [national guidance on the safe use of places of worship](#). We must adhere to all the previous rules and regulations.

2021 – TIER 4 As we enter 2021 it is a time when we can reflect on how we are managing the procedures that have been put in place for the safe opening of our churches.

In the last few days we have heard more about the virus mutating and becoming more easily transmissible. It is important, therefore, to review how we maintain the good practice to keep our churches safe, so that people who use them can do so safely, and so that we are able to remain open.

Ventilation, is important, so too sanitising, people wearing face coverings (unless exempt) and no socialising either in or at the back of church, or outside the church, are things we need to remember.

It is also still advised that people should sit throughout the liturgy. People should not kneel nor stand with the obvious exception when going to receive Communion. Communion must only be given in the hand, not on the tongue. Communion will be administered at the end of Mass.

Singing should also not take place.

During tier 4 weddings can only take place in an emergency.

Funerals are limited to 30 members present, not including the priest and stewards. Whilst music can be played care should be taken that it does not prolong the Service.

At Baptisms there should be only 6 present.

We are all a lot more confident about dealing with these matters than we were a year ago but we need to be careful of becoming complacent, especially as the numbers of Covid cases are presently rising rapidly.

Finally people should leave church straight after Mass and not congregate at the back of church, or outside, to chat.

Priests should stay away from the back of church afterwards and if anyone wishes to talk with him they should ring him.

Lately Dead:

Bridget Barnes (previously Lynch), *née* Kerr, aged 77

Live simply thought of the week:

12 green ideas for the New Year:

1. *Buy local produce*
2. *Make the most of what you have*
3. *Reuse, Repair, Recycle*
4. *Plan meals to avoid food waste*
5. *Eat better meat and eat a lot less of it.*
6. *Take your own bags to the supermarket*
7. *Don't leave the tap running while cleaning your teeth.*
8. *Make sure dishwasher/washing machine is full before switching on*
9. *Use a cooler wash, save electricity*
10. *Buy clothes when you need them not when you want them*
11. *Don't leave electrical items on standby - switch off*
12. *Use greener cleaning products*

On behalf of CAFOD and Laudato Si Groups

Is there an Arabic speaker in the parish?

If so could you please ring Tom Clay on 07962 136749

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