

## DUNSOP

**A.P.F.MISSION BOXES** Please bring along your box when next at mass and give to Anne Cook. Thankyou.

**BINGO & SOCIAL NIGHT** Monday 6th December in Newton Village Hall. Doors open 7pm Eyes Down 7.45pm. Cost £7 per person which includes Hot Pot Supper and one Bingo Card. Additional Bingo Cards 20p each. The Christmas Draw Raffle tickets available and drawn on the night.

**CHRISTIAN RETREATS** you can find a full list of Christian Retreats including information that are being held at various venues in the North West for Autumn and in to December. More info <https://christianretreats.live> or [drworthington@live.co.uk](mailto:drworthington@live.co.uk)

**TODAY** We will go back to receiving Holy Communion during the Mass. You will be invited when to leave your bench and come forward down the side aisles, then return to your place by going up the centre aisle, in Clitheroe. We will continue in the way we have been doing things for the last few weeks in Dunsop Bridge. You will be invited when to come forward to the front in Sabden.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME REGISTRATION

All young people aged 13 and over are invited to prepare for Confirmation in June 2022. There will be a series of preparation meetings to attend either through school or parish depending on your local situation and numbers involved. You can complete the form online at this link: <https://forms.gle/n7fk2ZVeHamgLZKQA>

**SYNOD** Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. The Synod is themed: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission". We want to hear from as many people as possible, those involved in the church and those who are not. You can take part by completing an online submission using the QR code (on parish and Salford diocese web sites) or following this link [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2). Please share this link with family and friends. We have until 1st March 2022 to make our submissions then, after national and continental gatherings, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome to reflect on what has been heard. Please remember this Synod in your prayers. Your contribution is invaluable and will make a considerable difference to the future of the Church in our diocese and across the world.

### COMMUNICATIONS

*We welcome any information regarding upcoming events etc that parish organisations may wish to promote via our weekly newsletter. The deadline for inclusion is Friday morning 9.30am.*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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## 28th November 2021

## First Sunday of Advent

### Mass Times

12 noon (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge

5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe

9.30am (Sunday) Clitheroe

11am (Sunday) Sabden

Monday—Mass 10am Clitheroe

Tuesday—Mass 10am Clitheroe

Wednesday  
Eucharistic Service 10am Clitheroe

Thursday—Mass 10am Clitheroe

Friday— Mass 10am Clitheroe



### Sunday 4th & 5th December—Second Sunday of Advent

12noon (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge

9.30am (Sunday) Clitheroe

5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe

11 am (Sunday) Sabden

**Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul**

**Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be served after Mass over in the Assembly Hall (Parish Hall)**

Collection last weekend £811.45

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK** Deceased members of Bancroft family, Rita Donbavand, Maura Brady, Rita & Frank Donbavand, Gladys Bolton, Holy Souls Joseph Allenston, Florence Buggie, Peter Anwyl

**LATELY DEAD** Maura Brady, Gladys Bolton, Joseph Allenston  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Rita Donbavand, Florence Buggie

**S.V.P. COLLECTION 4 & 11 DECEMBER** There will be a collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society after each Mass. Gift Aid envelopes will be made available after all Parish Masses on the 4th & 5th December and will be collected on the 11th and 12th December. Please give generously. Also, SVP Members will be distributing Christmas cards, Food Parcels and boxes of chocolates to parishioners from 7th December. On behalf of all members of the SVP, may I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and Blessed new year. Thankyou Andy McGuire

**LAUDATO SI (Live Simply) Group** is holding an important meeting at 7.30pm on December 8 in the Old School Rooms We must now move forward with our plans for the Parish.

- The environment has become an issue of the highest priority. Not only must all of us do what we can but we must show the Parish and the wider community that we are doing it.
- The Vatican has launched its 7 year Laudato Si action plan
- The Synodal Process opened in October. Liverpool Archdiocese completed their own Synod in 2020 and one of their recommendations was headed Catholic Social Teaching and Creation Care. The Synod is an opportunity for us to support Bishop John in raising the profile of the environment in Salford Diocese and highlighting the reality that Creation Care is an integral part of a 21st century Catholic Church.

**CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTIANITY EVENT** this event which was cancelled due to Covid will now take place on Wednesday 15th December from 6.45pm—9.30pm at Whalley Parish Church, Church Lane, Whalley, BB7 9SY. The event includes a retreat based on the Christian meditation practices as passed on through the teaching of the Benedictine monk John Main. There are limited places, so booking essential. email: drworthington@live.co.uk. No charge for this event. See poster in porch.

**CCP Clitheroe Christians in partnership**—Joy to the World will begin 6.30pm Sunday 5 December at Trinity Methodist Church and Community Hub, Parson Lane. The concert will feature Ribble Valley Choir and orchestra and will be celebrating Christmas with music, poems, dance and drama, including items for the audience. It will also be recalling important anniversaries and recent events. The concert will end at about 7.45pm when mince pies and hot drinks will be served. This event is free and there will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid international appeal to help mothers in the front line of climate change to care for their children. The Mayors of both the Ribble Valley and Clitheroe will be attending.

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE TONIGHT** Sunday Nov 28th at St Mary Magdalene's 6.30pm. There will be Advent music and readings with hymns and carols for choir and congregation. We look forward to welcoming you.

**OPEN TO EVERYONE** Come along on Wednesday 1st December at 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall (Parish Hall) to a talk by Sue Allonby—CHRISTMAS TALES—some from Russia with spiders, and Mary and Joseph. Hosted by Ladies Group. Everyone most welcome—only £2 including tea/mince pie. **Please note this was the event cancelled due to boiler breakdown last week.**

**CAROLS AT THE CASTLE** Many of you will be aware that Love Clitheroe, a collective of local churches charities and The Grand Venue is holding an open-air event 'Carols at the Castle' Saturday 4th December 4.30pm. This is a ticket event but FREE which can be booked from [www.thegrandvenue.co.uk](http://www.thegrandvenue.co.uk) from 6pm on Sunday evening. A wonderful opportunity to share the word of God with our community. In 2019 over 2000 people attended the event and approximately 300 New Testaments were given out. Good News for Everyone (formerly the Gideons) is providing New Testaments and Hope Magazines (St John's Gospel and some Psalms) free of charge to distribute this year. Volunteers are needed to offer scriptures to people at the end of the event (approx 5.30pm). If you can help with this, please email Andrew Piercy at [piercyfamily1987@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:piercyfamily1987@hotmail.co.uk) Volunteers are also needed to help with refreshments. If you are willing to help please ring Mary Sellers on 01200 428653 or email: [marysellers1117@gmail.com](mailto:marysellers1117@gmail.com) See porch for poster and flyers

**PARISH DIRECTORY** a draft of a new Parish Directory has been pinned up in the porch. It was presented to the Parish Forum on Nov 10th and the request has been made that if there are any alterations or omissions that need to be addressed could you please let us know as soon as possible. Contact Mary Sellers 01200 428653 or [marysellers1117@gmail.com](mailto:marysellers1117@gmail.com)

**QUIZ NIGHT** Wednesday 29th December at 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall (Our Parish Hall). Entrance £2. We would be very grateful for any Raffle prizes—please contact Betty Collinson 01200 427029 or Arnold Marsden 01200 427096. All proceeds to go to Mary's Meals.

**CIVIC SOCIETY** This month's talk in The Assembly Hall Monday December 6th at 7.30pm. 'Liverpool Cowkeepers', a family history by David Joy, whose family came from the upper Wharfedale Valley in the Yorkshire Dales and established cowhouses some districts of Liverpool.

**CHEQUES: Just a gentle reminder that cheques must be made payable to "Our Lady of the Valley" otherwise they will not be accepted**

### CLITHEROE

**CHRISTMAS CARDS ETC** are now on sale from the side porch which is open before and after mass at weekends and during the week. Please put money in the box on the wall. Thankyou

### SABDEN

**KNIT STITCH & NATTER** every Monday 10.30am for a couple of hours in the top room of the Hall. All welcome for a chat, tea and biscuits and knit or stitch if you want.

**APF MISSION BOXES** Please bring along your red box when you next come to mass and give to Jane Davies, or ring Jane on 07866 584415 if you would like it collecting.

**TEA AND COFFEE** now available after Sunday Mass