

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.

Unfortunately the Cherry Tree in the church graveyard at Dunsop has had to be removed. Another one will be planted at a later date.

BAPTISM: Last Saturday we welcomed Matilda Dotty Holland into God's family at her baptism in Clitheroe

WEDDING: Congratulations to Amy Hilary and Adam Stansfield who were married today (Saturday) in St Michael & St John's

WEDNESDAY: Is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is also the end of the Year of St Joseph which began 12 months ago on the 8th December.

FIRST COMMUNION: We keep in prayer the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion in Sabden today.

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

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. From 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. We have until 1st March 2022 to make our submissions. Your contribution is invaluable and will make a considerable difference to the future of the Church in our diocese and across the world.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2021

Christmas Eve 4pm (Clitheroe) 6pm (Clitheroe—Fr Kelly) 6pm Sabden
Christmas Morning 8am (Dunsop Bridge) 10am (Clitheroe)

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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St Michael & St John's Primary School Tel: 01200 422560 Head: Mrs Zoe Mabbott

St Mary's Primary School, Sabden: Tel: 01282 771009 Head: Ms Claire Halstead

Thorneyholme Catholic Primary, Dunsop Bridge Tel: 01200 448276 Head: Mrs Olga Jackson

5th December 2021

Second 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
St Ambrose

Wednesday—Mass 10am Clitheroe

Thursday—Mass 10am Clitheroe

Friday—Mass 10am Clitheroe

Sunday 11th & 12th 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)

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Ashfield Batts, Joseph Lofthouse.

Kenneth and Janet Barlow

ANNIVERSARIES Fr Francis Hannan, Ashfield Batts.

Kenneth and Janet Barlow

LIVE SIMPLY—THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK This Christmas, please support your favourite (and/or local) charity(ies) by buying Christmas cards/presents from them.

CAFOD If you are looking for unusual Christmas presents, CAFOD World Gifts could be the answer! These special gifts will delight your friends and family, and are also a great way of rediscovering what it really means to share the love, peace and joy of Christmas giving. Each charity gift you buy will make a real difference to communities living in developing countries.

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Christmas-cards-and-gifts>

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 this weekend the 4th & 5th Dec 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 Wed 15th December from 6.45pm—9.30pm at Whalley Parish Church, Whalley, BB7 9SY. Includes a retreat based on the Christian meditation practices as passed on through the teaching of the Benedictine monk John Main. Limited places, booking essential. email:drworthington@live.co.uk. No charge.

CCP Clitheroe Christians in partnership—Joy to the World will begin 6.30pm Tonight Sunday 5 December at Trinity Methodist Church and Community Hub, Parson Lane and 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 recall 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. Mayors of both the Ribble Valley and Clitheroe will attend.

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 maryselleers1117@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 months 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

CCP DECEMBER PRAYER THEME The prayer theme to all those who are displaced/separated from home and family support. We are focussing on the work of the Orthodox Maria Skobtsova House, in Calais where volunteers from different denominations work to feed, cloth and minister in the refugee/immigration camps around northern France. We should also pray for all those in authority who have to manage this ongoing problem. Maria Skobtsova 20/12/1891—31/3/1945 known as Mother Maria St Mary of Paris, was a Russian noblewomen, poet, nun and member of the French Resistance in WW2, and canonised a saint in the Eastern Orthodox Church. The convent provided shelter for the Jews. Eventually the house was closed down, Mother Maria and a priest Fr Dimitri together with Yuri and Sophia were arrested by the Gestapo. Fr Dimitri and Yuri both died at the Dora concentration camp. Mother Maria was sent to Ravensbruck concentration camp. On Holy Saturday 1945 she was sent to the gas chamber reputedly taking the place of another.

Lost in the Lost, Calmer of the Waves, a Man of Sorrows acquainted with grief. We pray for all refugees in Calais over Christmas as they seek new life from desperation.

As they seek a place to call home,

As they seek protection from danger, hostility and violence,

As they confront barrier after barrier to simple freedom.

As they are haunted by uncertainty and fear for their loved ones.

Lord in Your Mercy may they see and feel You reaching out to them.

Lord in Your Mercy protect them.

Lord in Your Mercy uplift and empower those who lovingly minister to them,

Lord in Your Mercy show us a way to help.

Bless the work of Maria Skobtsova House as they bring love, warmth and sustenance.

To the displaced in your Holy Name, sharing the gift of the Christ-child.

Lord Jesus, in Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayer

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

LADIES GROUP Our programme of speakers for 2022 is now available, please pick one up from the church porch.

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