

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

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

**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](http://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.*

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**Wednesday 29th December at 7.30pm**

in our Parish Hall (Assembly Hall)

**Entrance £2**

We would be very grateful for any Raffle Prizes please contact either

Betty Collinson 01200 427029 or  
Arnold Marsden 01200 427096

**All proceeds to Mary's Meals**

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 12th December 2021

## Third Sunday of Advent



**Mass Times**

	Monday—Mass 10am Clitheroe
12 noon (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge	Tuesday—Mass 10am Clitheroe St John of the Cross
5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe	Wednesday—Mass 10am Clitheroe
9.30am (Sunday) Clitheroe	Thursday—Mass 10am Clitheroe
11am (Sunday) Sabden	Friday—Mass 10am Clitheroe

**Sunday 18th & 19th December—Fourth 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** Mary Cushion, John & Hugh Kelly, Michael Dignan, Special intention, Tom & Marian Macauley, Ada & John Alf White, Marten Allen, Mary Clark. Mary Filbin, Alan Brunning

**LATELY DEAD** Michael Dignan, Martin Allen, Mary Clark, Alan Brunning

**ANNIVERSARIES** Tom & Marian Macauley, Ada & John Alf White,

**LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** In the busyness of Christmas consumerism, chasing after the 'must-haves' please remember 'the have-nots'. Here are two ideas for helping others to share the joy of Christmas: Caritas Salford Advent Appeal <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/uncategorised/caritas-advent-appeal-2021-you-are-loved/>

**SALVATION ARMY CLITHEROE TOY APPEAL:** Please drop of new toys at 27 Lowergate or find SA on Facebook.

**CAFOD** 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>

**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 noblewoman, 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. Below are details of an appeal for contributions for the work of Maria Skobtsova House in the Calais immigration camp. As this is an overseas ministry, Christine Baker Treasurer for St Mary Magdalene has kindly agreed to act as CCP facilitator and collect donations from Clitheroe churches and forward the money via a single IBAN transfer. St Mary's account info for anyone wishing to make a donation Acc Title PCC of Clitheroe Parish Church Sort Code 60-01-73 Account no 00218340 The appeal closes on Wednesday 15 December

*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*

**S.V.P. COLLECTION 11 DECEMBER** There will be a SVP collection at all masses this weekend. 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

**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](mailto:drworthington@live.co.uk). No charge.

**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](mailto:maryselleers1117@gmail.com)

### **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.

**CLITHEROE ROTARY** would like to thank all the Parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley who donated coats, tools, sewing machines, spectacles and blister packs over the last few months at either our shop or the Market stall. We had a terrific response well beyond our expectations and hope to be back on the Market in spring next year. Thanks again from your Parish Rotarians, Marie, Catherine, Frank, John and David.

**BAPTISM** We welcome Ava May Swain who was baptised into God's family on Saturday

### **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.

### **DUNSOP**

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

**BINGO & SOCIAL NIGHT** a big thank you to everyone who supported our evening. Great night and lovely to see so many people out supporting our annual event. We hope you had an enjoyable evening, prize winner or not! Special thanks for all the generous donations of prizes and to the outside caterers and the callers. Thankyou to all we raised £696. Thank you and see you all again next year. Julie Bennett

**BAPTISM** We welcome Molly Grace Parkinson who was baptised into God's family on Saturday

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