

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

MARY'S MEALS

Unfortunately the Quiz night to raise money for Mary's Meals had to be cancelled due to Covid safety restrictions. As a result some of you have expressed a desire to make a donation.

If you would like to make a donation you can do so by contacting Arnold 427096 or Betty 427029 or by putting a donation in an envelope clearly marked 'Mary's Meals' and put it in the collection box at the back of church.

If you so wish you may Gift Aid your donation (Gift Aid forms will be available this weekend hopefully). If you donate before the weekend of 22nd January all donations will be doubled.



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.

Fr Paul would like to thank you for your cards and gifts at Christmas, all very much appreciated.

Thank you to all who helped prepare our churches, or took part in all our Christmas liturgies, in our three churches. May the Lord bless you and your families with his peace and happiness throughout this New Year.

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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9th January 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

Mass Times

12 noon (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge

5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe

9.30am (Sunday) Clitheroe

11am (Sunday) Sabden

Monday—Friday

Mass 10am in Clitheroe

Next weekend

Masses at the usual time (as above)



Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul

**Liturgy: Sunday readings are from cycle C.
Weekdays from Cycle 2. Psalter week 2**

Sorry no Coffee after Mass in Clitheroe today, but hope to resume next Sunday

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Holy Souls, John & Marie McDonald, Catherine Keeley, Deidre Oulton,
Robert Graham, Henry Thornber, Agnes Marsden

LATELY DEAD Catherine Keeley, Deidre Oultran, Pat Smith
ANNIVERSARIES Robert Graham, Henry Thornber, Agnes Marsden,
Fr Bernard Dobson SJ

OFFERTORY Christmas £2404.65, 26th December £279.37,
2nd January £712.14

LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Food waste causes just as much damage to our planet as plastic waste. Think about all the energy and resources it takes to produce, process and transport food. When we throw food away, we're not only wasting the food, but the energy that's gone into making it. For example the water footprint (the amount of water used in production and supply) of an orange is 80 litres, for 1kg of lettuce it's 240 litres. By cutting food waste, the average UK household can save £500 each year and positively contribute to the UK's waste reduction targets. **ACTION:** Reduce food waste by buying what you need, freezing leftovers, check food regularly and use

CAFOD DEC AFGHANISTAN CRISIS APPEAL The people of Afghanistan are in desperate need of help. When the Taliban took over Afghanistan in August, life for people there deteriorated rapidly. Afghan families are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance: food, water and shelter. As winter approaches, Afghan people are facing extreme hunger and poverty. It threatens to push many who were already suffering further into poverty and hunger. Any donation you can give will make a difference to people living in Afghanistan.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/DEC-Afghanistan-Crisis-Appeal>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to read at Mass on weekdays and weekends. Please speak to Fr Paul or Teresa Mercer if interested.

CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY Monday 10th January 7.30pm in The Assembly Hall (SMSJ Parish Hall). 'Rivers, Knights & Whales', an insight into the creation of the area we know today as the Ribble Valley—from the arrival of the Normans in the 11th Century, through to the formation of the new local authority in 1974, by one of our parishioners—Paddy Brown. Visitors Welcome £3, students free. If possible please do a lateral flow test before attending. Masks should be worn.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME Parents who would like their children to take part in our Sacramental Programme, please stay behind for a short meeting with Fr Paul, this is after the 9.30am Mass in Clitheroe and the 11am Mass in Sabden.

CCP—CLITHEROE CHRISTIANS IN PARTNERSHIP £1626.55 was raised in response to the appeal for the work of Maria Skobtsova House in the Calais immigration camp. Thanks to all who responded to the appeal

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

ONLINE CHRISTIAN RETREATS VIA ZOOM Please see the January—April Programme on the poster in the porch

PARISH FORUM Following today's news in the Lancashire Evening Telegraph regarding the coronavirus infection rate nearly doubling over a seven-day period, and as Fr Paul has another appointment that day and cannot guarantee being back in time. It is hoped to re-schedule it for sometime late February.

However if you have something you would like to change or suggest to change the Parish, or you have anything you think needs to be discussed when we do have the next Forum still send them to Carol Riley tel: 01200 426769 or email cariley.t21@btinternet.com

CCP Prayer theme for January can be found on the Love Clitheroe website

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 We, together with every diocese throughout the world, are presently engaged in the Universal Synod of Bishops which will culminate in the gathering of the Synod of Bishops in 2023. This initial phase into that gathering of Bishops. The focus for this process is the question as to how the Church can be more synodal in its structures and ways of working. Useful further information can be found here: **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission—Catholic Bishops' Conference** (cbcew.org.uk)

We want to hear from as many people as possible, those involved in the church or those who are not. You can take part by completing an online submission using the QR code or following this link: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2

CLITHEROE

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.

DUNSOP

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