

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



CANDLEMAS We have received an invitation to go to St Mary Magdalene Church, Clitheroe on Sunday 30th January at 5pm for a service for Candlemas which will include Music, Prayers and Readings for Candlemas.

VACANCY Community Hub Manager based at Trinity Methodist Church, Clitheroe. Trinity Methodist Church is seeking to appoint a manager to develop and promote the newly refurbished Trinity Community Hub premises to become a centre of local community activities. The post is permanent 20 hours per week and consideration will be given for any flexible working arrangements. Closing date: Wednesday 9th February 2022; Interviews: Friday 4th March 2022. Salary: £15,000 for 20 hours/week. To receive an application pack, please email the Circuit Administrator: tinahailstonecmc@outlook.com

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 are now available from Arnold or from the porch.

If you donate before this weekend 22nd/23rd 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

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

23rd January 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Today

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)

Feasts: Monday— St Frances de Sales, Tuesday—the Conversion of St Paul, Wednesday—SS Timothy & Titus, Friday—St Thomas Aquinas

Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul

Liturgy: Sunday readings are from cycle C.
Weekdays from Cycle 2. Psalter week 3

Tea & Coffee available in the Hall after Mass today

NEXT WEEKEND Readers Saturday—A.McGuire Sunday— C.Riley
Eucharistic Ministers Saturday— A.Ward Sunday—P.Donnelly
Tea/Coffee— Liz Cullen & Phil Ryan

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Private intention, Gertrude Feely, Mary Feely, Jeff Cowgill, Bill Workman, Anne Copsey, Margaret Thompson, Molly Hartley
LATELY DEAD Bill Workman, Stephen Maher, Josie Hardisty
ANNIVERSARIES Gertrude Feely, Mary Feely, Anne Copsey, Margaret Thompson

OFFERTORY Last weekend £790.43

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 by and best before dates.

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>

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 maryselleers111@gmail.com

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>

CARITAS SUNDAY 29/30 JANUARY The pandemic has greatly increased the numbers of those needing help. This year will be particularly challenging for people experiencing poverty, personal crisis and disadvantage. The Caritas report can be found here <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/caritas-impact-report-2021> and it gives a clear account of the work being so well done, and the demands on the service. Next weekend, as in every church throughout the diocese, there will be a retiring collection

ONLINE CHRISTIAN RETREATS VIA ZOOM Please see the January—April Programme on the poster in the porch
UNITY This is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and this year's theme is 'We Saw His Star in the East'

PARISH FORUM The next Parish Forum will be on Wednesday 16th March
SYNOD THE 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 following this link: 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 in 2023 to reflect on what has been heard. Please remember the 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.

LUKE A Companion on our Journey, Thursday 27th January 2022, 7.00pm—8.30pm, Zoom. We will be hearing **The Gospel according to Luke** at Sunday Mass for much of the coming year. Fr Chris Lough will lead an introduction to this beautiful Gospel outlining some of the main themes and ideas to look out for over the coming weeks and months. To book a place and get the Zoom link, please visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/st-luke-a-companion-on-our-journey/

CLITHEROE

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

LADIES GROUP MONTHLY MEETING At the Assembly Rooms, Lowergate, Clitheroe (Opposite Car Park). Our Ladies Group invite you to join them to hear Rev. Christopher Wood, Vicar of Waddington, about his life in the clergy from "Wormwood Scrubs to Waddington" Sounds fascinating!!!. The meeting commences at 7.30pm and all Covid precautions will be in place, including hand sanitising and spaced seating. Masks at your own discretion. At this meeting we will be presenting a cheque for £1,000 to The Friends of Clitheroe Hospital. The Clitheroe Mayor and Mayoress, Simon and Donna O'Rourke will also be attending the meeting.

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.

VOLUNTEERS

To read at Mass on weekdays and weekends.

Please speak to Fr Paul or Teresa Mercer if interested