

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

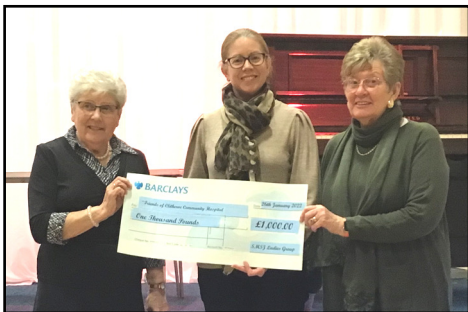


**CANDLEMAS** We have received an invitation to go to St Mary Magdalene Church, Clitheroe today Sunday 30th January at 5pm for a service for Candlemas which will include Music, Prayers and Readings for Candlemas.

**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

**HOPE IN THE FUTURE** next meeting Tuesday 8th February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery

**LAUDATO SI** the next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th February in the Presbytery



Two of our Ladies Group members presenting a cheque for £1,000 to Sam Smith, Friends of Clitheroe Hospital at our meeting on Wednesday evening, being the proceeds of various fund raising events held back in 2019.

#### CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY

a talk by Nick Burton  
**Gandhi's Northern Weekend**

The story of Gandhi's visit to Lancashire and the West Riding in 1931.

Monday 7th February 7.30pm  
at

The Assembly Hall (SMSJ Parish Hall)  
Lowergate, Clitheroe BB7 1AG  
Visitors Welcome £3—Students free  
Includes Light Refreshments

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

## 30th January 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Caritas

Diocese of Salford

#### Mass Today

12 noon (Saturday)  
Dunsop Bridge

5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe

9.30am (Sunday) Clitheroe

Monday—Mass 10am Clitheroe, St John Bosco

Tuesday—Mass 10am Clitheroe,  
11am Funeral service for Manalito Stephen Maher RIP

Wednesday—**Mass 8.30am**, Clitheroe,  
The Presentation of the Lord

Thursday—Requiem Mass 10.45am Derrick Hutchinson RIP

Friday—Mass 10am in Clitheroe, St Agatha  
11.30am Burnley Crematorium Funeral service for Josephine Hardisty RIP

**Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul**

**Tea & Coffee available in the Hall after Mass today  
If you would be prepared to go on the rota then we would  
be most grateful—just contact Janet**

**NEXT WEEKEND Readers** Saturday—R. Bowes Sunday— N.Wallace  
**Eucharistic Ministers** Saturday— A.Southworth Sunday—P.Sutcliffe  
**Tea/Coffee— Volunteer**

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Derrick Hutchinson x 4, Josie Hardisty, Harriet Foulker, Phillip Barnes, Adam, Ann Wharton, Mary Cushion

**LATELY DEAD** Stephen Maher, Josie Hardisty, Derrick Hutchinson, Phillip Barnes

**ANNIVERSARIES** Harriet Foulker, Ann Wharton, Mary Cushion

**OFFERTORY** Last weekend £728.51

**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 [maryselleers1117@gmail.com](mailto:maryselleers1117@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/n7fk2ZVeHamgZLKQA>

**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. This weekend, as in every church throughout the diocese, there will be a retiring collection

**BISHOP JOHN** has recently returned from an ecumenical visit to Lebanon. He has once again shared his experience with us through writing a daily diary, which can be read on the diocesan website.

**CHURCH** In St Michael & St John's church, we have now removed the red ropes from the middle benches, but we have kept them on the side benches for those who still feel vulnerable. St Hubert's and St Mary's no longer have any ropes on benches. But we must all continue to be sensitive to the needs of those around us.

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

**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](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 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.

**CLITHEROE**

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

**LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday 7th February 1.30pm in the Presbytery

**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.

**BONUS BALL** Hello everyone, we are about to re-launch our new season of the Bonus Ball, which we will run for 52 weeks. We have several free numbers available so please consider taking a number, it is only £1 per week. Pre Covid we raised over £2,000 per annum for our Parish. The first payment is due on 27th February, you can pay £1 weekly by placing your envelope in the "Bonus Ball" box at the back of church, or pay a lump sum by cash or cheque payable to "Our Lady of the Valley". All payments must be made a week in advance of the draw. The prize each week is £25 and £34 goes to the church if all 59 numbers are sold. Envelopes will be available before the draw commences. Contact me, Olive Doyle on 01282 931382 or email [olive\\_doyle@yahoo.com](mailto:olive_doyle@yahoo.com)

**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