

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS each Friday evening during Lent various Church organisations lead the Stations. There is a list in the porch. If you would like to take part please put your name and telephone number on the poster in the porch.

TEA DANCE the next Tea Dance will be on Wednesday 16th February in the Assembly Hall (Parish Hall) 2pm—4.30pm. Admission £5 including refreshments. All welcome

TOWN MAYOR'S CHARITY CONCERT Saturday 12 March at 7pm in The Assembly Rooms (SMSJ Parish Hall) with The Greenmount Strummers. Hot Dog Supper included, Raffle Style Diva stall. All proceeds to Mayor's Welfare Fund. Tickets £10—please see poster in porch for details.

MARIA SKOBTSOVA HOUSE The Christmas appeal raised £1,626.55

CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY Tomorrow evening Monday 7th February in The Assembly Hall (SMSJ Parish Hall) Lowergate, Clitheroe BB7 1AG—a talk by Nick Burton—'Ghandi's Northern Weekend,' the story of Gandhi's visit to Lancashire and the West Riding in 1931. Visitors welcome £3, Students free. Includes light refreshments.

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

TEA & COFFEE will be available in the Hall after Mass. If you would be prepared to go on the rota then we would be most grateful—just contact Olive Doyle 01282 931382 olive.doyle@yahoo.com or enter your name on the Tea & Coffee rota at the back of church.

CHEQUES: Just a gentle reminder that cheques must be made payable to "Our Lady of the Valley" otherwise they

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

6th February 2022 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Today

12 noon (Saturday)
Dunsop Bridge

5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe

9.30am (Sunday) Clitheroe

11am (Sunday) Sabden

Next weekend—as above



Monday—Mass 10am Clitheroe Tuesday—Mass 10am Clitheroe,
Wednesday—Mass 10am, Clitheroe, Thursday—Mass 10am Clitheroe
Friday—Mass 10am in Clitheroe (Our Lady of Lourdes)

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Derrick Hutchinson x 5, Special intention x 4, Holy Souls x 2, May Marron,
Kathleen McHale, Robert Salisbury, Bernard Mercer, Dawn Quinn,
Maureen Aspinall, Fr Joseph Wareing

LATELY DEAD

Jack Anwyl, Mary Marron, Kathleen McHale, Robert Salisbury, Phillip Barnes,

ANNIVERSARIES

Fr Joseph Wareing (Feb 7th), Dawn Quinn, Maureen Aspinall

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—A.Southworth Sunday— P.Sutcliffe
Eucharistic Ministers Saturday— R.Ward Sunday—H.Lofthouse
Tea/Coffee— J.Stuttard

OFFERTORY Last weekend £1051.29 **Caritas** £323.33

MARY'S MEALS We have received a letter from Mary's Meals thanking us for the donation received from our parish. The total raised was £2,705.00. After doubling this amount and adding on the Gift Aid the final total came to an amazing £6,028.75 - Thankyou so much. A copy of the letter can be found in the porch.

LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Buy locally grown vegetables: try eating locally, **helping to reduce their carbon footprint.** When shopping locally, people are also more likely to walk or cycle to get there—doing their bit to reduce air pollution, reduce traffic and improve the quality of the nation's high streets. The greatest joy of eating seasonally is the opportunity to reconnect with nature's cycles, and the tremendously diverse and delicious foods that our seasonal climate provides.

CAFOD We must urgently call on the UK government to offer meaningful protection and assistance for people caught up in this crisis, especially those at greatest risk, including women and girls, human rights defenders and minority groups.

Please write to your MP today to ensure Parliament does all it can to ensure safe passage for those fleeing Afghanistan, reforms our refugee and asylum system to that the UK can be a place of sanctuary, and immediately increases aid spending to aid agencies and civil society groups working in Afghanistan and neighbouring countries. Rt hon Nigel Evans, 9 Railway View, Clitheroe BB7 2HA email evansn@parliament.uk

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 21 FEB—6 MARCH Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. With Fairtrade **you** have the power to change the world every day. With simple shopping choices **you** can get farmers a better deal. That means they can make their own decisions and lead the dignified life everyone deserves. More information please follow this link

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>

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

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/n7fk2ZVeHamg LZKQA>

LAUDATO SI the next meeting will be at 7.30pm on this coming Thursday 10th February in the Presbytery. A key part of the meeting will be to discuss the use of the Parish grounds with the ingredients of the CAFOD Live Simply aims in mind. That could be educational projects, growing vegetables for those in need or rewilding, to name a few possibilities. Notes from the last meeting on the website or <https://www.olotv.org.uk/parish-groups/laudato-si> or you can ring Anthony Brown on 07814 251092 or email abrown.boggarts@gmail.com for more information

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

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. 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 difference to the future of the Church in our diocese and across the world.

In preparation next Thursday 10 February Fr Tony Dutton will lead a Holy Hour at Lee House at 7pm. Parish Synodal Journey. This will be an opportune moment for us to come together to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. On Wednesday 16th February 'Deanery Synodal Journey' in the Assembly Rooms (SMSJ Parish Hall) 7-9pm. www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synodality-in-the-universal-church/ On Thursday 3rd March—Faith in the Future—a talk by Mark Rotherham 7-9pm at the Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre. The talk will explore the meaning of faith in the context of the New Universe Story

CLITHEROE

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MTG Mon 7th Feb 1.30pm in the Presbytery
LADIES GROUP Wednesday 23 February 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall, Mr Derek Russell will give a talk entitled Trekking the Grand Canyon. Should be very interesting for those of us who will never achieve this, and for those who can. Only £2 inc tea and biscuits. Everyone attending our last meeting were entertained by the Rev Chris Wood, vicar from Waddington with his very fascinating talk 'From Wormwood Scrubs to Waddington. At that meeting we also presented a £1000 cheque to Sam Smith as shown in last weeks newsletter—she explained in the past they had supplied x-ray equipment, electric beds etc. We hope now to be able to organise future fund raising events. Please come and join us, We will be happy to see you.

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

DANCE

in aid of Mary's Meals

FRIDAY 18th FEBRUARY
7.30pm

Dancing to John Lancaster

*There will be a Raffle,
but sorry no supper*

Tickets £5
*Enquiries Arnold 427096
or Betty 427029*