

SABDEN

KNIT STITCH & NATTER Calling all knitters. St Mary's Knit and Natter Group are busy making red, white and blue flowers, rosettes and bunting to festoon the village in the summer for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we could do with your help. If anyone would like to knit some flowers for us we can send you a very simple pattern, or just do your own thing, as long as they are in red, white and blue. Also if anyone has any spare red, white or blue wool they do not need we would be very grateful for it. You are always welcome to our Monday morning sessions in St Mary's Hall (top room side entrance) from 10.15am—12.15pm, or call Margaret for more details on 01282 778652 or 07715 666866

ST MARY'S HALL is beginning to take bookings again after our long lockdown and is happy to welcome One Voice, a new drama and musical theatre group for young people aged 6 to 11's from 4.30-5.30pm followed by the 11 to 16's from 5.45-7pm. The classes are run by Annie and Mark Woodward who you may know from St Mary's very popular pantomimes. Info cemail: onevoicesabden@gmail.com or tel Annie 07710 248458

FAMILY PRIZE BINGO NIGHT Friday March 4th 7pm. Admission £5, £2 for children. To raise money for Sabden's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Bring your own drinks and nibbles

JUBILEE COFFEE MORNING Sat April 9th, 10am—12noon to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. £2 admission includes Tea/Coffee and hot-cross bun. Stalls, raffle and tombola. Organised by the Knit and Natter group to support Jubilee celebrations

SAVE THE DATE Thursday June 2nd—join the Knit and Natter group for a Royal Afternoon Tea to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. More details to follow

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 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.

HALL CLEANING Would anyone consider giving up a couple of hours of their time to help give the Hall a good 'bottom' - we would be so grateful. Please let Margaret Parsons know if you are able to help.

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

Tel 01200 423307 website: olotv.org.uk

Parish Priest: Canon Paul Brindle, Presbytery, Lowergate, Clitheroe BB7 1AG

Parish Priest email: paul.brindle@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Parish Secretary email: smsj@btinternet.com or janegg@hotmail.co.uk

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

13th February 2022 Sixth 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, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 10am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Margaret Waling x 2, Mrs Aunger, Michael Pryle, Anthony Galea x 2, Wilfred Clegg, Private Intention, Kathleen Manhold, James Albert Hartley,

LATELY DEAD

Anthony Galea, Mrs Aunger

ANNIVERSARIES

Wilfred Clegg, Michael Pryle, Kathleen Manhold

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— V.Murray Sunday— A.Harkin
Eucharistic Ministers Saturday—F.Ellis Sunday—B.Collinson
Tea/Coffee— B.Collinson

OFFERTORY Last weekend £904.94

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 - Many thanks. 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/n7fk2ZVeHamgLZKQA>

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 On Wednesday 16th February—Deanery Synodal Journey 7pm—9pm in the Assembly Hall (SMSJ Parish Hall) This will be a prayerful, reflective process that enables us to listen deeply to each other and the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit. We will focus on Question Five: What do you sense the Holy Spirit asking of the Church. If you have time before the meeting please spend time in prayer, reflecting and listening to the voice of the Spirit in your own heart. Further if you have time to read the fifth Thematic Nuclei on which the question is based then please do—See Diocesan Website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synodality-in-the-universal-church/.

CLITHEROE

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.

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 Wednesday 16th February—2pm—4.30pm held in Assembly Hall (Parish Hall) Admission £5 inc Tea/cake/scones. Come and meet up with old friends or make new ones. A warm welcome to everyone.

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.

LAUDATO SI We are now ready to start on our Church Garden Project. We are hoping to create a peaceful, useful, beautiful and prayerful space round the land between the Presbytery and the School grounds. We are meeting on Saturday 19th February to tidy up the space and to think about how we can best utilize this small space. If anyone is available to come along and help out please do so. Work will commence at 10.30am and refreshments will be provided. Please come prepared for our Lancashire weather and bring garden gloves and garden sacks if you have them. Any questions call Anne Peplow on 07792 637005

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*

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