

## DUNSOP BRIDGE

**FUN QUIZ NIGHT** The friends of Thorneyholme school (PTA) are organising a Quiz Night on Saturday 5th March 7.30pm Newton Village Hall. Maximum number of people per team is 8 and there will be cash prizes and a raffle. Tickets £7.50 per person inc supper. Please contact Louisa on 07969 876042 to book tickets.

**CHERRY TREE** a replacement has been provided and planted in the cemetery. It should prove a worthy successor to the one that had to be removed.

## 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. Has anyone 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 on 01282 778652 or 07715 666866

**ST MARY'S HALL** is taking 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 THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT**

**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** is available in the Hall after Mass. If you would be prepared to go on the rota we would be most grateful—contact Olive Doyle 01282 931382 olive.doyle@yahoo.com or put 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.

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

## 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*

**Salford Diocesan 2022 Almanacs now on sale at back of church £3.50**

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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## 27th February 2022

## Eighth week of 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 & Thursday**

Mass at 10am—Clitheroe

**Wednesday—Ash Wednesday—Day of Fasting and Abstinence**  
Mass 10am—Clitheroe, Mass 12noon—Dunsop Bridge, Mass 6.30pm Sabden

**Friday—Mass at 10am**

Funeral service 11am in Clitheroe for Danny Maher R.I.P.

**Saturday**

Confessions in Clitheroe 10am—10.45am and 4.15—4.45pm

### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Jayne Crombleholme, Special Intention, Derrick Hutchinson, Michael Jackson, Kathleen McHale, Maureen Mercer, Joseph Lofthouse, Christopher John Burke

### LATELY DEAD

Anthony Galea, Kathleen McHale

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jayne Crombleholme, Michael Jackson, Joseph Lofthouse, Christopher John Burke, Leo Wells

**Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul**

**Tea & Coffee available in the Hall after Mass today (Clitheroe & Sabden)**

**BAPTISM** Last Saturday we welcomed Edward James Dwyer into God's family.

**CONFESSIONS** As from next Saturday we will have the opportunity for Confession again from 10am until 10.45am and 4.15pm—4.45pm. Change of time as Fr Paul has to be at Dunsop Bridge for 12noon Mass

**NEXT WEEKEND Readers** Saturday— A.McGuire Sunday— K.Downes

**Eucharistic Ministers** Saturday—M.Fox Sunday—P.Sutcliffe

**Tea/Coffee**— Volunteers

**OFFERTORY** Last weekend £718.87

**LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Reduce—Don't create waste if you don't have to**—save up to thousands of bottles and cans per year and use refillable bottles instead of buying single use beverage containers—copy documents on both sides of the paper—use cloth bags at stores and just say NO to paper AND plastic. **Reuse—Reuse any material or product you can before you give it away or recycle it**—Binders, manilla folders, and mailing envelopes—Share gently used clothing and toys your children have outgrown with friends and family—Clothing, toys and gardening implements can be donated to thrift stores such as Savers (HOPE Services), Goodwill Industries and Salvation Army **Repair Fix stuff before tossing it and buying new** A few good examples—Buy a knife sharpener and revive those tired knives—Buy furniture and products that last and fix or re-finish them to give them a new look—Sharpen gardening implements...a sharpened shovel or hoe makes life so much easier.

**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/>

**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>

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop John on Saturday 7th May 2022. Further information on available coaches and how to book to follow.

**ALPHA—A DAY IN THE DIOCESE** Saturday 26th March 10am—15.45pm. Conference Room 1, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St, Salford M3 6DP. The Alpha UK Catholic Context team will be hosting two sessions, one for parishes new to Alpha (10am—12.45pm) and one for those running Alpha already (1.30pm—3.45pm). Register at [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/alpha-a-day-in-the-diocese/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/alpha-a-day-in-the-diocese/)

**SALFORD LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** Fri 29th July—Thurs 4th August 2022, led by the Bishop John Arnold. Full details, including travel and accommodation pricing, insurance details and volunteer application forms will be available in the coming weeks.

**CLITHEROE CHRISTIANS IN PARTNERSHIP** February Prayer theme can be found of Love Clitheroe Website.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS IN LENT** There is an ancient monastic tradition to contemplatively sit with the scriptures. It is known as Lectio Divina (Divine Reading). This Lent would you like to join with others each Wednesday to read the Sunday gospel and spend a little time listening to what God may be saying. The first Lenten Lectio Divina will be on Wednesday 9th March in the Presbytery at SMSJ from 1.30—2.15pm. No need to book, just turn up and see if you enjoy this extra Lenten encounter. If you have any questions please contact Liz Cullen on 07814 460574

**MARGARET DONNELLY** Margaret died suddenly on 28th April 2020 during lockdown when the church was closed. There will be a Memorial Mass for her on Saturday 5th March at 12 midday to pray for her and to celebrate and give thanks for her life. Fr Kevin Murphy and Fr Callum Brown will celebrate the Mass. All parishioners are invited to the Mass and to light refreshments in the Old School Rooms afterwards.

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

**TEA DANCE** Wednesday 16th March in the Assembly Hall 2pm—4.30pm. £5 including Cake/scones/ tea . A lovely way to spend an afternoon

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—next Friday 4th March at 7.30pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** the Ladies Group will be leading the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm Friday 13th March—“A Women's Way of the Cross”. Please make the effort to join us

**PARISH FORUM** The next Parish Forum will be held in The Assembly Hall/Parish Hall, on Wed 16th March at 7.30pm. Refreshments served from 7pm. ALL WELCOME—this is your Parish, come along to discuss and make decisions. If you would like an item adding to the agenda please let us know, either by contacting Carol Riley on 01200 426769 email cariley.t21@btinternet.com or Margaret Parsons (Sabden) 01282 778652

**FAITH IN THE FUTURE TALK** will be presented by Mr Mark Rotherham Thursday 3rd March 7-9pm at Xaverian Spirituality Centre in Fulwood Preston.

### CLITHEROE

**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.

**EXERCISE GROUP** at Clitheroe Library Monday 28th Feb. a chair based exercise group at 1.30pm. This is being provided by Lancashire Adult Learning.

**DANCE** Friday 11th March 7.30pm. Dancing to John Lancaster. Tickets £5 Enquiries Arnold 427096 or Betty 427029. All proceeds to Mary's Meals.

**LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING** Mon 7th March 1.30pm in the Presbytery

**CALLING ALL BUDDING GARDENERS/DIGGERS** Our work on the gardens at the back of church is progressing. We are hoping to create a tranquil and fruitful place where we can come together to enjoy God's creation. If you would like to get involved call Anne Peplow on 07792 637005

**CCP—HOPE MAGAZINE** copies will be distributed to some more households in Clitheroe. At the end of the magazine readers are invited to make a commitment or response—the magazine provides contact details for anyone seeking further help. We would appreciate help with the distribution which will take place at 2pm on 17/18/19 March. If you can help on any of these days please contact Andrew Piercy 01200 429095 or email piercyfamily1987@hotmail.co.uk