

BONUS BALL The Bonus Ball restarts today, any outstanding subscription is due today Sunday 6th March for Saturday 5th March draw in the National Lottery. The winning number will be printed in the Parish newsletter on Sunday 13th March and then on subsequent newsletters. We still have unsold numbers, anyone wishing to support the Parish by taking part in the draw (it is only £1 per week) then contact Olive.

01282 931382 or email olive_doyle@yahoo.com

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 email: onevoicesabden@gmail.com or tel Annie 07710 248458

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

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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.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

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.

APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Our local Rotary Club will be collecting goods, which will then be passed onto The International Aid Trust in Preston, who have direct links to communities in the Ukraine.

You can donate goods at our drop off point at St Mary's Hall (Parish Church Hall in Clitheroe) between 10am and 4pm, Saturday 5th March and Sunday 6th March. Also at the same times the following week, Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th. Goods required include:

Sleeping bags—Duvets—Towels—Toiletries—Nappies—Footwear
Warm clothing for children, women and men, which doesn't need to be new but in a clean condition and packed in labelled separate bags to help when sorting. Also required dry food such as
Rice—Pasta—Tin food—all of which should be long dated.

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

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

6th March 2022 First week of Lent

Mass Today

12 noon (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge

5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe

9.30am (Sunday) Clitheroe

11am (Sunday) Sabden



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 10am

Thursday

Mass at 10am

Requiem Mass 11am Jean Luciani

Masses next weekend as above

Saturday

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

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Jeremy Grout-Smith, Jack Whitwell, Tony Galea, Sick person, Jean Luciani x 3,
Pat Addy, Special intention, Fr Bernard Walker SJ

LATELY DEAD

Anthony Galea, Danny Maher, Jean Luciani

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeremy Grout-Smith, Jack Whitwell, Pat Addy, Leo Wells

Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul

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

NEXT WEEKEND Readers Saturday— G.Lambert Sunday— D.Carr
Eucharistic Ministers Saturday—A.Ward Sunday—H.Lofthouse
Tea/Coffee— Grace Fellows

OFFERTORY Last weekend £1131.36

LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Try cooking from scratch for all of Lent. See if you can make all your meals at home until Easter. Not only will you cut down on food waste, but you'll probably save some money too. Any savings could be put into your **CAFOD Family Fast Day envelope**

UKRAINE CAFOD is deeply disturbed by the ongoing attacks on Ukraine. Together, we stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and send our prayers to our sister organisation Caritas Ukraine who work with agencies in neighbouring countries and with Caritas local aid workers and volunteers who are part of the communities and therefore understand people's immediate needs.

See <https://cafod.org.uk/#/~:Ukraine%20Humanitarian%20Appeal%320How,people%20across%20the%20country>

CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March. Join in with your parish, friends and family. By eating simply and giving what you save, you'll be helping Lombeh this Lent. Because no child should go hungry. During Lent, each time you resist a treat or give up something, please put the money you save in the CAFOD Family Fast Day envelope and then return the envelope at Easter? Please click on this link to learn more about Lombeh <https://youtu.be/znd6WLGvhpM>. **We will distribute the Family Fast Day envelopes this weekend.** However we ask that you keep your envelope throughout Lent and return the on Easter Sunday. This Lent, try to live simply so that others may simply live.

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/

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.

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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Friday 11th March at 7.30pm led by the Cafod group

STATIONS OF THE CROSS the Ladies Group will be leading the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm Friday 18th 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 by Wednesday 9th March

BLACK DYKE BAND with special guests Rossendale Male Voice Choir and The 2nd Rossendale Scout Group Band in concert at The Bridgewater Hall Saturday 21st May. Coach available from Clitheroe £5 per person return. To reserve a seat and further info contact Daphne 01200 427912

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.

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

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

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

ART CLASSES Lancashire Adult Learning are running FREE Creative Welling/taster Art classes at Clitheroe Library. The classes are more about our well being and encouraging us all to try something new. Botanical Illustration, Drawing & Painting & Watercolour all available March 18th & 25th 10am-12noon and March 30th 10.30am - 12.30pm. Creative Well being March 8th, 15, 22 1-3pm.

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

A few Easter cards are now available from the side porch—more will be available in the next couple of weeks

SABDEN

KNIT STITCH & NATTER Our Knit and Natter Group are busy making red, white and blue flowers, rosettes and bunting for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, if you would like to help tel Margaret on 01282 778652 or 07715 666866 or join us on Monday morning in St Mary's Hall (top room side entrance) from 10.15am—12.15pm,

LET'S LIVE LIFE activity sessions Tuesdays 10am—11am in St Mary's Hall for the over 50's and 60's. Seated exercises, aerobic and tone, senior circuits and more. Free for next two weeks then afterwards £3. Come along next Tuesday or if you want more details then ring Sam on 01200 442188 or email sam.lets livelife@gmail.com