

The problems with Janet's email address has now been rectified and she can now be contacted on janet.clegg@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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.letslivelifelife@gmail.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Tuesday 15th March at 7.30pm (*please note the change of time*) and every Tuesday throughout Lent

BONUS BALL Last weeks winners—Leo & Betty Clarkson no 48

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

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

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

MISSING Whilst repairs were being made to the wrought iron fencing around the Church recently it was noticed that two decorative finials are missing. If anyone knows where these may be or has any information please contact John Ramsden.

WANTED If any one would be willing to read at Mass at St Hubert's would they have a word with Anne Precious. Thank you

APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Further to last weeks information regarding this appeal, unfortunately due to problems shipping the goods, our local Rotary Club have had to suspend temporarily the collections. The same thing applies to

The Community Church, who also had an appeal.

You will be kept up to date as and when we receive any future information.

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: janet.clegg@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or smsj@btinternet.com

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 March 2022
Second week of Lent



Mass Today

12 noon (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge: 5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe
9.30am (Sunday) Clitheroe : 11am (Sunday) Sabden

Masses during the week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (*St Patrick*),
Friday—Mass at 10am Clitheroe

Saturday **Mass at 9.30am for the feast of St Joseph**

Years 1 and 4 will be joining us for the 10am Mass on Tuesday

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

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Jean Luciani x 2, Ben Clay, Albert Shay, Special Intention x 2, Rita Donbavand,
Eric Whitehead, Jean Unsworth, Joan Grainger

LATELY DEAD Jean Luciani, Joan Grainger (nee Preedy), Albert Shay,

ANNIVERSARIES - Eric Whitehead,

Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul

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

NEXT WEEKEND

Readers Saturday— P.Lambert Sunday— C.Riley

Eucharistic Ministers Saturday—A.Southworth Sunday—B.Collinson

Tea/Coffee— L. Curphey & M.Geddes **OFFERTORY** £956.55

Thanks

On behalf of all our parishioners, a big 'Thank You' to all our stewards who have been so faithful during these last two years. Without their generosity we would not have been able to have kept church open as we have done. Thanks also go to all of you who did all that you could to make sure that all who have been coming to church have been kept safe.

Lent—If at all possible, do try and join us for 10am weekday Mass, always a time of peace and quiet, and many blessings.

TODAY Is the anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis (2013) God Bless our Pope.

RECONCILIATION We keep in prayer the children who are making their First Confession soon.

OPEN CHURCH For the past few weeks we have once again been opening the church from about 8am until early afternoon. It's lovely to see people calling in to church again to say a prayer and light a candle.

LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Try to eat more simply. Then donate the money you save and pop the savings into your CAFOD Family Fast Day envelope.

UKRAINE We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and send our prayers to those Caritas agencies in neighbouring countries.

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

CAFOD Please keep your Family Fast Day envelope through Lent. Envelopes are available in the porch. For Dunsop & Sabden please ring Grace—01200 425928

PARISH FORUM meeting Wednesday 16th March in The Assembly Hall/Parish Hall. Everyone most welcome—it's your Church, your Parish!. Discuss and make decisions. Refreshments from 7pm—meeting commences 7.30pm. Agenda in the porch.

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>

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 next Lenten Lectio Divina will be on Wednesday 16th 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

CLITHEROE

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.

CHURCH CHOIR As we are beginning to return to Church after the Covid pandemic so our choir is singing again at the 9.30am Sunday Mass. If you like singing please come and join us—young or old—even if you think you are unable to sing—you would be most welcome.

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

SPELLBOUND A film presentation by Spellbound Wed 30th March in The Assembly Hall (Parish Hall) A Seasonal Medley and a Taste of Bonny Scotland. Speaker Mr Gordon Sharp. £2 including light refreshments. A warm welcome awaits you all, do come. Hosted by our Ladies Group.

TRINITY DRAMA GROUP are presenting a three act Easter play—The Vigil, by Ladislav Fodor for one night on Wednesday 13th April in Trinity Methodist Church under the auspices of Clitheroe Christians in Partnership. The play is free and no booking is required. Refreshments served afterwards. See poster in porch.

MUSIC GROUP Now able to get back together, we are looking to play on the first Sunday of each month but need another musician to join us that can help lead the intros to the hymns, such as a flutist, keyboardist, or similar who would play the melody. We rehearse early evening on the last Monday of each month. We are a very friendly, easy-going bunch. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Gerry on 07483 811358 or geralyn.lambert@gmail.com or leave your details with Fr Paul/Janet Clegg

CLEARANCE OF CHURCH CELLARS

Beneath the church, there is a series of cellars that have been used for many generations as a convenient repository for numerous items of various sizes and material that can together be categorised as redundant, unwanted, broken or stores in case it 'may come in'.

Inevitably there will be a few items that need to be retained, and there may be some items that are owned by individuals or parish organisations.

A decision has been taken, for fire hazard purposes and for good housekeeping to make a start in resolving a problem that has taken many years to develop and will take some time to fully resolve. Discussions have taken place with local antique dealers, in order to identify items of parish property that may be of some value and can be sold for the benefit of the parish account. The preferred expert has previous experience in local church cellar clearance and has offered to assist us in our process.

The clearance will proceed slowly and carefully and will contain a number of steps along the way. Firstly, we need to identify any items that are in private ownership, or are the property of any parish group or of such religious sensitivity that they cannot be disposed of by normal means.

If you as an individual or your parish group has any items stored in the cellars, which need to be removed or there is a pressing need to retain in storage, please contact John Spencer, who is coordinating the works on behalf of the parish **07583 185701 or email j.spencer526@btinternet.com**

Please make contact within the next 4 weeks. Arrangements will then be made for a joint site visit and discussion regarding the future of the identified items concerned.

After this first step, the second phase will involve the removal of sale of agreed items of value using the advice and expertise of the local expert.

The final phase will involve the removal of all items that do not warrant further storage and have not been sold or removed by private owners. Most of the remaining items will inevitably have to go into a skip, but some thought will be given to allowing parishioners to view the items in the final category prior to disposal and some parishioner assistance will probably be requested at this stage.