

More Easter cards are now available from the side porch

BAPTISM Last Saturday we welcomed Florence Rose Walton into God's family.

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 St Mary's Sabden Group will be leading the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm Friday 1st April. Please make the effort to join us.

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.

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.

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

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

HOLY WEEK READ AROUND Parishioners are invited to join the children and staff at Thorneyholme RC Primary School for our annual Holy Week Read Around. It will be held on Maundy Thursday 14th April at 9.30am in the school hall and during the Read Around, we will listen to hymns, readings and reflections. If you would like to read a passage of the Easter Story, please contact Olga Jackson at the school on 01200 448276

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm (*please note the change of time*) and every Tuesday throughout Lent. St Mary's will lead the Stations in Clitheroe on Friday 1st April. Like to take part? Then speak to Peter or Susan.

BONUS BALL Last weeks winners—J.McCormack no 7

ST MARY'S HALL 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. on Wednesday evenings. The classes are run by Annie and Mark Woodward. Info email: onevoicesabden@gmail.com tel Annie 07710 248458

Gift Aid/Offertory envelopes will be given out before and after Mass over the next couple of weekends.

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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27th March 2022 Fourth week of Lent

Mass Today

12 noon (Saturday) Dunsop Bridge.

5pm (Saturday) Clitheroe

9.30am (Sunday) Clitheroe

11am (Sunday) Sabden

Today, we give thanks for all mothers and pray for God's blessings on them



Masses during the week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Mass at 10am (Clitheroe)

Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 7.30pm (Sabden) Friday 7.30pm (Clitheroe)

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

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

Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul

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

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

80th Birthday, Clare Mercer, Ann Fox, Joan Preedy,
Millie & Caitlin Holden, Holy Souls, Private Intention, Bryan Roberts

LATELY DEAD—Joan Grainger

ANNIVERSARIES

Clare Mercer, Millie & Caitlin Holden, Joan Preedy, Bryan Roberts, Pauline Altham

ECO-GARDENING TRAINING AT LAUDATO SI' CENTRE

Various dates beginning April, Laudato Si' Centre at Wardley Hall. The Eco-gardening Essential Training programme enables gardeners of any skill level to confidently adopt sustainable gardening methods. Participants have the opportunity to learn the theory and practice of gardening with ecological patterns. The programme has been designed to skill people up while supporting the development of an eco-garden setting. Find out more and book at <https://northernschool.info/eco-gardening-course-laudato-si>

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

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS IN LENT The next Lenten Lectio Divina will be on Wednesday 30th 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

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PRAYER FOR UKRAINE on Wednesdays at the House of Prayer (Turret House) which is on Edisford Rd on the right hand side just before the bridge. Prayer gatherings at the following times 7.30—8am and 12noon—12.30pm. The prayer space will be open 8am-4pm for individual prayer.

UKRAINE Following the UK Government's announcement on a domestic response to the Refugee Crisis, Caritas Diocese of Salford has launched its Appeal to provide local capacity on the ground here, and enable faith in action. They will support those in Salford Diocese welcoming and hosting refugees from Ukraine and provide emergency grants to support individuals and families as they resettle. To read the latest information visit the website for updates: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/ukraine-crisis?> Are you a **Ukrainian or Russian speaker?** If you are please register by email as a volunteer translator: communitysponsorship@caritassalford.org.uk

WANTED The Parish is in need of volunteers to help maintain St Joseph's Cemetery on Waddington Road, Clitheroe, with Grass cutting—Weeding—Removing moss from the paths etc will be the main tasks. We are intending to set up a rota to ensure that the Cemetery remains a fitting place for the Parishioners buried there. Contact Anne Peplow on 07792 637005 if you would be willing to help.



CLITHEROE

CALLING ALL BUDDING GARDENERS/DIGGERS We will shortly be putting a rota together so volunteers will have notice of the dates when we will be working in the Presbytery garden. We are also seeking donation of bulbs/plants that you may have surplus. We hope to repurpose and recycle as much as possible. If anyone has access to bark clippings these can be collected. Tel: Anne Peplow 07792 637005 to find out more.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE at 10.30am at St Mary Magdalene's followed by a Walk of Witness to the Castle Gates for a short service there. We need some readers and volunteers to carry the cross and steward. If you are willing to help the please contact Alan Meyer meyeralan987@gmail.com or telephone 01200 442443

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

CLITHEROE ROTARY are returning to Clitheroe Market on the 1st Saturday in the month for 3 months—April 2nd, May 7th and June 4th. We will be collecting unwanted Sewing Machines, Tools, Spectacles, Foil Pill blister packs and mobile phones. Also computers and laptops (Windows 7 or above), flat screen monitors, cables, keyboards etc but NO printers. Also **NO COATS** as this is an autumn/winter project. New for 2022—we will be collecting unwanted foreign currency, (notes & coins), and foreign stamps. **PLEASE NOTE the Market collection is NOT for items destined for Ukraine.**

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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