

CLITHEROE CHRISTIANS IN PARTNERSHIP It has been suggested that churches could provide support for parents and child carers during the half term weeks in October and February. The current thought is to provide some “Messy Church” type events or perhaps churches could join together to provide a combined celebration. <https://www.messychurch.org.uk> for more information

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND

Reader Saturday—Malcolm Peplow Sunday—Neil Wallace

Eucharistic Minister Saturday—Ann Southworth Sunday - Peter Sutcliffe

Tea & Coffee — Liz Cullen & Phil Ryan

A Welcome to new parishioners

If you are new to the parish please make yourselves known to us, and complete one of the forms available at the back of church.

SEEDLINGS PLAY GROUP is taking a break but will be back on September 7th. Any queries contact Kay on 07921 855576

DUNSOP BRIDGE

EVENTS AT DUNSOP VILLAGE HALL

PLAYGROUP Term time only 9.30-11am. Contact Laura 07790 516260

PILATE SESSIONS Monday evenings 6-7pm. More Info Christine Billing-ton992@gmail.com

SEWING GROUP on Fridays 1.30-3.30pm. Details Janet 01200 448201

KEEPING FIT WITH MATT Thursday & Fridays for more information email mdfitnesscoach@outlook.com

SABDEN

KNIT STITCH & NATTER GROUP, meet each Monday 10.15am—12.15pm in the top room in St Mary's Hall. £1 admission with tea/coffee and biscuits. Everyone is welcome to come along for a natter and knit and stitch if you wish—but not necessary—many just like to come for a chat.

OVER 50's The weekly Exercise Class for the Over 50's will take a summer break after Tuesday July 26th and re-open at 10am on Tuesday Sept 6th

BONUS BALL Last weeks winner—number 23 Jane Davies

ONE VOICE Musical Theatre and Drama Group is holding a summer workshop “A Play in A Day” on Wednesday August 10th 9am—3.30pm for children aged 5 to 16. Ring Annie on 07595 742604 for details. Song, dance, drama and fun guaranteed. The new term starts on Wednesday September 7th

SCRABBLE CLUB meets again on Tues July 26th at 7pm in the Hall and then every other Tuesday. Admission £1 inc tea/coffee and biscuits. All welcome. If you've never played come along and have a go.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE ROTA Volunteers are needed at St Mary's to spare half an hour after Sunday Mass to serve tea and coffee in the hall. It is now falling to just a handful of willing people, so more helpers are urgently needed. Please see Olive Doyle if you are willing to help.

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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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

17th week in Ordinary time—24th July 2022



Masses this weekend

12noon (Saturday)
Dunsop Bridge

5pm (Saturday)
Clitheroe

9.30am—Clitheroe
(Sunday)

11am—Sabden
(Sunday)

Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul

Monday

Requiem Mass at 11am at St Mary's Sabden for Olive Bromley R.I.P.
Eucharistic Service 10am Clitheroe

Tuesday to Friday

Mass at 10am, Clitheroe

Tuesday 10.45am Funeral service for Richard Curphey in Clitheroe

Saturday (30th July)

Confessions in Clitheroe 10am-10.45am & 4.15pm—4.45pm

Next weekend Masses

usual times

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Special intention, Joe Healey, Mary Healey, Sr Marie Stella Kelly, Olive Bromley x 2, Private Intention
LATELY DEAD—Richard Curphey, Olive Bromley
ANNIVERSARIES Joe Healey, Mary Healey

COLLECTION Thank you for your generosity in last weeks Offertory Collection £1017.05 (this figure does not include standing orders). If you do not Gift Aid your weekly offering at the moment and you are a tax payer why not consider doing so—just contact Janet in the Parish Office or ring her on 01200 424657/ 01200 423307 ex3 who can provide you with envelopes or a standing order form.

SCHOOLS—have now broken up for their summer break. Our thanks goes to all the staff who work in our schools for all their hard work and dedication, and we hope all our children and staff have a good break.

GOVERNORS—it is becoming more difficult to recruit Foundation Governors for many schools, including our own schools. If you would be interested in being considered to be a Foundation Governor in any of our three Primary Schools then have a chat with Fr Paul. It is essential that Foundation Governors, who represent the bishop and the diocese, are Mass going people.

CONFIRMATION— We will be starting our Programme for those who wish to be confirmed, in September, and Confirmation will be towards the end of the year. More information will be sent out through the parish and also through St Augustine's High School in September. All our churches in the Ribble Valley will be taking part in one Programme of preparation, and will then be Confirmed as a group in one ceremony.

LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK The land it takes to provide just the food that we throw away is bigger than the size of India, and the water it takes is equivalent to 300 million Olympic swimming pools! So, wasting food is incredibly bad for the climate. What can we do to avoid food waste and to make choices that are better for our common home? Plan your meals so you only buy the quantity of food that you will eat. When possible choose organic, fairtrade and/or local produce. Reduce the amount of meat that you eat.

RIBBLE VALLEY FOODBANK This week we are short of: custard, snacks (crisps, nuts), instant mash potato, razors, men's shaving foam, sugar, washing powder/liquid. All donations gratefully received.

ENGLISH CLUB volunteers needed to help run a cheche at The English Club, The United Reformed Church, Clitheroe on Mondays 1-3pm. Many Ukranian women have now joined this group to improve their use of the English language. Any support would be appreciated. For more information, please contact Jean Holmes 07977 458470

LOURDES If you would like us to take a petition or would like to contribute towards a candle, please leave in the box at the back of church.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS The Salvation Army in Lowergate are setting up a School uniform recycling scheme. If you have school uniform items you no longer require place in a bag marked "school uniform" and drop it off at the premises in Lowergate (opposite the bottom of King Lane). If you require any items of school uniform go along and ask to see their selection.

CAFOD FIX THE FOOD PROBLEM WEEK 6 CAFOD's campaign is about supporting alternative food systems where farmers can choose what they grow on their land and make a dignified living by producing food in harmony with our common home. We need a rebalancing of the power of big businesses in favour of local communities so such alternatives can flourish. Each year the UK exports thousands of tonnes of pesticides to low-income countries which are banning in the UK.19 meaning that our government considers them too harmful to human health to be used in our fields. Yet we are selling them to oowe-income countries to use on their fields. Please email/write Liz Truss, Foreign Secretary, to House of Commons, London, SW1A OAA to take steps to ensure that the UK government implements its COP26 commitments and backs agricultural systems that tackle the climate crisis, put local communities at the centre and protect the planet. Elizabeth.truss.mp@parliament.uk or send a message from CAFOD website:<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/102736/action/1>

PARISH DIRECTORY a new Parish Directory has been compiled containing information about all the parish groups etc for Clitheroe, Sabden and Dunsop Bridge. If you would like a copy please add your name to the list at the back of church.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE 'Jesus of History, Christ of Faith, Jesus of personal experience?' Alpha Course is a set of videos. Watch and chat over nibbles and drinks. Starting this Sept 2022. Interested? Contact Mary 01200 428653, Peter 01200 441081 or Grace 01200 425928

If you require a large print newsletter please request one from the Parish Office

CLITHEROE

LADIES GROUP this coming Wednesday 27th July at 7.30pm—a talk by local Maritime Historian Steve Ragnall—'Shall We Dance' the story behind the famous musical and film 'The King and I' and Anna & the King'. Who was the real Anna and what happened to her. Admission only £2 including light refreshments.—Open to everyone. Also a date for your diary—our Annual Treasure Hunt and Supper Wednesday 31st August—details of this at the meeting next Wednesday.

THANKYOU Thankyou to all those who helped in any way with the trimming of the trees on church land along Peel Street a couple of Sunday's ago, and also to those who helped on Thursday of this week to move the wood which was turned into chippings.

PARISH FORUM The Parish Forum met on Wednesday evening and was attended by just 17 people, who discussed many things to re-establish our parish community of Our Lady of the Valley after the Covid pandemic. Those present considered how to create a better informed and active parish, involving all ages. The minutes of this meeting will be published in the near future and that will give everyone time to digest them and hopefully make the decision to come to the next meeting, which will be on 21st September (a date for your diary) This is the opportunity for everyone present to put forward suggestions and make comments.