

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND

Readers **Saturday**—Claire McGuire **Sunday**—Neil Wallace
Eucharistic Ministers **Saturday**—Michael Fox **Sunday**—Peter Sutcliffe
Tea & Coffee—Grace Fellows

DUNSOP BRIDGE

PILATE SESSIONS Mon evening 6-7pm. More Information—Christine Billington992@gmail.com

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

PLAYGROUP in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday mornings 9.30—11.30am term times only (some holiday sessions) contact Laura 07790 516260

KEEPING FIT WITH MATT Thurs & Fri email mdfitnesscoach@outlook.com

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Bingo & Social night Monday 4th December in Newton Village Hall. More details later. Donations of Bingo and Raffle Prizes will be gratefully accepted. Please see the lists in the porch.

SABDEN

KNIT STITCH & NATTER GROUP, each Mon 10.15am—12.15pm in the top room in St Mary's Hall. £1 admission with tea/coffee and biscuits. Everyone welcome—come along for a natter/knit/stitch or just come for a chat

BONUS BALL Winning number 56 Janice Shorter

SCRABBLE CLUB St Mary's is holding Scrabble Nights in the top room on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, from 7pm to around 9.15pm. Everyone welcome £1 admission

COME AND SING Tuesday evenings from 6-7pm. All adult ages and abilities welcome £4 per session More details from 07710 248458 or

FOODBANK There is a box in the porch for the Ribble Valley Foodbank if you would like to help needy families in our area. See Food Bank notice—middle page

CLEANING If anyone would like to help with cleaning our Parish Hall on a regular or occasional basis, please see Margaret Parsons.

CAFOD Fairtrade goods will be on sale during our coffee morning after Mass today Sunday 26th November. Come along and see what we have.

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE, which St Mary's is hosting Sun December 17 at 4pm and extra special by holding it outdoors, or indoors if weather is bad, followed by hot drinks, mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall. If anyone can help with refreshments or donate mince pies or mulled wine please see Damian Buggie or Margaret Parsons.

CHRISTMAS MARKET Saturday December 2nd in the courtyard at Union Mill, off Watt Street from 1pm—8pm. All proceeds go back into the Sabden community. The event features lots of festive gift stalls, music and entertainment, Father Christmas in his grotto and refreshments. The Knit and Natter group from St Mary's will have a stall and the adults and children's choirs which meet at St Mary's will be singing carols at 2.30pm.

COFFEE

There is tea/coffee and biscuits in the Hall most Sundays after Mass, a lovely chance to meet up and have a chat. Please join us

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Christ the King—26th November 2023

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday

12noon—Mass at Dunsop Bridge

5pm—Mass at Clitheroe

Sunday

9.30am—Mass in Clitheroe

11am—Mass at Sabden



Monday—Friday

Mass at 10am (Clitheroe)

Holy Souls Mass on Tuesday will be offered for all those whose names are placed in the box left in front of the altar.

Saturday (2nd December)

Confessions 10.15—10.45am & 4.15pm—4.45pm

Please note: the Parish Office will be closed next Thursday 30th Nov

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Bob Sullivan, Special Intentions x 2, Marion Winckley, Holy Souls

LATELY DEAD

Bob Sullivan, Marion Winckley

Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul

LIVE SIMPLY Thought of the Week Production still accounts for the majority of a food's environmental impact—not transport. Beef production has a large carbon footprint—even if it's produced locally. When going through your shopping list use this link <https://shelterbox.org/news/blog/7-simple-ways-to-lead-a-sustainable-life> to find out the environmental impact of common food products. Also to cut down your food related carbon footprint eat seasonably and buy locally-produced food.

LAUDATO SI' MEETING/GARDENING DATES The next Laudate Si' meeting will be on Monday 12 December at 3.30pm in SMSJ school. The next gardening activities will be on Saturday 2 December at 10am (in the school & church gardens). Refreshments provided and all are welcome.

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION Each Wednesday during Advent there's an opportunity to reflect on the Sunday Gospel starting on 29th November at 1.30pm in the presbytery. Through a period of quiet contemplation we can consider what the reading is saying to us today. Refreshments afterwards. All are very welcome. No need to book in advance, just come along. Any queries to Liz Cullen 07814 460574

WHALLEY & DIST FLOWER CLUB meeting Thursday 7 December at 2pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Sabden when Wendy Gravestone will demonstrate different designs for Christmas etc. Admission for visitors £8 includes festive refreshments.

S.V.P. COLLECTION 9th DECEMBER There will be a collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society after each Mass on the weekend of 8th/9th December. Gift Aid envelopes will be available after all Parish Masses next weekend 2nd/3rd December and will be collected on 9th & 10th December. You can also donate via direct credit to The St Vincent de Paul Society: sort code 60-60-04 and account 46085858. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Due to the closure of Barclays Bank and limitations on cash payments at the post office, dealing with cash in the parish has become more difficult in terms of security and handling. Please consider moving to a system on Monthly Standing Order via your bank if you can possibly do so. It is safe, secure and totally flexible. Forms are at the back of church and if in need of assistance, please contact Janet in the parish office.

CLITHEROE

SEEDLINGS PLAYGROUP Wed 9.15-11am. We invite children 0-4 years and their parent/carer to join us for a morning of toys, craft, song time and snack

LADIES GROUP would like to thank those who attended the 2nd Scout Band Concert last week. £368 was raised after expenses and will go to RV Crossroad Care.

LADIES GROUP MEETING Wednesday 29 November 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall. Accrington Pipe Band, a talk about the oldest civilian Pipe Band. There will be a White Elephant stall and Jewellery stall plus a glass of mulled wine and mince pie or cuppa and biscuit only £3. Come along and join us

TODAY 26th NOVEMBER in Church at 2pm Rossendale Male Voice Choir Concert with special guests Courtney Frances and the SMSJ Primary School Choir. Tickets Adult £10, Children under 12 Free. Pay at the door. Proceeds for the R.V VCrossroads Care. Please come and join us and have a wonderful afternoon of music and song.

LADIES GROUP At the Parish Forum on Wednesday a cheque for £1,200 was presented to Fr Paul. This money was raised from the Last Night of the Proms Concert.

LITTLE CHURCH as a result of the lack of response to the recent appeal for volunteers to help on Sunday regrettably the decision has been made that Little Church will no longer take place at Sunday morning Mass.

LADIES GROUP COACH TRIP to (Ripley Castle Christmas Fair at Harrogate) NEXT Thurs 30 Nov. **Leave Interchange 9.15am—NOTE CHANGE OF TIME** and return to Clitheroe by 4pm. Some seats left on the coach, cost £17 but pay on the door on the day for the event. To book ring Janet on 07866 898109.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY The Annual Christmas Quiz held in the Assembly Hall (SMSJ) Parish Hall will be on Wed 27 December. More details later

TURRET HOUSE OF PRAYER—EDISFORD ROAD Please see poster in porch for details of their programme.

NOVEMBER PRAYER THEME This month we pray for the strength to be a neighbour to Palestine and Israel. See copy in porch and also on the Love Clitheroe website <https://www.loveclitheroe.com/prayer-for-our-town>.

INVITATION FROM SSMJ SCHOOL to join them at their Choir Service and Coffee Morning after Mass on Monday 18th December. The Church Choir will join the School Choir at 10.45am, after which there will be refreshments and opportunity to meet and talk with children, parents and other parishioners. The children are looking forward to meeting parishioners and are very good at mixing so don't be shy. There is no need to approach them, they will approach you. Tickets are free but we need to keep tabs on them and ensure they are spread fairly. If you find you can't use your ticket please make sure you return it. They are available at School Reception, from Kay Curphey, or Liz Cullen (07814 460574). This is a marvellous opportunity to meet parents and children.

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CAROLS AT THE CASTLE Saturday 2nd December 4.30pm Castle Bandstand. This year many of the usual volunteers are unable to help so we are really hoping to get some new ones. If you would like to help add your name to the volunteers list in the porch.

JOY TO THE WORLD Clitheroe Christians in Partnership invite you to this Annual Christmas event Sunday 10th December at 3pm at Trinity Methodist Church, with Ribble Valley Choir and Orchestra. With music, drama, dance and poetry as well as some of your favourite carols! Free Admission and Refreshments. A retiring collection will be taken for Christian Aid. See poster in porch.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE at St Mary Magdalene Sunday 3rd December at 6.30pm Advent Music and readings organised by Clitheroe Christians in Partnership.

Christmas Cards and Gifts now on sale in the side porch

Come along, you will be made very welcome, to the Assembly Hall (our Parish Hall) after Mass on Sunday morning and join other parishioners for a cup of Coffee or Tea and biscuits. You will be most welcome