

CHRISTMAS TEA DANCE Wednesday 13th December 2—4.30pm in the Assembly Hall. Light buffet and free glass of wine cost £7. Ring Daphne 01200 427912 for a ticket. Come along and enjoy the music and dancing.

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

CAROLS & SEASONAL SONGS Thursday 21st December in the Assembly rooms. Tickets £3 inc Mulled Wine. Tickets £3 from the Old School Rooms 01200 423073

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND

Readers **Saturday**—Andy McGuire **Sunday**—Peter Sutcliffe
Eucharistic Ministers **Saturday**—Angelina Ward **Sunday**—Janet Hall

Tea & Coffee—Liz Cullen & Phil Ryan

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

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 49

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

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

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.

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

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:** Ms Claire Halstead

First Sunday of Advent—3rd Dec 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, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Mass at 10am (Clitheroe)

On Tuesday years 1 & 4 will join us for Mass

Tuesday

Requiem Mass 11am—Gerard Regan

Wednesday

Eucharistic Service 10am (Clitheroe)

Saturday (9th December)

Confessions 10.15—10.45am & 4.15pm—4.45pm

ADVENT

Do try to join us for weekday Mass during Advent

Welcome—Last weekend we welcomed Sarah Farragher into Full Communion with the Catholic Church

Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul

Ushaw College, where many of our Salford Clergy went to seminary, will be featured on Channel More 4 on Monday evening at 9pm, showing its magnificent chapel. You might like to see it !!

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Joseph Fullalove, Eileen O'Neill, Special Intention Phyllis Filbin, Mary Filbin, Joseph Lofthouse, Thanksgiving St Anthony, Ashfield Batts, Marie & John McDonald

LATELY DEAD Gerard Regan

ANNIVERSARIES Ashfield Batts, Joseph Fullalove, Eileen O'Neill, Phyllis Filbin,

LIVE SIMPLY Thought of the Week Ensure that Holy Christmas is never a celebration of consumerism, appearances, useless gifts or excessive waste, but it is a **celebration of joyfully welcoming the Lord into the crib and into the heart** (Pope Francis)

CAFOD ADVENT APPEAL During Advent, as we wait for Christmas and the joy of Jesus' birth, it's important to remember that some things can't wait. For families around the world, time is running out to get the vital supplies they need to survive the winter. If you wish to donate please use this link: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/appeals/advent-appeal> or send cheque to CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, LONDON SE17JB

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 & DISTRICT 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 including festive refreshments.

ASSISTANCE REQUEST

The parish has to meet various compliance issues, including periodic checks of services such as gas, electricity, oil and fire extinguishers etc, and other periodic inspections of land and property used by the parish, to include cemeteries and other places of public access.

In order to discharge our obligations, a number of parish volunteers (adult males or females) would be greatly appreciated. It is hoped that each church will have a minimum of two volunteers, who can work as a pair and provide continuity. The items that need to be checked and the frequency of checking will be determined by the diocesan H & S coordinator, and the appropriate checking forms and instruction will also be provided.

The work can be described and a planned checking and reporting system, in order to achieve documentary proof of specified checks and to identify any required action that the parish needs to commission. If you are able to assist, please contact John Spencer j.spencer526@btinternet.com who is coordinating the parish activity in liaison with Martin Heywood, Diocesan H & S officer.

S.V.P. COLLECTION 9th DECEMBER There will be a collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society after each Mass **NEXT** weekend 8th/9th December Gift Aid envelopes will be available after all Parish Masses this weekend 2nd/3rd December and will be collected **NEXT WEEKEND** 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.

Could Elvie Holmes ? who has recently completed a Standing Order Form please get in contact with Janet the Parish Administrator on 01200 424657 or mobile 07866 898109 it is important

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 everyone who attended last Sunday's Concert. - a good time was had by all. We raised £865.42 for Ribble Valley Crossroads Care

LADIES GROUP TODAY after Mass in the Assembly Hall—come along and have a coffee and see what items we have on our Christmas Stall

INVITATION FROM SSMJ SCHOOL You are invited to the School choir and Church choir at their Choir Service and Coffee Morning (in school) after Mass on Monday 18th December. Free tickets available from Kay Curphey or Liz Cullen (07814 460574)

JOY TO THE WORLD 2023 will begin at 3pm on Sunday 10 December at Trinity Methodist Church and Community Hub. The concert will feature Ribble Valley Choir and orchestra and will be celebrating Christmas with music, poems, dance and drama, including items for the audience. The concert will end at about 4.15pm when mince pies and hot drinks will be served. This event is free and there will be a retiring collection for the Christian Aid Emergency Appeal.

ANNUAL BIG QUIZ in aid of Mary's Meals will be held at 7.30pm (doors open 6.45pm) on Wednesday 27th December. Tickets £4.50 includes sausage sandwich or vegetarian alternative are available from Arnold Marsden 01200 427096, Betty Collinson 01200 427029 or Carol Riley 01200 426769

ADVENT JESSE TREE REFLECTIONS Parishioners are invited to come to St Michael & St John's primary school at 8.45am Monday to Friday for a short Jesse Tree reflection prior to the start of the school day. The reflections will begin on Monday 4th December to Friday 22nd December. Please come to the school office and you will be welcomed through to our Prayer Room.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS, ADVENT CALENDARS ETS
ARE NOW FOR SALE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH**