

*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

*Thank you to all who supported the Bingo and Christmas Draw on Monday evening. Thank you for all to donations of prizes and to all those who helped with the organising of the event, and to Newton Village Hall and the caterer. Christmas Draw prizes were claimed on the night. Profits were down on previous years due to the increase in food and numbers attending. Income £1747.70 less Expenses £1536.50 Profit of £211.20*

**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

#### 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 40 Pat Whitwell

**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 NEXT Sunday 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 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*



#### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

4pm (Clitheroe), 6pm (Clitheroe) 7pm (Sabden)

Christmas morning

8am (Dunsop) 10am (Clitheroe)

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## Second Sunday of Advent—10th 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, Wednesday & Thursday

Mass at 10am (Clitheroe)

on Tuesday Years 2 & 5 will join us for Mass

**Friday**—Eucharistic Service 10am (Clitheroe)

#### Friday

Mass at 10am in Sabden when we will be joined with the children from St Mary's and Thorneyholme

### Saturday (16th December)

Confessions 10.15—10.45am & 4.15pm—4.45pm

#### ADVENT

*Do try to join us for weekday Mass during Advent*

*Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul*

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK** Vincent Eamon Breen, Michael Gallagher, Special Intention x 2, Eileen Crombleholme, Kenneth & Janet Barlow, Miles Eastwood,  
**LATELY DEAD** Michael Gallagher, Alban Snape  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Kenneth & Janet Barlow, Fr Francis Hannan S.J.

**LIVE SIMPLY T.O.T.W** Inspired by the Three Wise Men, families, friends and neighbours often give gifts at Christmas. It's important to remember that it's not all about how many presents you unwrap, or how expensive they are. Gift giving can spread joy, but the most meaningful gifts often cost nothing, are handmade or can be as simple as little acts of kindness. E.g. you could donate to your local food bank, or provide hot drinks, hats, gloves and scarves for the homeless when you're out shopping.

**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

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** are a range of virtual charity gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of families and communities living in poverty. Catalogues are available at each of your churches.

**LIVE SIMPLY Thought of the Week LAUDATO SI' MEETING/GARDENING DATES**

The next Laudate Si' meeting will be on Monday 18 December at 3.30pm in SMSJ school.

**SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION** Each Wednesday during Advent there's an opportunity to reflect on the Sunday Gospel 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

#### **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](mailto:j.spencer526@btinternet.com) who is coordinating the parish activity in liaison with Martin Heywood, Diocesan H & S officer.

**S.V.P. COLLECTION 8th/9th DECEMBER** There will be a collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society after each Mass this weekend 8th/9th 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. ***Please note if you complete a Standing Order form you need to give it to your bank***

#### **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

**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.

**INVITATION FROM SSMJ SCHOOL** You are invited to the School choir and Church choir at their Choir Service and Coffee Morning (om 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 today Sunday 10 December at Trinity Methodist Church and Community Hub. 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.

**LADIES GROUP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER** at The Swan and Royal. On Wednesday 24th January 2024. Cost £22 Menus are available from the church porch.

**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**—Roisin Bowes **Sunday**—Peter Donnelly  
**Eucharistic Ministers** **Saturday**—Anne Southworth **Sunday**—Sion Hall

**Tea & Coffee**—S.V.P.

Christmas Cards and Gifts now on sale  
FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH