

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND 30th/31st December

Readers Saturday—Malcolm Peplow **Sunday**—Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers Saturday—Frances Ellis **Sunday**—Betty Collinson

Tea & Coffee—Betty Collinson

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

ANNUAL BIG QUIZ in aid of Mary's Meals will be held at 7.30pm (doors open 6.45pm) on Wednesday 27th December. **Entrance by Ticket only £4.50, almost all have been sold**, includes sausage sandwich or vegetarian alternative are available from Carol Riley 01200 426769 or the Old School Rooms. Raffle prizes would be very much appreciated or you can make a donation. Any profit made on the night will once again be doubled.

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

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers and Tea and Coffee rotas for the new year have been emailed this week

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

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 8 Christine Cartwright

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

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY The Village Folk Pantomime is back this year with Cinderella Wednesday February 28th to Saturday March 2nd. More details soon.

ONE VOICE adult choir starts again after the Christmas break on Tuesday, January 9th at 6pm. Everyone welcome.

EXERCISE for over 50's class starts a new term on Tuesday January 9th from 10-11am. £3.50 a session in our Hall.

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

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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

Fourth Sunday of Advent—24th 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

See poster for times of Christmas Day Masses



Tuesday (Boxing Day) St Stephen - Mass at 10am

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Mass at 10am (Clitheroe)

Wednesday

Requiem Mass at 11am—Alban Snape

Baptism's by appointment with Fr Paul

A very Happy and Peaceful Christmas to you all,

Fr Paul, Janet & Teresa

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Veronica Houghton, Monica Simpson, Jeff & Graeme Cowgill, Leo Clarkson, Colin Silcock, Special Intention x 5, Holy Souls x 2, Ann Wharton, Joseph Lofthouse, John Lofthouse, Alice & Patrick Emerson, Mary Cushion, Michael Day, Joan & Hugh Kelly Christine Fitzpatrick, Alice & Wilfred Clegg, David Cottam, Jeremy Grout-Smith, Chris Carr, Betty Brown, Ann Stanley, Bill Geelan x 2, Geelan family x 2, Filbin Family, Jack & Andrew Whitwell, Daniel & May Lambert, Robert & Ada Graham, Paul Francis Byron, Margaret McKenna, Margaret & Barry Swales, Keith Warburton, Warburton & Sheridan family, Riding & Worthington family, Agnes Marsden, Margaret Thompson, Robert Thompson, Vincent Fox, Tom Holden, James Francis Holden, Richard & Winifred Fox, Keith Forshaw, Winifred Fox, Richard Fox, Roy Fox, Gerard Broadbent, Addy family, Tom & Marion McCauley, Alf & Ada White, Glenn Peters x 3, Alf & Margaret Peters, Terry Peters, Mercer family,

LATELY DEAD Alban Snape, Elaine Hudson, Keith Forshaw,

ANNIVERSARIES Winifred Fox, Colin Silcock, Tom & Marion McCauley, Alice Clegg

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2023

Figures in brackets for 2022

September 2023	2023	2022
Envelopes (Gift Aided)	874.41	(1777.89)
Standing Orders (Gift Aided)	2993.50	(1835.00)
Cash on plate	1679.43	(1957.21)
Standing Orders (Non-Gift Aid)	900.00	(244.00)
October 2023		
Envelopes (Gift Aided)	1015.43	(1999.51)
Standing Orders (Gift Aided)	3192.50	(1932.00)
Cash on plate	2214.25	(2594.71)
Standing Orders (Non-Gift Aid)	929.00	(177.00)

S.V.P. Thank you from all of us at the SVP. Your generous contributions to our Christmas Collection have raised £903 in cash and £130 in cheques. This money will be used to help members of our Parish Community this Christmas and into the New Year as follows: help toward heating bills, provision of white goods, such as beds and fridges, curtains and school uniforms for children. Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at thw SVP

SALFORD DIOCESE are currently in a period of Synod which is a time where the Bishop, priests and lay people come together to discern what God is asking of His Church in our diocese and will hopefully help us to live out our calling to be Missionary Disciples. There will be a few meetings over the coming month where you can feed back your thoughts to the diocese, these will be publicised through the bulletin in future weeks. More information can be found at this website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/fairh/synod and you can also send your comments directly through this same link.

LIVE SIMPLY T.O.T.W GREEN CHRISTMAS Please remember to recycle everything that can be recycled. Read labels before throwing away. Please look at this website to see what can be recycled. <https://www.recyclenow.com/about-us/our-mission>

CAFOD In Luke's gospel, the Angel Gabriel says to Mary "Do not be afraid." In our war-torn world, awash with conflict and division, many people are afraid. We see the suffering caused by conflict in countries around the world. As we approach Christmas, let us pray that we may commit to God's vision of a just peace and seek to build a world where no-one need be afraid of violence, oppression, poverty. Lord, grant us the courage to build peace in our homes, our local community and our world. Lead us in your ways, as together we make a change and share your peace with all. Amen

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 possible 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***

ASSISTANCE REQUEST he 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.

ROTA—CHRISTMAS MASSES VIGIL MASSES

4pm Reader Roisin Bowes **Eucharistic Minister**—Damian Buggie
6pm Reader—Michael Willcox **Eucharistic Minister**—Betty Collinson

CHRISTMAS DAY

10am Reader Carol Riley **Eucharistic Minister**—Peter Sutcliffe