

**DIOCESAN SYNOD** Deanery Big Listen: January 20th 1pm—4pm Parish Centre, St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe. Fr Mark Harold, Rural Dean of St John Southworth Deanery, warmly invites parishioners from throughout the Deanery to 'Big Listen' to an afternoon of reflection, discernment, food and liturgy. Some of the themes to be explored—an overview of the Synod of Bishops; the spiritual insights emanating from our parishes, and priority areas from the Deanery of St John Southworth. This is an opportunity to discern what the Holy Spirit wants of us in our Deanery, and how to respond by using our individual charisms in a collective response to the challenges of Christianity in the 21st century. Lunch will be provided. Please confirm your attendance by emailing: joehowson@googlemail.com

### 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

**STAY AND PLAY** Every Friday at Thorneyholme Primary School we have a 'Stay and Play' session. These are 9.30—10.45am and are for 0-5year olds to attend along with their parent/carer. A session costs £3 and they get to spend time in the Infant Classroom playing alongside our Nursery and Reception pupils and they often play a game, make a craft, sing, listen to a story etc. Refreshments are provided and there is no need to book.

### 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 41 Phillip Clarkson

**SCRABBLE CLUB** St Mary's is holding Scrabble Nights in the top room on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, 7 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 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.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER** The next meeting will be on Sunday January 21st 12.30pm at the Baptist Church. Please let me know if you have any agenda items. 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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## 2nd week of Ordinary Time 14th January 2024

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

#### Saturday

12noon Mass at Dunsop Bridge

5pm—Mass at Clitheroe

#### Sunday

9.30am—Mass at Clitheroe

11am—Mass at Sabden



### Masses this coming week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Mass at 10am (Clitheroe)

**Tuesday**—Requiem Mass at 11am—Bernard Warren

**Saturday 20th January**

Confessions 10.15am—10.45am & 4.15pm—4.45pm

### *Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul*

### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Agnes Marsden x 2, Special Intentions x 2, Bernard Warren x 3,

John Mivden, Innocenzo Guarino, Finola Flynn

### LATELY DEAD

Bernard Warren, Kevin Ryder, Finola Flynn

ANNIVERSARIES Agnes Marsden

**LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK** Food waste causes just as much damage as plastic waste. Think about all the energy and resources it takes to produce, process and transport food. When we throw food away, we're not only wasting the food, but all the energy that's gone into making it. For example, the water footprint (the amount of water used in production and supply) of an orange is 80 ltrs, for 1kg of lettuce it's 240 ltrs. By cutting food waste, the average UK household can save £500 a year and contribute to the UK's waste reduction targets **ACTION:** Reduce food waste by buying what you need, freezing leftovers, check food regularly and use by and best before dates.

**CAFOD** We are the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. With your help, we reach out to people living in hard-to-reach places, in war zones and those who are discriminated against. To find out more <https://cafod.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do>. We would like to invite you to our next local meeting: Tuesday 16th January 7pm St Michael & St John's presbytery.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** The Annual Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place Saturday 4th May—more details later.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** Once again we would like those of you who make your weekly offering by Gift Aid envelope, to consider changing to paying by *monthly* standing order. A good number of parishioners chose to do this back in April 2023 which reduced the number paying by envelope from approx. 91 to 38. If you are willing to change then please get in contact with Janet the Parish Secretary at the Parish Office (01200 423307 ext 3) 10am—1.30pm on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, after weekend mass or by mobile on 07866 898109. Standing Order forms are available from the back of church.

### **CLITHEROE**

**SEEDLINGS PLAYGROUP** Wednesday mornings 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.

**TEA DANCE** Wednesday 17th January 2pm—4.30pm in the Assembly Hall. Tea, cakes and scones all for £5. Please come and join us

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH** on 24th January meet at the Swan and Royal, Castle Street. Please note 12.30pm for 1pm lunch.

**LADIES GROUP MEETING** Wednesday 31st January 7.30pm. 'My family and other Quakers' - A history of the Quaker movement in the shadow of Pendle presented by Jenny Palmer, in the Assembly Hall. £3 including light refreshments—pay on the door. Open to everyone. See poster in porch

**CLITHEROE COOKERY CLUB** every Thursday 11.30am—1.30pm at The Trinity Methodist Hub, Wesleyan Row, Clitheroe BB7 2JY. The cookery club was founded in 2015 and exists purely by donations and is run by volunteers for adults who would like to learn about cooking on a budget—Learn basic kitchen skills—Create nourishing meals—Learn new recipes—Gain confidence in the kitchen. There is no charge to attend classes, and all adults of any age or gender are welcomed. For further details contact us on 07818 854155 or 07851 210773

**THE HOLY LAND POP-UP EXHIBITION** at Clitheroe Mosque, 97 Lowergate, BB7 1AG Sunday 21st January 1pm—4pm. See poster in porch for more details.

**CCP PRAYER THEME** for January—Pray about how our government addresses the environment. We need our government and ministers to enact effective environmental legislation. Information in porch or <https://www.loveclitheroe.com/prayer-for-our-town>

**SSMJ LIVE SIMPLY 'NEARLY NEW' SALE** There will be a sale of 'nearly new' items (adults and children's clothes, bedding and unwanted Christmas gifts) plus tea and coffee in SSMJ School Hall on Saturday 27th January 3.30—5pm to help reduce waste and re-purpose our unused possessions. Please come along and support us. Donations can be left in the school reception area on Sunday 21st 9am—3pm. If you are able to volunteer please contact Kay Curphey 07921 855576

### **SYNOD**

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.

**TODAY 14th January, after the 9.30am Clitheroe Mass during Coffee** there will be a few parishioners available to answer questions on the Synod and there will be chance for parishioners to feedback their thoughts to the diocese by filling our responses on paper. To send responses directly to the diocese, there is a QR code pinned up at the back of church under the heading 'The Big Listen'. The link to send comments is also here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/qDkgXaFMv4>

or more information can be found at this website

**[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod)**.

The responses the diocese are seeking fall under the questions

- ◆ Where in your everyday life do you experience love, hope, or joy?
- ◆ What concerns or worries make it hard to live a life of faith and hope?
- ◆ What do you sense is the role of the Catholic Church in the world today?
- ◆ What do you sense God is asking of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Salford at this time.

***PLEASE COME ALONG***

### **ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**Readers Saturday**—Andy McGuire **Sunday**—Neil Wallace  
**Eucharistic Ministers - Saturday**—Bernadette Worden **Sunday**—Peter Sutcliffe  
**Tea & Coffee**—Jo Stuttard

***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***