

SABDEN

KNIT STITCH & NATTER GROUP This friendly group meets every Monday morning 10.15—12.15 in our hall. Anyone is welcome to go along for a chat and a brew and can knit or stitch if you wish, or just natter. Costs £1 a session which inc tea/coffee and biscuits.

CHOIR The One Voice adult choir meets every Tuesday 6-7pm in our hall. This is a fun, social choir where everyone is welcome to go along and sing £4 a session

EXERCISES There is an exercise class for the over 50's every Tuesday morning in our hall 10-11am run by Ribble Valley Council's "Let's Live Life" team. Cost 3.50

BONUS BALL Winning number 46

SCRABBLE CLUB Anyone who enjoys a game of Scrabble is welcome to Scrabble evenings in our hall on the second and fourth Tuesday each month 7pm in the top room. Cost £1 a session including tea and biscuits.

PANTO The Village Folk Panto Group, which is based at St Mary's is presenting the traditional panto "Cinderella" from Wednesday, February 28th to Saturday March 2nd at 7.15pm each evening (matinee at 2pm. This is a really fun show and you will recognise all the local cast and crew. The previous panto, Ali Baba raised £2,000 for church funds so please support it. Evening tickets cost £12.50 and include a pie and peas supper. Matinee tickets are £6 and refreshments will be on sale. They are available from Margaret Parsons 07715 666866 or Ella Mia beauty salon in the village. There will also be a raffle for charity each evening if you have any prizes to donate.

Please note Saturday matinee and evening tickets have sold out but tickets still available for Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

BONUS BALL

Hello everyone, we are about to launch our new season of the Bonus Ball, which we will run for 52 weeks of the year. We have 11 free numbers available so please consider taking a number, it is only £1 a week.

As we have a few more free numbers than usual, why not consider having a second number.

The first draw will take place on 3rd March 2024, you can pay £1 weekly by placing your envelope in the "Bonus Ball" box at the back of St Mary's church Sabden, or pay a lump sum by cash or cheque for any period you wish. Cheques are payable to "Our Lady of the Valley". All payments must be made a week in advance of the draw. This prize is £25 per week and £34 goes to the Church if all numbers are sold.

Envelopes will be available before the draw commences.

Contact me, Olive Doyle on
01282 931382 or email olive_doyle@yahoo.com

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

6th week of Ordinary Time 11th February 2024

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday

12noon Mass at Dunsop Bridge

5pm—Mass at Clitheroe

Sunday

9.30am—Mass at Clitheroe

11am—Mass at Sabden



WEDNESDAY—Ash Wednesday—Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Mass at 10am—Clitheroe

Mass at 12noon—Dunsop Bridge

Mass at 7pm—Sabden

Masses this coming week

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Mass at 10am—Clitheroe

Friday

Stations of the Cross 7.30pm (no leaders)

Saturday 17th February

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

Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Lady Mary Towneley, Giovanni Marchese x 4, Special Intention,
John McGough, Michael Pryle, Kathleen Manhold, John Groszewski, Wilfred Clegg

LATELY DEAD Giovanni Marchese, John Groszewski,

ANNIVERSARIES

Lady Mary Towneley, Wilfred Clegg, John McGough, Michael Pryle, Kathleen Manhold

LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK **REDUCE** Don't create waste if you don't have to—save up to thousands of bottles and cans: use refillable bottles instead of buying single use drinks containers—Copy documents on both sides of paper—use your own (cloth?) bags for shopping say NO to paper AND plastic. **REUSE** any material/product you can before you recycle it—Binders, manila folders and mailing envelopes—Share gently used clothing and toys your children have outgrown with friends and family.—Clothing, toys and gardening implements can be donated to charities such as Salvation Army, Age UK, YMCA. For recycling use Freegle :<https://www.ilovefreegle.org/browse>. **REPAIR**—Fix stuff before tossing it and buying new e.g. Buy a knife sharpener and revive those tired knives—Buy furniture and products that last and fix or re-finish them to give them a new look—Replace that lost button instead of throwing out the garment.

CAFOD Pope Francis urged political leaders at COP28 to agree to the “elimination of fossil fuels”. The Holy Father's words were heard, with governments at the summit committing to “transition away” from coal, oil and gas. But we know that those pledges don't go far enough—and that leaders need to turn words into action so our global family doesn't pay the price of their inaction. That's why we're joining a vigil at the start of Lent to pray for politicians to act and action we need to tackle the climate crisis. We'll be taking part alongside friends from Christian Climate Action, Christian Aid, Tearfund and a number of Christian groups. Signshow they have 'No faith in fossil fuels@'. The vigil will give witness to our call for decision makers to have a conversation of heart during this Lenten season by committing to the up to take part in the prayer vigil <https://cafod.org.uk/news/event/no-faith-in-fossil-fuels-24-7-prayer-vigil-during-lent-2024>

PRO-LIFE MEETING MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY AFTER MASS IN THE PRESBYTERY 10.30AM

Pro-Life issues have increased greatly over the last few years from, moves to even more extreme abortion legislation and the prospects of assisted suicide becoming legal without informed discussion, to restrictions on our freedom, recently referred to by Fr Kelly as the workings of Thought Police. Few people, including Catholics are aware of what the changes would actually mean in practice and they do not apparently reflect public opinion. In addition to what is generally understood as the pre-life agenda, pro-life covers everything from conception to death which brings in much more—conflict, exploitation, capital punishment for example. Monday's meeting is mainly about the Stations of the Cross and how we aim to use them this year to raise awareness and pray for justice. Please come along.

PARISH FORUM The next Forum is scheduled for Wednesday 21st February at 6.30pm in our Parish Hall. Please note new time of 6.30pm

GIFT AID ENVELOPES Janet is issuing new Gift Aid Envelopes at weekend masses for 2024-2025 which commence on Sunday April 7th. This is an ideal time to change from weekly envelopes to monthly standing order. If you wish to change please give Janet a ring at the Parish Office 01200 423307 ext 3 or 07866 898109. Thankyou

LENT GOSPEL REFLECTION : Friday lunchtimes A big welcome to everyone each Friday during Lent (starting on 16 Feb at 1.30pm in the presbytery) an opportunity to read and quietly reflect on the Sunday Gospel, followed by tea and biscuits. No need to book, just turn up and see if this helps your Lenten preparation for Easter. queries 07814 460574

CLITHEROE

CLITHEROE COOKERY CLUB every Thursday 11.30am—1.30pm at The Trinity Methodist Hub, Wesleyan Row, Clitheroe BB7 2JY. Founded in 2015 it 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

SEEDLINGS PLAYGROUP Wednesday mornings 9.15—11am. We invite children 0-4 years
TEA DANCE Wednesday 21st February 2-4.30pm in the Assembly Hall. Tea, cakes and scones just £5. Please come and join us and make new friends in an afternoon of music and dancing. and their parent/carer to join us for a morning of toys, craft, song time and snack.

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

ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Readers Saturday—Vincent Murray **Sunday**—Carol Riley
Eucharistic Ministers - Saturday—Ann Southworth **Sunday**—Helen Lofthouse
Tea & Coffee— S.V.P.

DUNSOP BRIDGE

PILATE SESSIONS Mon evening 6-7pm. More Info 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.