

BONUS BALL Winning number 34 Jaxon Townsend

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

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

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. The 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

Would any new parishioners please complete one of the forms that can be found on the shelves at the back of church and place in the box provided. Thankyou

In Sabden and Dunsop Bridge please hand to Fr Paul

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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First Sunday of Lent - 18th February 2024



MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday

12noon Mass at Dunsop
Bridge 5pm—Mass at
Clitheroe

Sunday

9.30am—Mass at Clitheroe

Masses this coming week

Monday—Friday Mass at 10am—Clitheroe

Wednesday (During Lent)

Mass at Sabden at 7pm

Friday - Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Saturday 24th February

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

If at all possible, then do try and join us for Mass on weekdays during Lent. The prayers and the readings are given to us so as to help us on our Lenten journey. It was wonderful to see so many at Mass on Ash Wednesday.

Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Helen Slack x 3, Leo Clarkson, Bernard Bithell, Special Intention, John Groszewski x 2, Giovanni Marchese, Maureen & Gerald Aspinall, Althony Galea, Elizabeth Fletcher, Susan White, 85th Birthday, Jayne Crombleholme

LATELY DEAD Giovanni Marchese, John Groszewski, Helen Slack, Elizabeth Fletcher

ANNIVERSARIES

James Albert Hartley, Fr Hubert McEvoy SJ, Bernard Bithell, Anthony Galea, Maureen & Gerald Aspinall, Jayne Crombleholme

LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK During Lent, try fasting from using your phone, ipad, social media, electronic games. Please spend some time in prayer and meditation. Please pray for those living in poverty, the homeless, the marginalised.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 23rd February. Lent Family Fast Day envelopes will be handed out after Mass this weekend at each of our churches. Please keep your Family Fast Day envelope throughout Lent and each time you resist a treat or otherwise abstain, put the money you save in the envelope and return it on the Sunday after Easter. This Lent, try to live simply so that others may simply live.

PARISH FORUM The next Forum is this coming Wednesday 21st February at 6.30pm in our Parish Hall. Please not enew time of 6.30pm. See Agenda in church porch.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES Janet us 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 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

LENT RESOURCES During Lent, the diocese will be sharing a range of resources to accompany people in prayer over the coming weeks. The resources have been created to support our journey throughout this Year of Prayer, as we prepare for the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee in 2025. Resources can be accessed via the diocesan social media channels or by visiting the website at <http://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lent-2024-rediscovering-prayer/>

DAY RETREAT Discover more about Ignatian Prayer and Discernment. The session takes place between 11.30am—3pm on Tuesday 5th March at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's, Lostock Hall. Please book by calling 01772 335387 or email office@saintgerards.org.uk

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 In preparation for the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope jubilee, a group of diocesan representatives have been meeting to make plans for our diocese. Please do keep checking <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/> for updates.

CLITHEROE CHRISTIAN IN PARTNERSHIP Bereavement Support Group—Monthly Meetings Every first Tuesday of the month 2pm at Trinity Methodist Church and Community Hub. More information tel 01200 429346

CLITHEROE

CLITHEROE COOKERY CLUB every Thursday 11.30am—1.30pm at The Trinity Methodist Hub, Wesleyan Row, Clitheroe BB7 2JY, 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. Further details contact 07818 854155 or 07851 210773

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 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.

LADIES GROUP Wed 28th Feb at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall 'Out on our Bikes' Our tours of Europe its people and places with Bernadette and Paul Worden. Also Jewellery stall, Easter stall and White Elephant stall. £3 which includes Tea & Biscuits. Hope to see you there

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—Claire McGuire **Sunday—**Liz Cullen

Eucharistic Ministers - Saturday—Ann Southworth **Sunday—**Helen Lofthouse

Tea & Coffee— Carol Riley

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.

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 a

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 long and sing £4 a session