

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—Andy McGuire **Sunday**—Neil Wallace

Eucharistic Ministers - Saturday—Damian Buggie **Sunday**—Damian Buggie

Tea & Coffee— Betty Collinson

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 come along and sing £4 a session

BONUS BALL Winning number 43 Christine Potter

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.

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

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

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

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Parish Priest email: paul.brindle@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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St Michael & St John's Primary School Tel: 01200 422560 **Head:** Mrs Zoe Mabbott

St Mary's Primary School, Sabden: Tel: 01282 771009 **Head:** Ms Claire Halstead

Second Sunday of Lent - 25th February 2024

MASSSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday

12noon - Mass at DunsopBridge

5pm—Mass at Clitheroe

Sunday

9.30am—Mass at Clitheroe

11am—Mass at Sabden



Masses this coming week

Monday—Friday Mass at 10am—Clitheroe

Monday

Requiem Mass 11am—Giovanni Marchese

Wednesday (During Lent)

Mass at Sabden at 7pm

Friday - Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Saturday 2nd March

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.

Baptisms by appointment with Fr Paul

MASSSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Vivian Taylor, Special Intention, Francis Stafford, Jean Luciani

LATELY DEAD Giovanni Marchese **ANNIVERSARIES** Francis Stafford, Jean Luciani

LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK During Lent try to eat more simply. Then please donate the money you save. Pop the savings into your CAFOD Family Fast Day Envelope.

CAFOD 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.

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.

PARISH HEALTH & SAFETY CHECKS—Friday 8th March. To keep us and visitors to our premises safe, we need to undertake periodic checks, and attend to any subsequent maintenance issues. A number of volunteers have come forward and will be given instruction by the Diocesan Health and Safety Officer, Martin Heywood. The intention is to use a simple check sheet to record inspections, and highlight matters that need to be attended to. The meetings will take place on Friday 8th March and the volunteers will gather at their respective churches as follows: Sabden 09.30hrs, Clitheroe 11:30hrs and Dunsop Bridge 14:00 hrs. All those who have volunteered should have received an email reminder. If any parishioner over the age of 18yrs is willing to assist, but has not as yet volunteered, please choose your preferred location and come along. Further info contact John Spencer j.spencer526@btinternet.com

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

CAFOD Big Lent Walk: Please sign up to take part in a short local walk after each of the Masses on 16/17 March as part of CAFOD Big Lent Walk (can be as short as a 10 minute stroll!), followed by refreshments in the church halls. A donation of £5 (or your own choice of amount) for CAFOD will be much appreciated. Everyone welcome. More details to follow. Please save the date

OLOTV - Parish Finance 2023		
	Year End 31.12.22	Year End 31.12.23
Income	£321,579.43	£270,150.03
Expenditure	£85,074.04	£124,437.13
Surplus	£236,505.39	£145,712.90
Key Figures (Income)		
	Year End 31.12.22	Year End 31.12.23
Offertory Collections	£83,023.83	£94,202.46
Legacies/Donations	£164,956.39	£87,065.75
Key Figures (Expenditure)		
	Year End 31.12.22	Year End 31.12.23
Repairs/Maintenance	£26,803.16	£40,346.83

By way of a brief overview, the headline details show that thanks to the generosity of parishioners, the finances of the parish remain relatively healthy as we move into a period of essential building maintenance.

Although the surplus figure for 2023 is considerably lower than in 2022, the difference has principally been created as a result of a decrease in legacies and an increase in repairs and maintenance spending.

The parish property consists mainly of old buildings, old cemeteries and old trees, all of which create expenditure. Parish buildings have been subjected to detailed structural surveys as a result of diocesan requirements. This has been an expensive operation and now the parish must move into the repair and maintenance phase, which will be costly, but necessary.

Your continued support is really appreciated in these challenging times.

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.

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

LENT CLUB every Thursday during Lent over in school 8.15—8.45am, focusing on different activities and scripture relating to Lent. We will begin with our school morning offering and the Lord's prayer and start our day with the Mission Together Lenten Calendar Each week will have a different focus. *See church porch for Lenten Calendar*

CCP CLITHEROE CHURCHES IN PARTNERSHIP Trinity Church Drama Group will present a one act play for Easter 'The Seeker' by Stephen Phifer on 7.30pm Wednesday 27th March at Trinity Church & Community Hub, Wesleyan Row, Parson Lane, Clitheroe BB7 2JY followed by refreshments. Admission is free—no booking required. See poster in porch

TRINITY METHODIST HUB Regular events take place at Trinity Methodist Hub which may be of interest to some of our parishioners. Details of them including a Parkinsons and MS Drop in Café and a Youth Group can be found on the posters in the church porch.