

Dear Parishioners,

The response of the Church to Human Trafficking

Pope Francis has made the fight against human trafficking a priority in his papacy and recently attended a conference in Rome, co-ordinated by the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. He has met with victims and described trafficking as *"an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity."*

The UK is prime destination country for trafficking. Some people are brought directly to the UK for sexual exploitation or slave labour, while others are exploited in transit countries before ultimately arriving in the UK. The majority of trafficked victims in the UK are from Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. The Home Office estimates that between 4,000 and 10,000 women have been trafficked into the UK. You may think that human trafficking is confined to the major cities but it is on our doorstep. In recent years there have been instances of trafficking in Preston, Burnley and Rochdale and it is beyond doubt that the majority of trafficking crimes go undetected.

The Catholic Church in England and Wales is now developing a national response to the destructive practice of human trafficking and is increasingly playing an important role in raising awareness of the scale of human trafficking and developing ways to counter this crime. This is not only a job for the experts and we can all play a part through raising awareness and praying for an end to this most destructive of crimes against vulnerable people.

What we can do within parishes? Pray; raise awareness; volunteer; contact your MP; campaign for slave free labour; donate. For my own part, I aim to start a Parish Anti-Trafficking Group with a webpage on the Parish website. I am also working closely with the Medaille Trust, a charity working in Salford Diocese that provides safe houses for trafficked victims and with Mark Wiggins of Caritas Salford in developing ideas for awareness raising especially with young people.

There will be a concert at St Michael's and St John's Parish Centre on Friday 31 October, 7pm. Besides an entertaining evening, the concert is a fundraiser so please spread the word. For more information contact me on 01200 422811 or abrown.boggarts@gmail.com

Thankyou

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th October 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Monday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Saturday (18th October)

11am - 11.55am Exposition
11am - 11.45am Reconciliation
12noon - Eucharistic Service
6pm - First Mass of Sunday

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am followed by Coffee **Wednesday** - Mass at 9.15am

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Masses received this week

Birthday intention, Marjorie Webster, Rita Bramwell,
David Dunn, Christopher Perrin, Special intention, Carol Turner x 4

Sick

Fr Peter Birmingham, Fr Peter Knowles, Peter Wright, Marjorie Webster, John Lofthouse

Lately Dead


Rita Bramwell

Anniversaries

David Dunn

Next weekend there will be a collection at all masses for the Propagation of the Faith

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £778.70 Sabden £163.40 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks **MILNTHORPE STEEL BAND** in our Parish Hall NEXT Saturday 18th October at 7.30pm Tickets will be on sale after masses this weekend or from Daphne 427912, Carol 426769 or Janet at the presbytery.



RCIA This year's RCIA meetings take place on Thursday at 8pm in the presbytery large meeting room with the opportunity to meet over a little cheese and wine with some of those who have attended in the past.

CATHOLIC SINGLES Single, separated, widowed or divorced? See the yellow poster in the porch.

CANONISATION OF TWO POPES at St Gabriel's School, Bury 15th October by Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. See poster in porch

FOODBANK is well stocked with food but needs Baby food and Soya milk

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day envelopes amounted to £436.56. Thank you very much. Due to retirement at the end of this year the parish CAFOD group requires a new Chairperson. If you are interested in being this person please contact Maureen 443499

NBCW National Board of Catholic Women - an afternoon of study & reflection - see poster in porch

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Prayer Vigils for religious freedom. See poster

TRAFFIC JAM with the Garage Band, Clitheroe Ukulele Band and Nvima Murry in our Parish Hall on Friday 31st October at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 including bacon buttie supper. Proceeds to the Medaille Trust, a Catholic charity which provides safe houses for people rescued from human trafficking. Tickets available after masses on 18/19 and 25/26 or they are available from Jim 01254 822223, Anthony 01200 422811 or Janet at the presbytery.

H.C.P.T. a big thankyou to all who walked in the sponsored walk last Sunday. Could sponsors now fulfil their promises by putting money in a marked envelope on collection plate. Thank you

CLITHEROE

SOCIAL CENTRE Sunday - In addition to the usual Quiz on a Sunday evening is 'Play your Cards Right'. Please come along - Everyone welcome.

THE EDGE The faith and fun evenings for yr6 & yr 7 (10-12yrs), Edge nights have started up again at St Mary's Hall, York Lane, Langho from 6.30pm - 8pm. These evenings are designed to be a fun, interactive and faith-filled experience for our young people. The remaining evenings will run on the 15th & 22nd October. Young people attending just need a consent form filled in by a parent or guardian. Please see Fr Frankie for more details.

YOUTH CHOIR

Enjoy singing? We want to hear you!

Our parish is starting its very own 'Youth Choir' where we will sing and lead the congregation, once a month, at the 9:30am Sunday mass. A practice will be held on the Thursday prior to the Sunday, 6pm - 7pm, where you will chose and learn new, modern hymns!

The 'Youth Choir' is open to everyone from Yr 5 upwards and we're particularly keen to encourage our teenagers!

If you'd like to join us or just want some further information please do not hesitate to contact Geralyn Lambert 07919 151408 or Sam Smith 07778 415366 or speak with Fr. John or Fr. Frankie.

Oct 18/19	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Valovin	R & F Holgate
Readers	A.McGuire	C.Morgan
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & H Addy	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, P.Donnely
Tea & Coffee		M.Geddes & P.Holgate

LADIES GROUP - Please note our next outing to Little Moreton Hall on Wednesday 22nd October leaves Clitheroe interchange at 8.30am

WANTED Bags, Bangles, Beads and belts to raise money for Action for Charity to help fight Breast, Cervical and Ovarian Cancer. See poster

STILL WANTED for our Autumn Fair Next Saturday 18th October - Tombola Prizes for Ladies Group Mystery Tombola, Chocolates for S.V.P.Chocolate Tombola, Soft Toys (in good condition) for Soft Toy Tombola, Home made cakes, pickles, jams etc for Cake Stall, prizes for K.S.C.Tombola, Second hand/new Jewellery, Plants or Floral decorations, Sweets, Toys and Children's books in good condition, small gifts/unwanted presents for our Mystery Tombola. Please note items for cake stall may be left at the presbytery by Friday or they can be brought on Saturday morning to our Parish Hall.

AUTUMN RAFFLE Tickets are now on sale for our Autumn Raffle which will take place at our Autumn Fair on Saturday October 18th. We have some wonderful prizes 1st - a Mini iPad, 2nd - £100 Food Hamper, 3rd - £50 M & S Vouchers plus lots more. Tickets are £1. All organisations in the parish have been given tickets to sell and they are also on sale from the Parish Office. Donations of prizes are still being accepted - please leave at presbytery.

LOVE CLITHEROE Reflections on the work of Christian Churches in Clitheroe during which Peter Donnelly will speak on the work of the SVP - St James church at 7.30pm on Thursday.

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 14th October 7.30pm in the presbytery

CLITHEROE JOB CENTRE Thankyou to the marvellous response last weekend by signing the cards opposing the closure of the Centre.

TOILETS to avoid distracting the congregation during mass, if you wish to use the toilets please exit the church by the main door.

JOYFUL NOISE tomorrow Monday 13 October 7.30pm Chatburn Methodist Church

DATES 2015 A list of notable dates for 2015 has been put up in the porch. This list will be amended on a regular basis.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 10 P.Clarkson

COFFEE MORNING Thanks to all who supported the coffee morning last week. The grand sum of £246.50 was raised. We have now been able to complete the purchase of the new crib figures. This should create a truly new look Christmas crib. Thank you. There are some unclaimed raffle prizes so please check the notice board then claim from Sacristy after mass.

RED BOXES Now that Jane Davies has returned she will resume duties as Red Box secretary for St Mary's. Please bring your red boxes to church next Sunday for her to empty

ST MARY'S HALL Friday October 24th Family Games Night from 7pm. Free entry, 50p to take part in each game i.e. pool, darts etc. **Friday November 14th** Motown Night from 8pm with bar. Admission £5.