

Dear Parishioners

The Ebola appeal will remain open for the next couple of weeks. Donations may be left in the collection boxes at the back of church, though notes should be handed in directly.

Now, news from two parishioners supporting charities.

TRAFFIK JAM

The Traffik Jam concert was an enormous success with well over 200 in attendance and everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves. The concert made £2,211.00 for the Medaille Trust. A full report and pictures will appear on the Parish website. Thank you all, Anthony Brown

RAY OF LIGHT

In 2010 I visited Musami Mission in Zimbabwe, which has been run by the Jesuits since the 1920s. During my visit I was taken to the Mbare district of Harare, one of the most impoverished and violent districts of any city in the world. Amongst the multiple horrors I witnessed - most too gruelling to recount here - was a seven year old curled up in a doorway covered in polythene, two tiny sisters rummaging through refuse for scraps and a ten year old attempting to sell empty plastic bottles at the roadside with an infant on her hip and a toddler by the hand. These are the orphans of Africa's AIDS epidemic. Every child's face I looked into on that afternoon became the face of my son, or my nephew. I imagined the mothers of these children, dying in fear for their futures. Never before had the words 'there but for the grace of God' rung so true.

I have remained in touch with those I briefly worked with at Musami, one of whom was Patricia Vetutete. Patricia too had been shocked by what we witnessed in Mbare, but despite her own poverty, she decided to help. With my assistance and that of Jackie Robinson an experienced charity worker and my sister the charity *Ray of Light* was born.

The money we raise is delivered by Jesuit missions in Zimbabwe, and we have no overheads. Every penny we raise goes directly to the neediest children. It costs £160 to clothe, feed and educate a child for a year. Four of *Ray of Light's* children have sponsors who will pay that sum until their education is complete. Sponsorship gives a child the confidence that she or he can complete his/her education, but any donation helps. Since 2011 it has put 17 street children in fulltime education. *Ray of Light* will be awarded registered charity status when it is able to £5,000 in a single year. As you leave church, please take a leaflet and for more information wvisit www.rayoflightafrica.org. Thank you, Catherine Robinson.

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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - 9th November 2014

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

Friday

Mass at 9am

Requiem Mass at 10.15am

Joan Worden

Saturday (15th November)

11am - 11.55am Exposition 11am - 11.45am Reconciliation

12noon - Eucharistic Service 6pm - First Mass of Sunday

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Remembrance Sunday—Mass at 11.30am

Wednesday—Requiem Mass at 2pm—Jack Haythorhwaite

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Masses received this week

Winifred Barlow, Nick O'Boyle, Jack Haythorhwaite x 2, Christopher Divers, Holy Souls, Bernard Holden, Kevin Wilkinson, Joan Worden x 5, Nora Hart, Margaret McCartney

Sick

Fr Peter Birmingham, Fr Peter Knowles, Peter Wright, John Lofthouse, Les Neary,

Lately Dead

Kevin Wilkinson, Jack Haythorhwaite, Joan Worden, Nick O'Boyle, Bernard Holden

Anniversaries

Winifred Barlow, Nora Hart, Margaret McCartney

Retiring collection at masses next weekend for The Bishops Admin Fund.

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £794.03 Sabden £161.41 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks

CAFOD EBOLA APPEAL Clitheroe £444.10 Sabden £57.32 Many thanks

FLOWERS Thankyou for the donation for flowers for Remembrance Sunday

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

H.C.P.T. There is still a lot of sponsorship money outstanding. Money may be handed directly to one of the priests, Arnold Marsden or put on the collection plate in an envelope marked sponsorship money

PANTOMIME Pantomime - Snow White—Guildhall, Preston, starring Jimmy Cricket,

RCIA meetings continue on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the presbytery.

on Friday evening, 19th December. Cost is £19 per person (same price for children) including ticket and cost of coach. We have 20 names so far, but we need 48 to make it viable. Please ring Daphne 427912 or Janet at the Presbytery 423307 add your name to the list at the back of church by Mon Nov 17th.

CHRISTIAN AID Coffee morning at the United Reformed Church, Clitheroe on Sat 29th November 10am - noon - Cake and Fairtrade stalls.

FAR MORE GRACE THAN ME—a First World War story following the lives of three teenagers from The Forest of Bowland through WW1 and over to America's Rocky Mountains, today Sunday 9th November at Chipping Memorial Hall. See poster

CARITAS VACANCIES—two job vacancies—see poster in porch

EXPLORE SCIENCE & FAITH a meeting led by Rev's Norman Ivison 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th November at St James' church

FOOD BANK is planning to give out, as last year, special Christmas meals and goodies to those struggling to provide food for themselves and their families. We ask for donations of Christmas puddings, cakes, crackers, chocolates, sweets and treats as well as food for Christmas day. Christmas bags will be made up at the beginning of December.

JOYFUL NOISE Monday 10th November at Chatburn Methodist Church 7.30pm

CLITHEROE

CHRISTMAS CARDS Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars will be on sale on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November (normally the time of our Christmas Fayre), after mass in the side porch (just before the sacristy door).

JOY TO THE WORLD rehearsals for the annual concert on 14th December will begin on at Trinity Church Hall on Sunday 23rd November at 2.30pm

CAFOD There will be a meeting of the group on Tuesday 11th November at 10am in the presbytery.

JUMBLE SALE at United Reformed Church Saturday 15 November 10am—4pm in aid of Chernobyl's Children. Jumble may be dropped off from 2pm Friday at U.R.C.

BAGS. BANGLES & BEADS Ann Geldard thanks those who supported this effort last week £1,800 was raised towards the Women v Cancer charity

YOUTH CHOIR
Volunteers, including a few musicians have joined the volunteer singers—teenagers included, and they will have their first practise on Tuesday 20th November at 5.45pm in church in preparation for the 9.30am Mass the following Sunday. New members are still welcome.

Further information Geryl Lambert 07919 151408, Sam Smith 07778 415366 or see Fr. John/Fr. Frankie.

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

CAFOD There will be a meeting of the group on Tuesday 11th November at 10am in the presbytery.

K.S.C. Council meeting Tuesday 11th November at 7.30pm in the presbytery

LADIES GROUP - **Chatsworth House** trip Wednesday 10th December. £23 which includes the entrance, coach and drivers tip. The deadline for payment is Monday 17th November. We have 5 vacant places on this trip—please see either Daphne 427912 or Janet at the presbytery 423307. **Ladies Group Committee** meeting tomorrow evening Monday 10th November at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

FESTIVE FAIRTRADE MARKET will be held on Saturday 15th November at The Grand, York Street, with stalls offering a wide selection of gifts and featuring Carol singing by local school choirs. Refreshments will also be available. See poster

CHRISTMAS MINUS ONE - remembering loved ones at Christmas, Sunday December 7th at St James. See poster in porch or christmasminusone@gmail.com

Nov 15/16	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Roberts	A & J.Marsden
Readers	C.Riley	P.Donnelly
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & H.Addy	C.Morgan, S.Smith, B.Collinson
Tea & Coffee		S.V.P.

LISTENING EAR a drop-in Coffee Bar is proposed at Clitheroe Community Church on Friday mornings. There is an information morning at the King's Centre, Millthorne Ave on Friday 21 November 10am. More info from Mark Woodward 444148

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner No 14 Christine Cartwright

PANTOMIME December 19th—see opposite page. If you would like to go please put your name on the list provided at the back of church.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE is on Saturday 6th December from 2pm—4pm. Father Christmas will be there 2pm—3pm. We need donations of things to sell, particularly bottles and homemade cakes. There will also be a pot stall and a toy stall. Bags will be available after Mass today for donations. There is a list in the porch for people requiring Christmas wreaths. Janet (Clitheroe) will be over at the Fayre with an assortment of Christmas cards, Advent Calendars and small inexpensive gifts to sell.

GRAND DRAW This years Grand Draw tickets are now available again after mass. If each family buys one book and sells one book that would be great. The first prize this year is a luxury break for 2. Please try and sell as many as you can. There will be lists in the porch for donations for draw prizes and volunteers for stalls. Please help if you can.

ST MARY'S HALL Friday Nov 14th Motown Night from 8pm with bar. Admission £5.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Christmas lights switch on Sunday Dec 7th at 6.30pm.

DEFIBILATOR Training to use the defibrillator will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday evening 19th November.

K.S.C. DANCE
Dancing to John Lancaster
Friday 14th November
at 7.30pm
Tickets £7 inc Hot Supper.
Tel 427029 or 427096