

Dear Parishioners

At the end of July, representatives of our parish **Combating Human Trafficking Group** will meet the Bishop to agree how he might best add his voice to our work.

Human trafficking is a crime against humanity that requires continued global and local cooperation between the Catholic Church and law enforcement. The twin strategies of police cracking down on the criminals behind trafficking and Church and social workers aiding victims must go together. These were the words of Pope Francis at the second international conference on human trafficking in Rome in April 2014.

In the UK, the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales and the Bakhita Initiative are putting the Pope's words into practice down to parish level. Our Parish group is a bottom up approach in the same spirit.

So how does a parish group like ours fulfil a twofold aim of aiding victims and cracking down on criminals? Firstly we work with the Medaille Trust which provides safe housing for victims rescued from trafficking. The Trust has government funding for a limited period only, after which victims will be without any form of benefit and many will become street homeless. Without charitable donations we shall fall short of the Church's aim of aiding victims. Last October we raised over £2,200 for the Medaille Trust at the Traffik Jam concert in the social centre and in the last 6 months people have taken hundreds of Medaille magazines. The magazine is free but invites readers to donate money.

Secondly we are working with the Police via parishioner DCI Sion Hall who has the lead on trafficking and child sexual exploitation in East Lancashire.

Pope Francis has said: "Every Citizen of every country must be made aware of human trafficking and join the fight against it." Through talks to adults and in schools, the Parish website, emails within the Group, and the media, we can become the eyes and ears of the Police. Major opportunities for awareness raising will arise with Ant-Slavery Week in October. For the Year of Mercy, called by Pope Francis to begin in December, our Deanery is to adopt trafficking as its Social Justice activity.

On 21 July we meet at 7.30pm in the Presbytery to formulate plans for our meeting with the Bishop later in the month. All parishioners are welcome.

Anthony and Mary Brown

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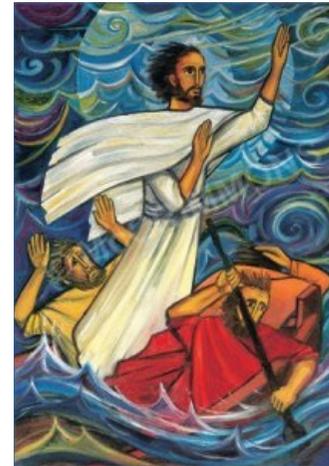
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Assistant Priest: Fr Joseph Gee

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st June 2015

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Thursday & Friday
Eucharistic Service at 9am

Saturday 27th June

Eucharistic Service 10.45am
Exposition 11am—11.55am
Reconciliation 11am—11.45am
First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am followed by Coffee **Wednesday**—No Mass

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Holy Souls, Katherine Cuddigan x 3, Carol Waterworth, Patrick Emerson x 2,
Mary Shepherd x 3, Marie Haslam, Joan Ferguson, Stephen Humphries, Vivienne Tingle

SICK

Arnold Marsden Jnr, Fr Peter Birmingham, Sally Hickling, Elaine Marsden, Carol Waterworth

LATELY DEAD

Mary Shepherd, Katherine Cuddigan, Marie Haslam, Raymond Green

ANNIVERSARIES

Joan Ferguson, Stephen Humphries.

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £700.25 Sabden £152.73 S.Orders £170.48 Many thanks
CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, or visit the website www.catholicssingles.org.uk or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING DBS clearances have begun to come through. A few glitches and some may have been 'claimed' by a different parish. Don't worry it doesn't make any difference the diocese will amend it. Don't forget to register online at www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service and please send me (Ann Harkin) a copy. anark456@aol.com

LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR Wednesday June 24th. Leaves Clitheroe Interchange at 3.15pm and returning around 10pm. Price £28.50 includes the Coach fare, Three Course meal, Entertainment and tips for drivers and waitresses. Up to now 38 people have booked, but we need a minimum of 40 to make it viable. Please note, this outing is open to all including husbands and partners. There are still 2 places available—deadline for booking is tomorrow, Monday, lunchtime

HEAD TEACHER WANTED Our Diocese has recently reviewed the situation at the Sacred Heart Primary School in Blackburn and decided that it should remain within the Trusteeship of the Diocese. The Trustees are looking to appoint an outstanding Head Teacher who is able to embrace the diversity and special nature of this Catholic School. Details on the Diocesan Website and click education vacancies or contact angela.williams@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

RIGHT TO LIFE will anyone with sponsorship money for the recent walk please put it in an envelope, clearly marked with names etc, on the collection plate. Thankyou A copy of the thankyou letter from Moira Billinge—Right to Life—can be seen in porch.

EDGES The faith and fun evenings for yr 6& 7 (10-12yrs) - Edge Nights have started up again in St Mary's Hall, York Lane, Langho 6.30pm—8pm every Wednesday evening in June. These evenings are designed to be a fun, interactive and faith-filled experience for our young people.

BIG BAND NIGHT St Augustine's Swing Band and special guests SMC Reunion Jazz Orchestra - July 4th. Tickets £6/£4. Proceeds split between CAFOD's connect2project for Ethiopia and the School Minibus Appeal. Tickets available from Music Dept and reception. Licenced Bar available. See poster in porch

S.V.P. QUARTERLY COLLECTION This will take place this weekend—Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June. Please be as generous as you can.

LAY CHAPLAIN There is a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament and St Maria Goretti schools in Preston. See notice in porch

A date for your diary—Weld Day Sunday 5th July

There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for Peter's Pence

CLITHEROE

BARBEQUE & FAMILY FUN DAY Next Saturday 27th June—Sausages and Hot Dogs; Music & Magic—Three Legged races—Tug of War—Gyroscope & Gladiators—Face Painting—Craft Making. These are just some of the activities that are going to be taking place at our sixth annual BBQ **BUT** We would greatly welcome additional volunteers for the Barbeque and Family Fun Day on Saturday 27th June—ring Nick Schumann at nick@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk or tel: 01200 423608. We also extend a warm welcome to a meeting for prayer and preparation at 7.30pm on Thursday 25th June at St James'. Shared prayer is vital as we prepare to love and serve our community. See poster in porch for all details on this event.

FOODBANK The Foodbank is currently short of sponge pudding, tinned custard, sauces (tomato or brown) and chocolate treats (inc wrapped choc biscuits). The next foodbank Tesco collection is 2-4 July—volunteers needed to help of 3rd & 4th. This involves giving out food lists, accepting and sorting food. Help for one and a half hour slots Telephone Ruth Haldane on 07849 534431 if you would like to help or info@ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk

COOKERY CLASSES Steady progress is being made on our bid to start classes in Clitheroe, but we need more volunteers for the following — cooks—washers up—collecting food from supermarkets—to name but a few. If you are interesting in this project or are willing to help in any way then why not come along to our next meeting on Monday 17th August at 7.30pm at The United Reformed Church. We would be delighted to see you and whether or not ask that you will hold this project in your prayers.

June 27/28	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	A.Harkin	J.Clegg & E.Davies
Readers	A.Harkin	P.Anwyl
Eucharistic Ministers	B.Worden & M.Preedy	E.Thomson, I.Parkes, P.Donnely
Tea and Coffee		B.Parkinson & B.Barker

ROTA'S The new rota will be compiled and distributed towards the end of next month (July). If you wish to withdraw your name from any of the tasks we would be grateful if you could let Janet know by the middle of July

PARISH DRAW will commence in September. Cost of a ticket is £20. You will be given a number which will go into the draw which will take place at the end of each month (10 months in total). If you would like a ticket then please fill in one of the blue forms that are available at the back of church with your name, address and telephone number and pop it in the box provided. Up to now we have 130 names but we still need at least another 50 people to sign up. ***Even if you have been in the draw before you still need to complete one of the slips.***

MISSIO (Red Boxes) We are asking people to check if they have a red box at home which for some reason may not have been collected for a while. Maybe you have moved house. If you have one could be ask you to bring it to church this weekend and next weekend 27/28 June. Envelopes for your donations are available in the porch along with contact details for Janet and Sion Hall. Please call us with any query you may have. As Pope Francis recently said 'By making a personal donation you are giving a part of yourself, first to the Lord and then to others, which becomes a tool for the evangelisation of humanity built on love.'

BAPTISM We welcome Una Rose O'Connor and Tristan Alexander Wood who were baptised last Saturday.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL this weeks winner no 17—M.Pilling

GARDEN PARTY the Garden Party last Saturday raised £613.58. Thankyou to all who helped and supported to make this such a great afternoon. Still some unclaimed raffle prizes. The numbers can be found on the notice board in church—please claim from the Sacristy.

ST MARY'S HALL COMMITTEE There is a meeting of the Committee on Wednesday 24th June at 7.30pm. All members are asked to attend.