

Dear Parishioners

We have been asked by the Bishop to support this survey.

In 2016, Pope Francis called Modern Slavery a 'true crime against humanity' and urged the Catholic Church to assist in the fight to eliminate it. The eradication of Modern Slavery was included in the United Nations Sustainable Development goals in 2015. As a Church we are in a privileged position as many of those exploited look to the church and come to the Church for help. In this survey we are asking you to help us identify these vulnerable communities – who they are, where they are, what they need, and what you need to support them effectively.

The Modern Slavery Act (2015) defined the crime of modern slavery as occurring when any person holds another person in slavery or servitude, or when a person requires another person to perform forced or compulsory labour. In this country there are many faces of modern slavery: people who find themselves in situations of domestic servitude; women and girls from abroad and from the UK trafficked for sexual exploitation; men and women abused by drug cartels and organized crime groups who end up in car washes, nail bars and as cleaners; and finally the thousands of people recruited from Eastern European countries who are exploited in various industrial and agricultural sectors - farming, fishing, poultry and factories. Human trafficking, more specifically, occurs when one person arranges or organises the movement of another person (within the same country or across national borders) so they can exploit or enslave that person.

Parishes and chaplaincies across the UK are asked to assist with this short survey about modern slavery. It will help the Church, via the Santa Marta Group, in gathering important data in the fight against Modern Slavery. Please go to the link below and input the password: Bakhita <https://stmarys.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/informational-survey-2017-modern-slavery>

And with another question: Should you give money to street beggars? Watch the following 6 minute video made by Fr Jim McCartney for the answer.

<http://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/video/169368ref=rss>

Fr John

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th October 2017

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday

Mass at 9.am

Funeral Service 3.15pm

Doreen Miller

Friday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (21st October)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11-11.45am

Exposition 11-11.55am First Mass of Sunday—5pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Mass at 9.15am Saturday—First Mass of Sunday at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am Wednesday – Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Carol Turner x 4, John Carpanini, Mary Regan, In thanksgiving, Private intentions, Helen Reilly, Mary Miller x 3, Holy Souls, Special Intention

SICK

Fr David Foster, John Dixon, Cliff Astin, Paul Mooney, Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor, Joe Wright

LATELY DEAD Mary Miller, Doreen Miller, Helen Reilly

ANNIVERSARIES

Carol Turner, John Carpanini

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £791.49 Sabden £179.95 Dunsop £211.70

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

REFORMATION 500! To mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, church leaders invite you to Blackburn Cathedral for a ‘Commemoration of the Reformation’ on Thursday 19 October at 2pm. See poster in porch

REFUGEES I have had an overwhelming response to my request for cosmetics and I am so thankful. I now have a good stock. Thank you for your support. I have applied for a £500 grant from the Skipton Building Society to help fund next year’s Refugee Day. Please support this on your Computer or Smartphone—go on to Skipton Building Society Grassroots Giving then CLICK on the following—Grassroots Giving 2017, then 2017 Shortlisted Groups, then Northwest, then No 59 Welcome the stranger. Scroll down and VOTE

WANTED The Caritas Mother and Baby home in Blackburn would be very grateful for donations of Babies clothing (birth to 2 years), nappies, baby wipes, toiletries etc. Please take any donations to 44 Eshton Terrace, Clitheroe. If you would like any more information then ☎ Mary O’Reilly 01200 444473

‘SOLD’ full length feature film, the harrowing story of a young girl trafficked from Nepal to Calcutta—St Michael & St John’s Parish Centre, Anti-Slavery Day Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm. Admission free though donations to the Medaille trust welcome. T register email Anthony Brown a.brown@medaille-trust.org.uk

PRO-LIFE Fifty years ago the Abortion Act was passed. Since then 8 million babies have been destroyed. The national Pro-Life groups have organised a mass rally in London on 27 October. Not suggesting we all descend on London but I urge everyone to write to their MP expressing their strong views about any liberalising of the Act. It is very likely that a private members Bill that failed due to the General Election will come before the House in the near future. The address for most of us is Nigel Evans MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Grateful thanks to all those who donated. Your generosity means that the farmers in El Salvador can plant seeds that will grow and bear fruit and so sustain their families. If you have not yet returned your envelope it can be placed in the collection basket at Mass or through the presbytery door at St Michael’s and John’s

HURST GREEN FLEAMARKET is on Sunday 29th October 2017 9am - 4pm. OLOTV Cafod Group will have a stall there. Hot and cold refreshments available all day and an opportunity for early Christmas shopping. Proceeds from our stall will go to Connect2 supporting Sebeya in Ethiopia

*There will be a retiring collection after all Masses
next weekend for Missio (APF Missions)*

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—J.Bentley **Reader** Chris Carr **Eucharistic Ministers** A.Southworth & A.Rowley **—Sun morning Welcoming—**R & F Holgate **Reader—**Marina Barrett **Euch Ministers—**H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, S.Smith **Tea & Coffee –** M.Geddes & E.Curphey **Little Church—**G.Hennigan & J.Golding

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—Christmas Tree Festival Dec 1-3 St Paul’s, Low Moor

2018 Diaries are on sale in all three churches and are 50p

AFTERNOON VARIETY SHOW Thursday 26 October 2-4pm in our Parish Hall. Tickets £5 from Social Centre, Daphne 01200 427912 or Carol 01200 426769 including refreshments. Bar available. Please see poster in porch.

PARISH DRAW First draw at the end of the month. You can now start paying your agent. If you have not had a ticket before but would like one please contact Janet 01200 423307 in the Parish Office or see one of the other agents—see poster in porch.

ARE YOU OVER 80? If you are 80 or over, living alone, and have not previously received a Christmas gift from the Mayor’s fund please phone Ann Southworth on 01200 422890 before 24 October.

TEA DANCE Wednesday 18 October 2-5pm in our Parish Centre only £4. Dancing and Afternoon Tea with homemade cakes and good company.

SEEDLINGS Baby & Toddler group every Wednesday in our Parish Hall 9.30am—11.30am £1.50 per family.

JUMBLE SALE—A Monster Jumble Sale is planned for ‘Mary’s Meals’ on 4th November. If you could help in any way or by collecting unwanted clothing Bric a Brac Betc please contact Arnold 01200 427096 More details nearer the time

DUNSOP

LITTLE DUCKLINGS The Thorneyholme Playgroup meets in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall from 1.30-3.30 every Wednesday during term time. Special story telling and music activities led by the staff are included in the sessions. All children from birth to school age are welcome. Why not come along and enjoy a friendly welcome with great activities, all in a beautiful location.

HELP NEEDED Thorneyholme School is looking for green-fingered volunteers with an hour a week to spare! We have a successful after school gardening club (1st prize at Hodder Show for 2nd year running!) but we need new leaders if we are to continue. We meet after school for an hour a week March-October, growing a wide variety of vegetables and wild flowers. You don’t need to be an expert, just enthusiastic! Please contact school 01200 448276 if you think you could help.

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning number 21. Unfortunately OLD pound coins can no longer be accepted. Please keep up to date with NEW pounds. You have to be in it to Win it!

TEA POTS We are in need of tea pots to display beautiful tea cosies being made by Carol Hartley. If you have an old teapot in your cupboard that you no longer want (preferably a four cup pot) please bring it along to church or leave with Carol or Margaret Parsons. Spare knitting needles and wool also welcome.

FLOWER FESTIVAL Opens 11am Friday with a blessing from Fr John. This is a preview day—admission £2. Saturday open 11am—5pm, Sunday after Mass approx 1pm - 5pm with an all request Songs of Praise—requests can be put in throughout the weekend. Craft Fair and Archive of the church past and present and Refreshments available in the Hall —Admission Sat & Sun £3. We still need volunteers to help on the days as well as cakes and raffle prizes.

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER every Monday 10-15am—noon, top room in the hall. All welcome to pop along for tea/coffee and biscuits and chat. Bring your own crafts if you wish and knit, **STITCH** or just natter.

FUN FITNESS & DANCE Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm. Suitable for all ages. Cost £3.50—proceeds go to hall and church funds.