

NEWSLETTER 18th October 2020
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The week ahead:-

Sunday Masses

Dunsop Bridge 12 noon Saturday

Clitheroe 5pm Saturday and 9.30am Sunday

Sabden 11am Sunday

Weekday Mass

Monday – Friday 10am Clitheroe

Wednesday 7pm Sabden

Requiem Masses this week

(Private funerals following Covid restrictions)

Peter Geldard R.I.P.

Rosemary Holden R.I.P.

Moira Hartley R.I.P.

Feasts

Monday St. Paul of the Cross

Thursday St. John Paul II

LATELY DEAD

Our prayers are asked for the following who have died recently:

Moira Hartley aged 70

Peter Geldard aged 82

Rosemary Holden aged 87

Christine Fitzpatrick aged 75

Kathleen Peters aged 84

Teresa Rawcliffe aged 83

Elizabeth Howelett aged 55

Joe Robinson aged 39

NEW BOILER at St Michael & St John's. The existing church boiler is over 20 years old and is being replaced due to its condition with two smaller boilers linked together. The new boilers are more efficient and will reduce the heating costs for the church. The work is due to take place at the end of October and will take 2 weeks at a cost of £20,586.00 including VAT.

Apologies that we have no heating at the moment at St Michael & St John's, but this is out of our control.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS The children who should have made their First Holy Communion in June have been invited to do so over the next few weeks. Both in Clitheroe and Sabden two children will receive their First Holy Communion at weekend Mass. Because of the present restrictions there can only be five other people together with each child, so different to previous plans but at least they can now receive Our Lord in Holy Communion.

LADIES GROUP UPDATE

I thought it appropriate that I update you on developments regarding the Ladies Group.

Firstly, I hope you are keeping safe and well in what strange and unprecedented times.

Following the Government's Coronavirus guide-lines the committee have not been meeting.

All planned monthly meetings are postponed until we can safely meet again. I will continue to keep members updated in due course.

Barbara Parkinson, our Speakers Secretary, has a whole list of interesting people booked to come along to entertain you when the time is right.

Please stay safe and in touch with one another. If you haven't seen or spoken to someone for a while, give them a phone call or drop them a note, to let them know you are thinking of them, as many people still have no access to the internet and will therefore not get this message.

Carol Riley (Chair). Tel: 01200 426769

In Plain Sight: How Caritas Salford is taking radical action to eradicate the hidden crime of Modern Day Slavery

(The text for this article is taken and adapted from material published by Caritas Salford for Anti-Slavery Day)

Sunday 18th October is Anti-Slavery Day which was first marked back in 2010 as a result of a Private Members Bill - the Anti-Slavery Day Act. It provides a much needed opportunity to remind everyone – government, local authorities, organisations, communities, families and individuals –

that we all have a responsibility to look for and then slot together the separate pieces of the jigsaw, to form a complete picture of human trafficking and slavery, which is happening in plain sight in every town in every country across the world today.

Pope Francis, within the first few paragraphs of his newly published encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, informs us that “*millions of people today...are deprived of freedom and forced to live in conditions akin to slavery*”; and even: “*...an abomination that goes to the length of kidnapping persons for the sake of selling their organs. Trafficking in persons and other contemporary forms of enslavement are a worldwide problem that needs to be taken seriously by humanity as a whole.*”



The Freedom bus in Blackpool in November 2019

With over 40 million people currently in slavery world-wide, it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the sheer scale of the problem. All “persons of goodwill”, to whom the Holy Father addresses his encyclical, will share concern and a sense of responsibility for the situation but many will be uncertain about how they personally can make a difference. Certainly, lockdown restrictions and social distancing measures due to the pandemic have made spotting and reporting the signs of trafficking and modern slavery even more challenging than usual.

Caritas Salford together with the Diocese of Salford have made great strides in addressing this issue across their communities and networks, starting with their own internal processes. Mark Wiggin, Director of Caritas Salford, gives us an insight here to how they have gone about it. “*Our plans are ambitious with an overall aim to free our Diocese of modern day slavery by 2025. To help us achieve this, we have adopted a policy of Spot, Respond and Support across the Diocese and Caritas’s*

services and are ensuring that staff at all levels and volunteers are trained in how to recognise the signs of human trafficking and slavery, how to report what they have observed and support the victims in overcoming their trauma as appropriate and in line with our Safeguarding Policy. This is fundamental to our commitment to combatting human trafficking and until we reach that point, to improving outcomes for the victims.”

Developing partnerships and working collaboratively is considered essential. A Modern Slavery Good Practice Auditing Tool has been created and implemented jointly by Caritas Diocese of Salford, the Greater Manchester Anti-Slavery Network led by Programme Challenger the Pan Lancashire Anti- Slavery Partnership, GM Police, statutory and non-statutory agencies, charities, faith groups and businesses. The purpose of the auditing tool which Caritas will be piloting shortly, is to assist organisations working with homeless and vulnerable people to assess how well they are progressing towards identifying and safeguarding victims of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery and where appropriate to signpost and refer victims to partner agencies who can assist with ongoing support and protection. As Pope Francis says, *“We need to ensure that our institutions are truly effective in the struggle against all these scourges.”*

The Diocese of Salford has begun the process of developing a Modern Day Slavery Statement to reflect good practice and offer a model alongside Westminster and other dioceses to develop measures to combat modern day slavery in supply chains. All public and private organisations that procure goods and services are potentially vulnerable and even though Salford Diocese may not be legally bound by new legislation the Diocese will procure from hundreds of suppliers and it is inevitable that some of these suppliers – particularly those that use agency staff - will be potential employers of trafficked labour. Finally the Freedom Bus, designed by our parishioner, Peter White, and funded by Caritas Salford will be touring towns in Lancashire on Anti-Slavery Day.

We too as private individuals must work to positively influence the ambitious target of 2025 set by Caritas and the Diocese of Salford by being observant and noticing the behaviour and demeanour of those around us and reporting it when our gut feeling tells us that something isn't right. Caritas Anti-Trafficking is a response to Pope Francis's call for Catholics and law enforcement officers around the world to join together in the fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery. Human trafficking happens here, “hidden in plain sight”, and we all have a duty to be aware and report what we see. Moreover, we are all complicit in the poverty and exploitation that fuels human trafficking as Pope Francis tells us in *Laudato Si: “In the absence of objective truths or sound principles other than the satisfaction of our own desires and*

immediate needs, what limits can be placed on human trafficking, organized crime, the drug trade, commerce in blood diamonds..."

Caritas Anti-Trafficking was inspired by an initiative in our parish of Our Lady of the Valley which works with East Lancashire Police in raising awareness and informing people what to do when they see something that doesn't look right and probably isn't. Taking the lead from this parish model, it links more widely with Greater Manchester Police, the Medaille Trust and the Santa Marta Group in Westminster. It networks with charities and groups interested in tackling modern day slavery and raises awareness within parishes, schools and groups, also offering advice, signposting and pastoral support to victims of human trafficking.

Anthony Brown (Parish Rep. Caritas DoS)

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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Clitheroe scholars' savings

Comments upon the disparity in savings at the various schools in the town were made at yesterday's meeting of Clitheroe Education Committee. The National Savings' Association reported that at the Pendle Junior School last year £32 was saved by 28 children, and at the Roman Catholic School £90 was saved by 30 members. The Ribblesdale Senior School saved £30 with 27 members on the boys' side and £12 with 15 members on the girls' side. St James's School with 60 members saved £80.

Alderman Standring said there was a big difference in the returns for the different schools. "For the life of me I cannot understand the Ribblesdale Senior School being so low in the list," he said.

The Town Clerk (Mr W.S.Weeks) said it probably depended on the way in which the system was conducted at the various schools, and whether saving was pushed or not. If the children were encouraged to vie with each other a lot would be saved. If the scheme were allowed to take care of itself there would not be much result.

The Rev. Father Kopp asked if the saving scheme were well known in the schools. At the Senior School a lot of the children came from outside the borough and they may now know of it. The scheme was greatly encouraged in the Catholic School, and the teacher in charge was very keen. It might be that the children from outside had their own savings schemes in their respective villages.

Mr A.R.Gradwell said the figures were not altogether satisfactory.

Alderman Boothman suggested that an inquiry should be made as to the disparity.

The Chairman (Councillor Satterthwaite) said it was no business of the Education Authority. All they could do was to congratulate the staffs of the Catholic and St James's Schools.

The Mayor (Councillor R Manley): "I do not believe in picking one school out against another. It is hardly fair. The children from the outlying districts instead of bringing their money to school may be purchasing certificates in their villages. The schools ought to be congratulated on the way in which they have got the money together in these hard times".

Alderman Boothman: "If we make an inquiry then we shall know whether these children from outside the borough do save at home. No harm will be done".

Alderman Standing said the two schools which had done best had the poorest class of children.

The Town Clerk said the matter was not within the province of the Education Committee. The saving was done entirely out of school work.

Alderman Boothman said the work was done voluntarily by the teachers. The report had been read publicly and it was only fair to give the headmasters of the schools with low figures an opportunity to reply. If they did not desire to do so the matter would end.

Councillor Dewhurst moved that a copy of the report be sent to each school with a letter of congratulation. If the cap fit, well and good.

Councillor Hughes seconded and the resolution was carried.

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"ALADDIN"

PRESENTATION AT FINAL PERFORMANCE AT THE HALL

There was a crowded audience at the Hall on Monday evening to witness the final performance of "Aladdin," which had been playing all week to packed houses. Owing to the indisposition of Miss Peggy Gudgeon, the part of "Aladdin" was portrayed on Monday and Tuesday by Miss Betty Wells, but on the following night, Miss Gudgeon was sufficiently recovered to take over the role. Miss Gudgeon infused grace and charm into her role and was admirably suited to the part of principal boy. Performing throughout with unflagging zeal and enthusiasm, her appearances were always welcome and the songs, "Top of the Morning", "Smile" and "Shanghai," which she sang along with the chorus, were distinctly pleasing. Roars of laughter were provoked by a trio, comprising Miss Gudgeon and Messrs. Sam Bridge and J.O'Donnell, with a humorous item, "The Old Sow," but her real triumph was scored along with Miss Joan Wells with a charming rendition of "Who are we to say." Their voices blended perfectly, and a storm of applause greeted the close of the number.

At the conclusion of the performance Miss Betty Wells appeared on the stage, and Miss Marie Gudgeon presented her with two boxes of chocolates, one from the whole company, for her splendid performance when deputising for Miss Gudgeon, and one from the chorus girls as an appreciation of her work in teaching the dances. Miss Joan Wells was also the recipient of a box of chocolates from the male members of the "Walking Stick" number, but this presentation was made back-stage.

Another of the pantomimes at the Hall is now but a memory, but this talented company, enriched by experience gained at this and "pantos." Of other years can look forward with confidence to the staging of many more successes.
