

New items and information

St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church Garstang and Calder Vale

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12th / 13th November 2016

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



"The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place." (Jeremiah 29:11,12,14)

Youth Sunday – Next weekend, 20th November, is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is also Youth Day, and there will be a special collection for Youth Services.

Whist & Dominoes – The next session is this Monday, 14th November, from 2 pm – 4 pm in the Plessington Chapel. What better way to while away a Monday afternoon in winter? Come and have some fun!!

Parish Prayer Group – The next meeting will be this Tuesday, 15th November, after 7.00 pm Mass, in the Plessington Chapel. All welcome.

Friends of Chivuna – The minutes of the meeting of 4th November are now available for collection.

CAFOD – We have had a letter from Chris Funnell, Head of Supporter Donations at CAFOD, thanking us for the £714.12 raised as a result of Harvest Fast Day. If you would like to read it, the letter is on the notice board at the back of church.

Did you know....when Hurricane Matthew devastated Haiti, CAFOD pledged £75,000 to support the vital humanitarian relief efforts of our Caritas partners? The UN estimated that around 900 people died and 350,000 were in need of life-saving emergency aid. Haiti already has a very fragile sanitation infrastructure, and faces an increase in waterborne diseases because wells, springs and latrines have been destroyed. We must do everything we can to stop cholera from spreading like wildfire. The Haitian people have shown an amazing resilience, but they will need a lot of support in the coming year to recover.

The Living Word 3 – Encounter the Living God through scripture. *During this weekend we will be exploring the power and purpose of the Gospels.* Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th November. Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU. Donation only event. To book, or for more information, www.coretlumenchristi.org, stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org, Tel: 01697 345 623 or 07516 075 896.

Previously Published Items

RCIA/Journey in Faith 2016 – 2017 The Journey in Faith meetings have started again. The next meeting is this Thursday, 17th November beginning at 7.30 pm. If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, or in becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr Tom (Tel: 01995 602164) or Elizabeth Horn (Tel. 01995 602024) for further information.

Parish Draw – Did you know that every month you can have the opportunity to win up to £80 in our Parish Draw? We have plenty of numbers still available. In December we hold an additional special Christmas draw with a chance to win £100. Funds raised from the draw go to support our Parish. If you are interested in taking a number and supporting our church in a small way, please contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon. (tel. 604292) Numbers will be £9.50 (pro rata up to March 2017, then £20 per year thereafter). Pay by cash, cheque, or set up a standing order.

Date for your diary – Hummingbirds Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday, 4th December, from 11 am. **Raffle tickets** will be on sale from this weekend, 12th/13th November.

Wrestling with the Parables – The next session will be next Tuesday, 15th November, from 7 – 8 pm at the Education Centre, Lancaster. “Reflection on The Parables of Judgement.” The final session will be on Tuesday, 22nd November. All welcome. Please bring a bible.

Traidcraft for Chivuna – Thank you very much to all who placed orders through the Traidcraft catalogue. The discount we received from Traidcraft through our Fair Trader account on these orders, and orders placed over the summer, means we are able to give £214.12 to the Friends of Chivuna. This amount has been passed on to them for the clinic.

Helen Spencer

“The Art of Dying Well” is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. It will launch in November – the traditional month of remembering and praying for the dead.

www.artofdyingwell.org. There are prayer cards at the back of church; help yourself.

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 20th November can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of George Thomas Singleton who died last Sunday, 6th November, and whose Funeral Mass will take place next Thursday, 17th November, at 10.45 am, followed by committal at Preston Crematorium at 12.40 pm; and **William Potter** who died recently, and whose Funeral Service will take place at 11 am on Friday, 18th November, followed by burial in our churchyard. *May they rest in peace.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: William Helme, Margaret Dilworth, John Cookson, George Gidlow, William E Barton, Imelda Newsham, Barbara Berry, Mary Coope, Peter Cole, Madge Holliday, John Francis Rigby, Stephanie McDonald and Tony Hickey. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Christine Cobain; John Holland, Ros Drake; Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Allan Whipp, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy (5 years old, his family thank you for your prayers; he still can't see, only shadows, but walking a little; still no diagnosis), Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Chris O'Connor, Craig Smith, Leo Rabbett, Anne Walmsley, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, John Sweeney, Rod Pearson, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Ewan (he has responded well to brain tumour treatment, even able to move up to secondary school this year. The family appreciates your prayers and asks that they continue as he is not out of the woods yet), Phillip, John Fairey, Pat Hickey, Sheila Murphy, Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes, Antonio Dilao, Bernadette O'Neill, John Ashcroft, Margaret Shepherd, Christine, Peter Holland, Ian Moran, Tony Winstanley, Alyson, Michael Hendry, Christopher Simpson, Auntie Sophie, Christopher Brown, Simon Thompson, Sheila Cookson, Francisca Rainford and Alison Green. *(When people whose names are on this sick list have recovered their health, please let us know.)*

Response to the psalm at the 10 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 12th – Sunday 20th November 2016

Sat	12 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Eddie Cunney (2 nd Anniversary)
Sun	13 th	10.00 am	A Newly Married Couple
Mon	14 th	No Mass	
Tue	15 th	12.15 pm	Mass for Deceased Clergy (at the Cathedral)
		7.00 pm	Holy Souls
Wed	16 th	7.00 pm	George Gidlow
Thurs	17 th	10.45 am	George Thomas Singleton Funeral Mass
Fri	18 th	9.30 am	Peter Ibison
		11.00 am	Funeral Service for William Potter
Sat	19 th	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Dennis Vincent Wilkes
Sun	20 th	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	16 th	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	18 th	10 – 10.30 am	Exposition
Sat	19 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	13 th	33 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Remembrance Sunday)
Tues	15 th	St Albert the Great (Bishop & Doctor)
Wed	16 th	St Edmund of Abingdon (Bishop); St Gertrude (Virgin); St Margaret of Scotland
Thurs	17 th	St Hilda (Abbess); St Hugh of Lincoln (Bishop); St Elizabeth of Hungary
Fri	18 th	Dedication of the Basilicas – Sts Peter & Paul
Sat	19 th	The Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun	20 th	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Youth Day)

Meetings this Week:

Mon	14 th	2 pm – 4 pm	Whist & Dominoes (Plessington Chapel)
Tues	15 th	7.30 pm	Parish Prayer Group
Wed	16 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	17 th	4.00 pm	Liturgy & Spirituality
		7.30 pm	Journey in Faith

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	6 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 110	Children: 8	
		10.00 am	Adults: 129	Children: 13	Total: 260

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,041.62; Catenian Mass: £202.40; Votive Lights: £46.20; Shop: £70; Cemetery: £30; Postcards: £1.60. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in November at Garstang United Reformed Church.