

## New items and information

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

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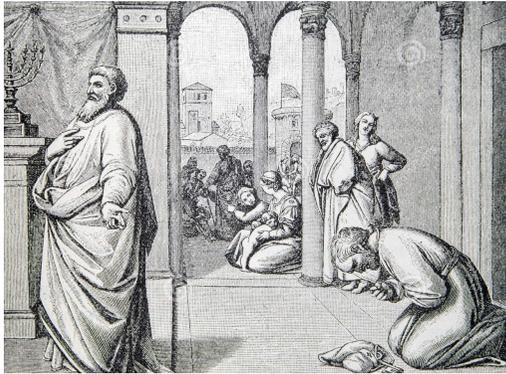
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22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

World Mission Sunday

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



We shouldn't be too harsh on the villain of today's Gospel, as I'm sure Catholics have a bit of Pharisee in their DNA. The Pharisees were basically good religious people, a 'reformed' sect of Judaism who, unlike the Sadducees, believed in things like angels and everlasting life. Their problem was that, for them, religion was very formal and salvation depended on dressing in a certain way, eating in a certain way, and living according to a set of visible rules. At

one time Catholics believed that only they would be saved, (other denominations believed exactly the same) because only their lifestyle and worship was acceptable to Almighty God.

In Jesus' time of course, it was outwardly obvious if you were a sinner – you were poor, the fault of you or your parents; you worked in certain trades which involved contact with non-Jews, or which involved working on the Sabbath – Pharisees, of course, did none of these things, and I suspect that our Pharisee was wondering why the tax collector was let into the Temple at all. I remember a non-catholic who came in to pray here was chased back to his own church.

Jesus says no, your position in life, your job, your contact with 'the unclean' don't matter. It's the right frame of mind which is important. We may look at the state of the world and think "they're all going to hell in a handcart", but St James' letter tells us there is only one Judge, and it's not for us to pass a verdict on our neighbour. The Pharisee may have been doing his best to get to heaven, (he probably believed that he deserved it) but he had no sympathy that others were doing their best too.

If we sometimes get tempted to think that a lot of people, who are not like us, are not going to be saved, let us take a dose of humility and imagine they may be making their way to heaven before us.

*D'Arcy*

CAFOD/Chivuna Cake and Craft Stall will be held in the Plessington Chapel after both Masses this weekend. *Please come and support us – spend your money!!*

Today is World Mission Sunday – Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries, like those in Rwanda, as they share God's mercy and love with those who are suffering. The World Mission Sunday collection will support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and the Gospel message of dignity for all. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. *Thank you.*

A Massive Thank You to everyone who helped and supported, in any way, the Coffee Morning which was held in aid of Macmillan at the Kenlis Arms. Together with the coffee morning here at SSMM, an exceedingly impressive **£2,247.96** was raised and has been sent to Macmillan. *Alice Oxy.*

CAFOD Fast Day – Thank you to everyone who took part in the Fast Day collection. A total of £514.12 was raised.

Parish Draw – Thank you to everyone who takes part in the Parish Draw. £1,300 has been raised towards church funds. Congratulations to Louise Catterall and Mary Beesley for being our October winners. For all enquiries about the Parish Draw, please contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon on 01995 604 292.

British Summertime Ends NEXT weekend – Do not forget to put your clocks back NEXT Saturday night – An extra hour in bed on Sunday morning!! Hurrah!

RCIA/Journey in Faith 2016-2017 The Journey in Faith meetings will begin again very shortly, and there will be a meeting this coming Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, at 7.15 for the core group, to plan the programme. If you know of anyone who is interested in the Catholic Church and in finding out more about it, or if you are interested yourself in becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr Tom (Tel: 01995 602164) or Elizabeth Horn (Tel. 01995 602024) for further information.

Proclaiming the mercy of God: a CAFOD retreat – This opportunity to take time out from everyday life to feel refreshed and renewed is for campaigners and those interested in CAFOD's work. You will have chance to

-Reflect on God's mercy through Scriptures and Church teaching.

-Feel uplifted by the stories and hopes of people living in poverty.

-Listen to and learn from fellow CAFOD campaigners in peaceful surroundings.

Free of charge, refreshments provided: Saturday 26th November, Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Hall, 4 Marlborough Drive, Fulwood, PR2 9UE.

Booking would be very much appreciated: please visit [cafod.org.uk/retreat](http://cafod.org.uk/retreat) or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you.

Year of Mercy – Youth Vigil – There will be an event at Lancaster Cathedral on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm. This is an opportunity to pass through the Holy Door and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, with catechesis, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship and an opportunity to meet other young people. All are welcome and it's FREE! Tell us you're coming:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/610457189126097/> See poster at back of church.

The Living Word 3 – Encounter the Living God through Sacred Scripture. *During this weekend we will be exploring the power and purpose of the Gospels.* Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> –

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU. DONATION ONLY EVENT. To book, or for more information, visit [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org) or email [stcuthberts@coretlumentchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumentchristi.org) or tel: 01697 345 623 or 07716 075 896.

### Previously Published Items

**Give as you live** – for those of you who shop on line, downloading this app allows your chosen charity to receive a percentage of what you spend with major retailers, at no extra cost to you. There are thousands of charities to choose from both large and small. from Missio, CAFOD, SVP, Cenacolo Community UK, Aid to the Church in Need, to the CWL of England and Wales, etc, etc.

**Train to Teach locally with the Catholic Teaching Alliance** – are you interested in training to be a teacher in our Catholic schools? We are recruiting now, find out more at [www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org](http://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org) or contact us via email at [ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) or by telephone 01772 326931

**Wednesday Word** for the weekend Mass of 30<sup>th</sup> October can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of** Peter Ibison who died on Tuesday. His Funeral Mass will be held here on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, at 12 noon. ***May he rest in peace.***

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** Canon Arthur Fleming, Margaret Hargreaves, Harold Rawlinson, Agnes Thompson, Frank Newsham, Conrad Christian Maule, Ellen Ormerod, Mary Pemberton, Violet Walmsley, Ann Helena Grayston, Agnes Dixon, Ann Harwood, Tony Moreland and Peggy Hodgson. ***May they rest in peace.***

**We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including:** Ros Drake; Judith; Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Allan Whipp, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy (5 yrs old, suddenly gone blind and paralysed), 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 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Austin O'Malley (Lately Dead)
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Judith (Very Sick)
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	In Honour of the Sacred Heart
Thurs	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Deceased Clergy of this Parish
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12 noon</b>	The McLister Family
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Brian Hargreaves
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Maurice Iddon

### Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Exposition
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

### Special Days this week:

Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	St Anthony Mary Claret (Bishop)
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	Sts Chad & Cedd (Bishops)
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	STS SIMON & JUDE (Apostles)
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	The Blessed Virgin Mary

### Meetings this Week:

Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	27 <sup>th</sup>	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith (Core Group)

### Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 121	Children: 5	
		10.00 am	Adults: 132	Children: 24	Total: 282

### Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,112.85; Parish Draw: £1,300; Votive Lights: £41.80; Shop: £25; Tea Money: £50. ***Many thanks to you all.***

### Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in October at Garstang Methodist Church.

