

New items and information

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

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



Look at Zacchaeus, who climbed up a tree in his desire to see our Saviour. He was filled with gladness and deeply touched with a special grace. He gladly received Christ, and said “...I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody, I will pay him back four times the amount...”

It is good always to be doing some good thing right now, while we are thinking about it. When we do this, grace more solidly takes hold in us, and it also increases, so that we can then go on to do some other good thing.

St Thomas More

This Tuesday we celebrate All Saints' Day. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on Monday evening, Vigil, at 7 pm; Tuesday morning at 9.30 am.

World Mission Sunday – Thank You – Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations (£238.70) will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel and help heal the broken-hearted. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please visit missio.org.uk, or call 02078 219 755.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2016 – Thank you for your prayers for those of us who went on the parish pilgrimage in September. It was a great experience from which we felt we have received many blessings. We took all your petitions and requests for candles and prayers to the Grotto, and we obtained a large candle for the parish which we lit together and placed there. There will shortly be photographs put on the website and some will be posted on the notice board at the back of church.

This weekend there is a special collection for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

Monthly Coffee Morning – Goodness, gracious! The nights are getting longer, and the days are getting shorter; winter is almost upon us! But are we downhearted? No! We are not! Because it's that time of the month again – when we can get together with friends, have a brew, cakes and biscuits, a chat, and a laugh! Everyone is welcome to come along to the Plessington Chapel next Wednesday, from 10 am to 12 noon. Bring a friend!

Thank you to everyone who supported the CAFOD/Chivuna cake and craft stalls last Sunday – to the bakers, artists, and craftspeople, and to everyone who spent generously. A wonderful £400 was raised to split between CAFOD and Chivuna. **Thank you.**

Friends of Chivuna – The next meeting is next Friday, 4th November, at 7.30 pm in the Plessington Chapel, preceded by Mass at 7.00 pm.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Next weekend, 5th / 6th November, there will be a special collection for the SVP.

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, come and see Trish & Kev O'Hanlon at the back of church on Saturday 5th or Sunday 6th November. 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.

Women together in the Diocese of Lancaster are holding their Annual Advent Day on Saturday, 19th November at Our Lady & St Edward's Social Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood, Preston, from 10 am – 3 pm. The theme is “Is there any Room” (Can we live up to the Pope's call to welcome Refugees), and the speaker is Father Hugh Pollock. Further information can be had from Sue Gornall on 01772 715 495 or email

suegoegornall@aol.com. See poster at back of church.

Readers' Workshop – The Office for the New Evangelisation will be offering a Formation Workshop for Readers, led by Fr John Millar, on Saturday, 3rd December 2016, at New Waterton Hall, Warwick Square, Carlisle, from 11.00 am – 2.30 pm. For further information, see poster at the back of church or email Fr John Millar at lancasternewevang@gmail.com.

Previously Published Items

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, 27th 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.

Year of Mercy – Youth Vigil – There will be an event at Lancaster Cathedral on Friday 4th 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.

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.

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 6th November can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Tony Moreland, Peggy Hodgson, Ignatius Bullen, William Stopforth, Lawrence Lord, Dorothy Robertson, Cath Morris, Alfred Leigh, Jessie Horn, Molly Taylor, May Dilworth, Rose Parker, Edwin Ball and William Critchley. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: John Holland, Ros Drake; 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 29th October – Sunday 6th November 2016

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| Sat | 29 th | 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Brian Hargreaves |
| Sun | 30 th | 10.00 am | Maurice Iddon |
| Mon | 31 st | 7.00 pm(Vigil) | All Our Parishioners |
| Tue | 1 st Nov | 9.30 am | Deceased Members of the Broughton Catholic Charitable Association |
| Wed | 2 nd | 7.00 pm | Sisters Elizabeth, Paula, Raphael & Josefa |
| Thurs | 3 rd | 9.30 am | Mary Greaves |
| Fri | 4 th | 7.00 pm | Chivuna – Canon O'Dwyer |
| Sat | 5 th | 9.30 am | LISCF |
| | | 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Violet Walmsley |
| Sun | 6 th | 10.00 am | Robert Richmond |
| | | 4.00 pm | Catenian Mass for Deceased Brothers |

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

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| Wed | 2 nd | 6.45 pm | Rosary |
| Fri | 4 th | 10 – 10.30 am | Exposition |
| Sat | 5 th | 10 – 10.30 am | Confessions |

Special Days this week:

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| Sun | 30 th | THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| Tues | 1 st Nov | ALL SAINTS' DAY (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| Wed | 2 nd | ALL SOULS |
| Thurs | 3 rd | St Winefride, St Martin de Porres |
| Fri | 4 th | St Charles Borromeo |
| Sat | 5 th | The Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Sun | 6 th | THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |

Meetings this Week:

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| Wed | 2 nd | 10 am – 12 noon | Monthly Coffee Morning (Plessington Chapel) |
| | | 7.30 pm | Choir Practice |
| Fri | 4 th | 7.30 pm | Friends of Chivuna |

Last Week's Attendance:

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| Sun | 23 rd | 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Adults: 130 | Children: 8 | | |
| | | 10.00 am | Adults: 120 | Children: 25 | Total: 283 | |

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,086.10; A B Grace Trust: £1,500; Votive Lights: £45.50; Shop: £40; Special Collection (Mission Sunday): £238.70; CAFOD (Harvest Fast Day): £514.12; CAFOD (Stalls): £200. *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.

News from the architect – The roof works are well underway currently with a lot of the leadwork and repairs to the central valley complete. The contractors have re-slatted the North Nave and South Aisle Roof planes apart from the final few courses which are being left off so they can be tied into the ridge detail. The North Aisle is currently being re-slatted and should be complete by the end of this week. The South Nave has been stripped and felted, however the slates are in a poor condition and the majority will require replacing. Despite the weather, the contractor is confident that works will be on programme for a completion of 19th December 2016. You should start seeing the scaffolding being removed after the 9th December as the contractors work their way down the Church installing the rain water down pipes.