

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

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3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (YEAR A)



*“The wolf lives with the lamb...”*

#### New items and information

**Hummingbirds Christmas Fair** – You are warmly invited to join us at Hummingbirds' Christmas Fair in the Social Centre which will be held this Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, after the 10 am Mass. Admission £1 to include tea or coffee. (Note: there will be no tea/coffee in the Plessington Chapel after Mass.) If you still want **Raffle tickets**, these can be obtained at the Fair.

**Journey in Faith – Rite of Acceptance** – This weekend, during the 10 am Mass, the Rite of Acceptance will take place, during which our candidate, Rod MacBain, will be presented to the parish. Your prayers and support will be appreciated for Rod and his family, as he takes this step on the journey towards reception into full Communion with the Church at Easter. Thank you.

**John Sweeney's Funeral Service** will take place this Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, at 1.30 pm.

**Monthly Coffee Morning** – The last one before Christmas! We know you will all be asking – “Oh no! Where has the year gone?” – well, you will be able to talk about that

and so much more with friends old and new next Wednesday morning, 7<sup>th</sup> December, from 10 am – 12 noon, while enjoying a brew and cake and biscuits! ***Everyone is welcome.***  
**Stars at Christmas 2016** – Our thoughts at Christmas inevitably involve the people we have loved but sadly have lost. For some years it has been the custom in our parish to hang stars in church, marked individually with the name or names of those dear to us, so that they can be the focus of our prayers at this special time. There is no charge for the stars, but should you care to make a charitable donation – say 50p – it would, as always, help to support the poor people of Chivuna in Zambia. Stars will be available on the weekends commencing 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**CAFOD Online Interactive Advent Calendar** – Visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk), then on the homepage under Get Involved Today, click on Advent Calendar. There are also calendars for young people and primary age on the website.

**Lancaster Diocesan Faith & Justice Commission** – If anyone would like to read the latest newsletter issued by our local F & J office, please see <http://tinyurl.com/zdetekr>. This contains “An Examination of Conscience on the Works of Mercy by Pope Francis”, and a report on Sr Annie Demerjian of Aleppo's recent visit to Lancaster, speaking for Aid to the Church in Need, amongst many other interesting articles, prayers and actions. To previous newsletters, please visit: <http://www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/newsletter/>. If you wish, you can sign up for regular emails.

**Cenacolo** – For those of you who may not know, this is a community of young men recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. The community lives just north of Kendal. It relies on God's providence for all its needs. Three years ago, our Parish very generously raised just over £1,000 for Cenacolo, and with this fund every six weeks, Pat and Jim Costain have been taking fresh food up to the community. The money has now come to an end, and Father Tom has said that a second collection after Mass on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December can be set aside for Cenacolo. Also, we are hoping that at least one of the young men will be testifying during those Masses. Thank you very much. For further information ring Pat and Jim on 01995 605 793.

**Fiona Catterall - Thanks** – Fiona and her family thank all who have prayed for her since Good Friday. She is progressing well, but still has a long way to go. A Mass will soon be offered for you all.

**Did you know....**around the world, 48% of the people living with HIV do not have access to the treatment they need? If we want to see the end of AIDS by 2030, we need to make sure we reach these people, who are often the poorest and most marginalised within their communities. CAFOD's partner's support people by providing testing services in remote areas, and by reducing HIV-related stigma and discrimination through workshops and training – a very successful stigma reduction programme with faith leaders from all faiths.

**June Baker Concert** – This will be held at St Helen's Church, Churchtown, at 7.30 pm on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

**Syrian Appeal** – A HUGE thank you to everyone who responded so well to the appeal. We took 9 car-loads of goods to Morecambe over the week, and it's amazing how much you can get into a Polo if you really try! At a very rough estimate, we must have had well over 300 bags! Thanks to Peter Brown and Dave Woodhead for their help in transporting. Sylvia, who is organising and packing the container, was thrilled and is now working hard with her helpers to get it all sorted and packed. She was delighted with the £340 of donations which will help to buy hot water bottles for the refugees living in tents in Lebanon at -2°C overnight! *Anne & Frank Miller*

### Previously Published Items

**CAFOD – Recycling of Print Cartridges & Old (Costume) Jewellery** – There is a clear plastic box at the back of church for your contributions. *Thank you.*

**St Vincent de Paul Society** – The SVP has launched its Christmas Time Appeal. We are asking parishioners to help others by joining the parish SVP group. As you plan your Christmas celebrations, please give a thought for those who dread the festive season. For many it's a time of profound loneliness and solitude, while for others it means not being able to afford the family presents or the delicious food that many of us take for granted. But giving a little time or money (or both) to help those in need could transform someone's bleak Christmas. *To find out how to join, or to make a donation, please contact Marie Pearson or Helen Forshaw (01995 603 944). Thank you.*

**Farmers Christmas Concert 2016** – This will be held at Lancaster Auction Mart, Wyresdale Road, Lancaster, LA1 3JQ, on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm. Tickets available from the Livestock Office, Lancaster, or contact either 01524 791 090 or 01524 791 506. Supports Farming Community Network and Wyresdale Children's Home, India.

**Castlerigg – Youth at the Manor** – An Advent Retreat Weekend is being held at Castlerigg from 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December, for young people, Year 9+. If you are interested, the booking form is on their website: [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events) or email [Patricia@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:Patricia@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or phone 01768 772 711. See poster at back of church.

**Wednesday Word** for the weekend Mass of 11<sup>th</sup> December can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** May Ball, James Aloysius Horn, William Morrison, Robert Bilsborrow, Mary Bilsborrow, Lucy Walmsley, Richard Noel Bamber, William Norman Nixon, Winifred Storey, John Skillen, Marie McGrath, Thomas Moxham and Catherine Mary Andrews. *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), Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Craig Smith, Leo Rabbett, Anne Walmsley, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Bill and Nellie Bateson
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Maureen Ingleby (Birthday Memories)
Mon	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tue	6 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	A Special Intention for the Bolton & Fisher Families
		1.30 pm	Funeral Service of John Sweeney
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	The Smith Family
Thurs	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 pm	The Spencer Family
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Cathie Cadden
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Ignatius and Agnes Bullen
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Ann Elizabeth Nugent

### Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Exposition
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

### Special Days this week:

Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Thurs	8 <sup>th</sup>	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	St John Diego Cuahtlatzoatzin
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Meetings this Week:

Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Monthly Coffee Morning
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Journey in Faith

### Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 117	Children: 4	
		10.00 am	Adults: 182	Children: 80	Total: 383

### Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,135.35; Votive Lights: £35.20; Shop: £40; Poor Missions Special Collection: £190. *Many thanks to you all.*

### Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in December here at SS Mary & Michael's

### Hymns at 6.00 pm Vigil:

Entrance:	112	O come, O come Emanuel
Offertory:	113	The Angel Gabriel
Recess:	907	Abide with me

### Hymns at 10.00 am Mass:

Entrance:	94	On Jordan's bank
Offertory:	607	Let all mortal (vv 1,2)
Communion: 1)	113	The Angel Gabriel
2)	84	Like a Sea without..
Agnus Dei	611a	
Recess:	749	Servant King