

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

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



*As with gladness, men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most glorious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee*

New items and information

A Message from Father Tom

Thank you all for your kind good wishes, cards and gifts at Christmas – I am most grateful.

Thank you, also, to all those who work tirelessly for the parish – often very quietly and behind the scenes. Normally, I would list those who work in the parish, but there are so many people here doing so much, it would be impossible to thank you all individually – thank you all for all you do.

CAFOD – This weekend there will be a special collection for Yemen and Syria after both Masses. This is at the request of some parishioners; it is not an official collection, but it was thought to be the best way of helping the refugees in very difficult circumstances.

Journey in Faith – The next meeting will be held next Thursday, 12th January 2017.

St Vincent de Paul Society: The next meeting will be held on Monday, 16th January 2017 at 2 Brooklands Drive starting at 7.30 p.m. If you would like to know more about the work of the SVP do come along - you will be made very welcome, or contact Helen Forshaw on 01995 603944. If you have any items for the Agenda, please contact Pat Costain on 01995 605793. Conference's special thanks go to parishioners who so generously supported our local work over the Christmas period.

Next Weekend there will be a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Columban. The Missionary Priest will preside at both Masses as Father Tom is on leave.

Burns Night Ceilidh – 21st January, 7.30 pm at Kirkland Village Hall, Haggis and Hotpot supper, Bring your own drinks, dancing to “Striding Edge”. Tickets are £20, available from Debbie and Paul McCann (tel 601354) or Helen Whittaker. Proceeds will go to North West Children’s Support Group.

Jesuit Refugee Service. – JRS-UK provides advocacy and practical assistance to refugees and asylum seekers, responding to the individual’s needs, whether they find themselves destitute or detained under immigration rules. Those who come to JRS are often struggling with homelessness or hunger, surviving without cash whilst dealing with stress or trauma due to their experience of destitution and the uncertainties of their situation, as well as isolation and separation from family back home. Walking humbly alongside forced migrants lies at the heart of the JRS mission, based on the belief that encounter, mutual relationship and community are fundamental to human flourishing; the solid foundation upon which to support and assist, in practical ways, those who seek refuge in the UK. For more info see www.jrsuk.net, and the "Faith and Justice" board in the crèche area at the back of Church.

Red Mission Boxes – These have now been emptied, and are at the back of church ready for collecting. Please will you also pick up a *free* 2017 calendar. (Help yourself, even if you do not have a mission box.)

Previously Published Items

Catenian Rosary Appeal for the Missions – The Catenian Rosary Group is appealing for rosaries for the missions. If you have any rosaries you could donate, please bring them to the presbytery; we will see that they get passed on to the right people.

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 15th January can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Mary Alexander Kenyon, Gerard Swarbrick, Vincent Parker, Mary Dickinson, John Finlay, Peter Winstanley Jane Greenall, Beryl Bellamy, Marina Poulton, Monica Elder-Woodward, James Wilson, Winifred Kavanagh and Paul Haslehurst. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Neil Edmondson, 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.)*

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



Response to the Psalm at 10.00 am Mass :

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 7th – Sunday 15th January 2017

Sat	7 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Sheila Richardson (Anniversary)
Sun	8 th	10.00 am	Joan Preston
Mon	9 th	}	
Tue	10 th	}	
Wed	11 th	}	No Mass
Thurs	12 th	}	
Fri	13 th	}	
Sat	14 th	}	
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Ignatius and Agnes Bullen
Sun	15 th	10.00 am	Chris O'Connor

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

None.

Special Days this week:

Sun	8 th	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Mon	9 th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Thurs	12 th	St Aelred of Rievaulx (abbot)
Fri	13 th	St Kentigern (bishop); St Hilary (bishop & doctor)

Meetings next Week:

Wed	11 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	12 th	7.30 pm	Journey in Faith

Last Two Weeks' Attendance:

Sun	25 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 350	Children: 130
		Midnight	Adults: 125	Children: 19
		10.00 am	Adults: 78	Children: 6 Total: 708
Sun	1 st Jan	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 127	Children: 7
		10 am	Adults: 98	Children: 15 Total: 247

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders) for 1st Jan: £1,093.05; Church: £273.42; Votive Lights: £45.80; Tea Money: £45. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in January at St Thomas's.