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Garstang and Calder Vale

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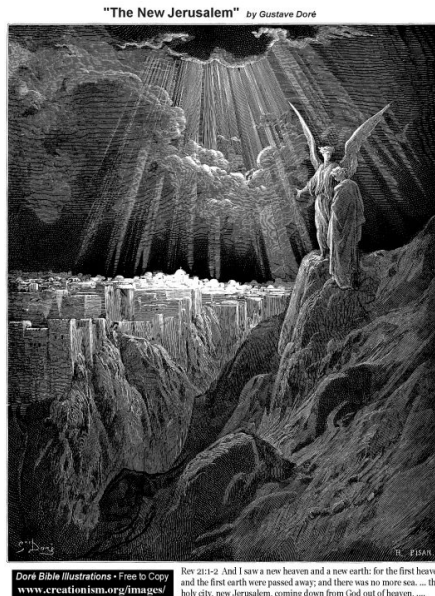
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**30<sup>th</sup> April / 1<sup>st</sup> May April 2016**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**



At the Last Supper, Jesus made a promise to his disciples: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him." This is all we need to be happy. Paul and Barnabas "dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" in order to keep and to identify with Christ's word in every dimension of their lives.

God acknowledges such dedication by ordaining that the names of the twelve Apostles be inscribed on the twelve foundation stones on which the city walls of the heavenly Jerusalem stand. The same is offered to us, when we refuse to let our hearts be troubled, but cling instead to the name of Christ.

**New items and information**

**St Vincent de Paul Society** – This weekend there is a second collection for our SVP. Please be as generous as you are able; the work they do is invaluable.

**First Holy Communions** – Rehearsal is next Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, at 10.15 am. Please pray for our children who are making their First Holy Communion next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, at the 10 am Mass.

**Friends of Chivuna** – The next meeting is on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm, preceded by Mass at 7.00 pm.

**Monthly Coffee Morning** – Hurrah! Let the snow fall, the Arctic winds blow, but the warmth of the welcome you'll get in the Plessington Chapel next **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, from 10 am – 12 noon**, will make up for it all! Please do come along – there are cakes, teas and coffees, friends, potential friends, and comfortable chat! *Everyone is welcome!*

**It's Bluebell Time again at Calder Vale.** Lunches/Teas will be served in the Village Hall every Sunday in May (five Sundays) from 12 noon – 5.00 pm. Bedding plants, rhubarb, free-range eggs, jams/preserves, candles etc are on sale, along with our delicious home-made soup/sandwiches and cakes. We look forward to seeing everyone again. Thank you for your continued support. *Brenda Price.*

**A Gift-Aid Tax Reclaim** will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify me if you are no longer a tax payer, or you paid insufficient tax during 2015/16 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under gift aid to all charities during the tax year. At the present rate of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated. *Helena Rigby (605311)*

**Did you know...** Sicilian carpenter Francesco Tuccio made wooden crosses from the wreckage of a boat carrying refugees that sank off the island of Lampedusa? His crosses were offered to survivors as a sign of hope. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis invites us all to make a pilgrimage. *The Lampedusa Cross* is a CAFOD resource to inspire you to celebrate the Year of Mercy in your parish or community. It can take place as an outdoor walk, or in a venue such as a parish or school hall. It's a way for us to show solidarity with all those fleeing war, poverty and persecution in our world. For more information visit [www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Year-of-Mercy](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Year-of-Mercy).

**Lancaster Deanery Year of Mercy Pilgrimage** to the Holy Door at Lancaster Cathedral next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016, beginning with Mass at the Cathedral (optional) and continuing with the walk to the Martyrs Memorial where the Pilgrimage Service begins at 1 pm. There will then be a procession to, and through, the Holy Door at the Cathedral whilst reciting the Rosary. There will be Exposition, the possibility of Individual Confession, prayers for our Holy Father's intentions and finishing with Benediction.

***Everyone is welcome to attend.***

**VMM Appeal** – We have had a thank-you letter from the Voluntary Mission Movement, thanking us for the donation of £491.75 which was collected by our parish. The letter will be displayed on the notice board at the back of church.

**Previously Published Items**

**Chivuna** – This weekend, 30<sup>th</sup> April/1<sup>st</sup> May and next weekend, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May, we will be again asking our Parishioners if they would like the chance of owning an etching given by an award-winning Lakeland artist, Barbra Cropper. Its value is approximately £250. It is

to be raffled by means of paying £1 to the charity and then choosing a number from 1 – 250. Our artist friend will have chosen the winning number, which is unknown to us until all the numbers have (hopefully) been sold – then the announcement will be made after Sunday Mass on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please support this venture – we can assure you that the money raised will greatly assist our friends in Chivuna in many ways. *Thank you for your ongoing support.*

**Youth Service – Castlerigg** – From Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at Castlerigg Manor, there is a retreat available for all families. The weekend provides a great opportunity for families to be together, share with each other and with other families, and draw closer to God. Family discounts are available. There is a booking form and more information on the website [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events/keswick/family](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events/keswick/family). There is a poster at the back of church.

**The Wednesday Word** to help prepare for the weekend Mass of 8<sup>th</sup> May, can be found on yellow paper at the back of church. *Please help yourself.*

***Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:*** Jane Rossall, Sarah Banks, Robert Pegg, Fr A Richardson, Monica Hargreaves, Fr Edward Bilsborrow, Emma Seery, Tom Cassidy, Teresa Topping, Fred Garvey, Teresa Garner, James Pedder, Winifrid Bilsborrow, Stephen Richardson and Henry Banks. *May they rest in peace.*

***We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including:*** Anne Walmsley, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, John Towers, John Sweeney, Rita Whittaker, Rod Pearson, Peter Ibison, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Thomas Lowe (Bert's brother), Ewan (an 11 year old boy undergoing treatment for a brain tumour), Phillip, John Fairey, Pat Hickey, Maurice Iddon, Sheila Murphy, Rosemary Davies, Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes, Anthonio 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 Mission Intention for May 2016

That families, communities and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelisation and peace.

**Response to the psalm at the 10 am Mass:**

### **Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	James Walmsley
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> May	10.00 am	Tom Horn (Lately Dead)
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 noon	The Cowdall Family
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	The Hennegan Family
Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Vincent Keaveney
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Chivuna Mass – Faith Kavira Jacob
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	LISCF
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Ethel Kenyon
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Sheila Carroll (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

### **Devotions and Celebrations this week:**

Weds	4 <sup>th</sup>	6.45 pm	Rosary
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### **Special Days this week:**

Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Athanasius
Tues	3 <sup>rd</sup>	STS PHILIP & JAMES
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - First Holy Communions

### **Meetings this Week:**

Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Journey in Faith
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Friends of Chivuna
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	First Eucharist Rehearsal in Church

### **Last Week's Attendance:**

Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 120	Children: 3	
		10.00 am	Adults: 126	Children: 25	Total: 274

### **Monies Received:**

Last Weekend: £1,61.74; Shop: £16; Votive Lights: £46.40; Legacy: £2,000; Fr David's Retirement: £172; Postcards: £1; Ukraine Special Collection: £245. *Many thanks to you all.*

### **Churches Together in Garstang & District**

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