

New items and information

St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church GARSTANG AND CALDER VALE

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ALL SAINTS DAY



To-day we “rejoice in the glory bestowed upon these exalted members of the Church”. This is what the Preface of to-day’s Mass tells us about all the saints. They are “the exalted members of the Church”, they are the ones who have received all that God promises us; they are the ones who have made it!

On the Feast of All Saints, we pause for a moment to remind ourselves what the ups and downs of life on this earth are all about. Life is

about becoming holy. We find ourselves bound by bad habits:

- habits of laziness when it comes to prayer
- habits of impatience with those we love
- habits of unkindness towards certain people
- habits of dishonesty in order to make people think well of us
- habits of selfishness when we constantly put ourselves first
- habits of blindness when we don’t notice the good in others
- habits of hardness of heart when we fail to be compassionate or forgiving of the shortcomings of others.....

There are so many pitfalls on our journeys to sanctity. If we are serious about becoming saints, about getting to heaven, we need to turn back to the Lord, in great humility, and ask him to unbind us from all the bad habits I have acquired over the years.

If I believe that I have few bad habits, I need to begin by asking the Lord to set me free from my pride.

To-day is a clarion call to all of us to renew our commitment to God’s call to each of us to be holy, to be saints.

The “exalted members of the Church” know what this struggle is like. They are on our side, praying through Mary, Mother of Consolation, that we might be able to respond to the saving grace that Jesus has won for us.

On our own it is impossible to break a single bad habit. To God nothing is impossible! The Lord is only waiting for us to ask and to be open to his grace!

This weekend there will be an appeal made by a member of Lancaster and Morecambe Life group. We will hear about the work that Life does with young expectant mothers.

Friends of Chivuna – the next meeting is on Friday, 6th November, at 7 pm in the Plessington Chapel, preceded by Mass at 7 pm.

Monthly Coffee Morning is being held next Wednesday, 4th November 2015 in the Plessington Chapel from 10 am – 12 noon. We will welcome **Alison Stirzaker** from **Age UK** who will offer advice and expert information. Do come along and join us for tea, coffee, delicious cake, and exceedingly useful information. (*Don’t forget the chat as well!*)

Advance Notice: Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th November 2015, there will be a **Cake and Craft Stall** after both the 6 pm Vigil Mass and the 10 am morning Mass. All contributions of cakes, etc, will be very welcome; proceeds will be divided between Chivuna and CAFOD. For further information, please contact either Vin Cahill (01995 238184) or Betty Carter (01995 602106).

Church Shop – Christmas cards and gifts are now on sale in the Church Shop. All proceeds benefit either specific charities, or our church.

Did you know.....6 months since Nepal was devastated by an earthquake, your donations to CAFOD are helping tens of thousands of people who lost their homes to stay warm this winter? Around 400,000 people are living in makeshift shelters or temporary camps in areas above 1,500 metres, where temperatures are likely to fall below freezing this winter. There will be difficult months ahead. CAFOD partners are supporting families, providing warm clothes, blankets, solar lamps, fuel, and the materials and techniques they need to make their shelters warm enough for winter.

Previously Published Items

Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith? If so, we are starting our weekly gatherings, when any interested person would be very welcome to come along. We call this group our Journey in Faith group. Anyone enquiring about the faith would be welcomed on Thursday evenings. We meet in the Presbytery, behind the church, at 7.15 pm. *If you are interested, please contact Father David.*

The Corn Mill Nursing Home – If any current or past Ministers of Holy Communion would be willing to join the rota for taking communion to the Catholic residents of the Cornmill please get in touch with Frank Miller on 01995 604030.

Hummingbirds Vintage Afternoon raised **£349.54!** Many thanks to all who donated, bought tickets, or came along. Your support is always appreciated. The money will be used to buy new equipment for the children. The next event will be the **Christmas Fair on Sunday, 6th December.**

Chivuna Knitting – A great deal of knitted clothing has been sent to Chivuna in

Zambia over the past months. In order for the work to continue at the current pace, we do require more willing knitters. Also, it would be wonderful if anyone could help with the cost of postage. At present this is resourced by two very generous parishioners, despite the high costs involved. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Margaret Wilcock. (telephone 01995 603 525.)

Chaplain Vacancy at Our Lady's Catholic High School, Fulwood The school is looking to appoint a full time, term only Chaplain from January 2016. If you think you may be interested all application information is available on the school website www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk, school information and then job vacancies tab. If you would like an informal discussion please contact Mike Fitzpatrick, Deputy Head Teacher on 01772 326900 or email mfi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk. The closing date for applications is Wednesday, 4 November with interviews to take place on Thursday, 19 November.

Invitation to Dedicate a Hymn Book to a loved one, so that anyone using the book can remember that person in prayer. The invitation is not to pay the cost of the books, as that has already been met. Please write dedications on sheets in the porch.

Wednesday Word – To help us prepare for Mass on 8th November, the new copy of the Wednesday Word can be found at the back of church, on yellow paper.

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

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Thomas Lowe (Bert's brother), Ewan (an 11 year old boy undergoing treatment for a brain tumour), Judith, Phillip, John Fairey, Pat Hickey, Maurice Iddon, Sheila Murphy, Rosemary Davies, Brian Hargreaves, Anne Brockbank, Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes (4 years old with leukaemia), Mark Noblet, Anthonio Dilao, Bernadette O'Neill, Tom Horn, John Ashcroft, Margaret Shepherd, Sharon Hodgson, 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 placed 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 31st October – Sunday 8th November 2015

Sat	31 st	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Violet Walmsley (Anniversary)
Sun	1 st Nov	10.00 am	LISCF
		4.00 pm	Catenian Mass for Deceased Brothers
Mon	2 nd	No Mass	
Tues	3 rd	7.00 pm	Walter and Marjorie Drake
Wed	4 th	9.30 am (note time)	Fr Gerald Muir (LISCF)
Thurs	5 th	9.30 am	Dennis Vincent Wilkes
Fri	6 th	7.00 pm	(Chivuna Mass) Bob Stewart for a Successful Operation
Sat	7 th	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		06.00 pm (Vigil)	John and Winifred Carr
Sun	8 th	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	4 th	No Rosary	
Fri	6 th	10 - 11 am	Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations
Sat	7 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this Week:

Sun	1 st	ALL SAINTS DAY
Mon	2 nd	ALL SOULS DAY
Wed	4 th	St Charles Borromeo
Sat	7 th	St Willibrord
Sun	8 th	Remembrance Day

Meetings this Week:

Weds	4 th	10 am – 12 noon	Monthly Coffee Morning (speaker from Age UK)
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
		7.30 pm	Deanery Pastoral Council (at the Cathedral)
Thurs	5 th	4.00 pm	Liturgy & Spirituality
		7.15 pm	Journey in Faith – with enquirers
Fri	6 th	7.30 pm	Friends of Chivuna (preceded by Mass at 7.00 pm)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	24 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 120	Children: 5	
Sun	25 th	10.00 am	Adults: 112	Children: 20	Total: 257

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,095.37; Shop: £40; Votive Lights: £51.
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 the United Reformed Church. Shopper's Service (Pause for Thought) is at 12.15 pm every Thursday, at Garstang Methodist Church.