

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



In the face of Peter's triple denial of him, the risen Jesus three times asks Peter, "Do you love me?" No amount of personal evil or sin can eradicate from Peter's heart the awareness of this ineradicable fact: he does love Jesus. Peter was made for this love, and nothing can make him forget this. When Peter tells the Sanhedrin, "Obedience to God comes before obedience to men," he means that he must obey this infallible truth that rules and directs his own heart. The "honour, glory, and power" that the slain Lamb is worthy to receive is this confidence in his love, in spite of our betrayals and the misery they cause.

When they're all together on that morning, and Jesus had made breakfast for everybody – what care – and no one dared speak because they all knew it was the Lord, Jesus is near Simon and he says to him, very softly, without the others realising, he says quietly, "Simon, do you love me more than these?" This is the culmination of Christian morality. He didn't tell him, "Simon, you betrayed me. Simon, think how many mistakes you made. Simon, how many betrayals"..... No! "Simon, do you love me more than these?" He went to the depths of everything, to the bottom of everything; so this *bottom of everything pulls everything along with it*. And Peter, who loved him, ended up dying like him.....

New items and information

Father Tom gives apologies to the parish – Because he did not know that he would be moving here at Easter, he had already booked his holidays, and therefore he will be away from now until 23rd April.

This Weekend there will be an appeal on behalf of the Voluntary Missionary Movement after both Masses. Formed in England in 1969, VMM is an international lay Christian movement which recruits, trains and sends volunteers to share their skills in the developing world. VMM is committed to long-term and sustainable programmes to help communities out of poverty. *Please be as generous as you are able*. If you are interested in learning about opportunities in mission volunteer work, please contact them, see poster at back of church, or visit www.vmminternational.org.

First Holy Communions – The sessions start again this week, Tuesday 12th April, beginning at 6.30 pm, for the children only, in the Plessington Chapel.

Parish Draw – To Current Members: Thank you all for your continuing support for our Parish draw. A list of last year's winners is displayed on the notice board at the back of the church. **To Potential New Members:** Would you like the chance to win up to £80 in our monthly draw, with a special prize of £100 at Christmas? We have plenty of numbers available for new members to join the draw. It will only cost you £20 for the year for each number you wish to buy. If you would like an opportunity to join the draw and support our church, please contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon on 604 292. *Thank you*.

Did you know.....over the past six weeks of Lent, together we have given up chocolate, hot drinks and wine, we have seen bake sales, soup lunches, water fasts, huge splashes and a gutsy skydive because we want to ensure homes in some of the poorest communities on earth have water, so girls can finish school? From everyone at CAFOD and on behalf of the countless numbers of people whose lives you are changing, thanks you so much.

Every penny the UK government matches will go to help the poorest women, men, girls and boys in Uganda, Zimbabwe and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DCR).

Date for your diary: "Faith in the New Economics" – A lecture on politics, finance and economics as we know them – is this what we're stuck with? – will be held in Holy Trinity & St George Parish Centre, Blackhall Road, Kendal, LA9 4BW. The speakers are David Midgley, Programme Director at Schumacher North, and Jonathon Dawson, Co-ordinator & Senior Lecturer – Economics for Transition. The Chairwoman is Sr Margaret Atkins, Augustinian Canoness, Boarbank Hall. ***All are welcome***. For further information contact Margaret McSherry, St Bernadette's Parish House, Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 4HT, tel: 01524 383 081, or email lfjc@talktalk.net. Booking forms are at the back of church.

We have had a thank you letter from CAFOD for the £120.23 raised on Lent Fast Day. The letter is on the notice board at the back of church.

Previously Published Items

Father David's Retirement Mass & Presentation On Wednesday, 27th April 2016, Mass at 7.00 pm will be followed by a presentation of parishioners' gifts at Garstang Country Hotel and Golf Club. Admission to the latter and light refreshments will be free.

However, it is necessary to obtain a record of your intention to attend, mainly to assess catering arrangements and to comply with Health & Safety regulations. Please write your name on the easel in the narthex if you firmly intend to come to the presentation. *Thank you.*

Youth Group – The Parish Youth Group meets every two weeks in the Parish Centre. We are looking to recruit some adult volunteers to help run the volunteers. No experience is needed; the only qualification required is a sense of humour. There is no preparation involved, as we are just looking for some support for Rachel, our Youth Worker during the meetings. The only requirement is to be available from about 6.45 pm to 9 pm on the night. If we can recruit a few people this would only need to be once every couple of months. If you think you would be able to help, or would like more information, please speak to Paul McCann or give him a call on 07845 287 876. The next two meetings are on Friday 8th April and Friday 22nd April. *Thank you.*

Parish Safeguarding Reminder – An important aspect of the role of Parish Safeguarding Representatives is to answer questions or address issues raised by concerned parishioners relating to safeguarding. If we don't have the answer, we know someone who does. If you have any queries, please ring Ted Delaney (01995 604714) or Annette Higham (01995 606702).

Wednesday Word to help prepare for the weekend Mass of 17th April 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: Joseph Nickson, Mary Wellings, John Adamson, Joseph Davis, Jack Metcalf, James Parker Richardson, Rose Skillen, Bob Miller, Kevin Kavanagh, William Barnes, Bernadette Paton, Joan Preston, Anthony Atherton, Thomas James Horn and Nellie Swarbrick. *May they rest in peace.*

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

Response to the psalm at 10 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 9th – Sunday 17th April 2016

Sat	9 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Eve Graham (Birthday)
Sun	10 th	10.00 am	Peter Cooney (Senior) (Lately Dead)
Mon	11 th	}	
Tue	12 th	}	
Wed	13 th	}	No Mass
Thurs	14 th	}	
Fri	15 th	}	
Sat	16 th	}	
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Maureen Ingleby (Lately Dead)
Sun	17 th	10.00 am	Fiona Catterall

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

None

Special Days this week:

Sun	10 th	Third Sunday of Easter
Mon	11 th	St Stanislaus
Wed	13 th	St Martin I
Sat	16 th	St Bernadette Soubirous
Sun	17 th	Fourth Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Meetings this Week:

Tues	12 th	6.30 pm	First Eucharist (Session 5)
Wed	13 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	3 rd	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 150	Children: 10	
		10.00 am	Adults: 111	Children: 29	Total: 300

Monies Received:

Last Weekend: £1,085.05; Holy Places: £171.90; Hymn Books: £50; Shop: £15; Votive Lights: £42.30; Funerals: £1,200. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in April here at St Mary & St Michael's.