

## New items and information

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

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14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

### The Day of Prayer for Peace



*“Look, here is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.....I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove....” Jn 1: 29; 32*

**This Weekend there will be a Mission Appeal** on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Columban. **Please welcome Father Jim Fleming**, the Missionary Priest who will celebrate both Masses as Father Tom is on leave. ***Please be as generous as you are able.***  
**CAFOD** – Last weekend we had a special collection for the refugees of Yemen and Syria. **Thank you** for your amazing generosity – a total of £717.58 was raised, and is being sent off to CAFOD.

**Journey in Faith** – The next meeting will be held next Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 7.15 pm.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** The next meeting will be held this Monday, **16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Whist & Dominos** – Come along, and shake off those January blues with a bit of fun! This Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan from 2 pm – 4 pm, in the Plessington Chapel, ***everyone*** is welcome!

**Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child** – Next weekend, there will be a White Flower Appeal for SPUC.

**Burns Night Ceilidh** – Sadly, due to lack of ticket sales, this event has had to be cancelled.

**Did you know...**on 14<sup>th</sup> December Cardinal Paulo Evaristo Arns died at the age of 95? He was the oldest surviving Cardinal and a prophetic voice in the Church. Cardinal Arns was the Church leader on the world stage to place the cause of international debt and the care of people with HIV and AIDS at the centre of his agenda. We worked closely with Cardinal Arns, as a CAFOD partner, and the social outreach programmes of his Archdiocese in Brazil, and continue to this day to support programmes that were established under his leadership.

**A Day of Renewal (led by Jenny Baker)** will take place on **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 10 am – 4 pm** at St Clare's Church, (in the Parish Hall), Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9HH. The theme is “Our Hope in Christ. The foundation and the future”. The day starts with Mass at 10 am. For further information contact Christine on 07745 009 694 or Annette on 07954 429 333.

**Castlerigg Manor (Youth) – Forthcoming Events:**

**Easter Retreat** (Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April. Open to year 9 upwards.

**Family Weekend** (28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April) A great opportunity for families to come together for the weekend. Activities for all age groups.

**Lourdes** – Travelling with the Youth Service is a great way for young people to get to know the story of Lourdes and grow in faith through service, prayer, catechesis and time spent with other young Catholics. Open to ages Year 11+, prices from £650 for coach travel (flight information will follow). Our coach journey starts on 19<sup>th</sup> July, and this year we are excited to be spending 24 hours in Nevers en route. There we will visit St Bernadette's relics and learn more of her story, as well as having the chance to spend the day exploring Nevers before continuing on our journey to Lourdes. In Lourdes we will be staying in a 4-star hotel and we will arrive home on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July. Book now, forms are on our website: <http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events/lourdes-2017>

### Previously Published Items

**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](http://www.jrsuk.net), and the "Faith and Justice" board in the crèche area at the back of Church.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> January can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** Leonard Sinar, Jack Rawlinson, Frederick W Garvey, Greg Eastham, Elizabeth Ellen Pedder, Renee Williams, David Trevor Orr, Tom Thompson, Thomas Henry (Harry) Horn and Ann 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:** 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.)***

#### **A Prayer for Peace:**

*that the justice and peace of God's reign may find a home in the hearts of all the human family.*

### Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Ignatius and Agnes Bullen
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Chris O'Connor
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Tue	17 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	}	<b>No Mass</b>
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	}	
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Tom Ibison (Snr)
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 am	Marina Poulton (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### Devotions and Celebrations this week:

**None.**

### Special Days this week:

Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YR A)	
		Today is the Day of Prayer for Peace	
Tue	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Anthony (Abbott)	
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Start of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup>	St Wulstan (Bishop)	
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	St Fabian (Pope & Martyr); St Sebastian (Martyr)	
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	St Agnes (Virgin & Martyr)	

### Meetings next Week:

Mon	16 <sup>th</sup>	2 pm – 4 pm	Whist & Domino Drive, Plessington Chapel
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith

### Last Two Weeks' Attendance:

Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 142	Children: 5
		10.00 am	Adults: 120	Children: 25 Total: 292

### Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,061.05; Special Collection for Yemen and Syria: £717.58. ***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.

#### **A Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Eternal Father**, we praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us. Look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways, and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love.

We ask this gift, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**