

## St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church

### GARSTANG AND CALDER VALE

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### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



In our human experience, the more you come to know a person the closer you come to them and the more you can come to love them.

God knows this; this is how he deliberately created us. He wanted us to learn from our own experience how love grows – because he wanted us to realise that this is how we come to love God and to know how much He loves us.

He wants us to realise that the more we know God, the closer we come to God and the more we come to love God and know His love for us.

So our job in life is to get to know God more and more.

God doesn't leave us on our own in this task. God tries to make himself known to us in many ways. He makes himself known to us in Creation, the beauty, the variety, the way that creation works together to sustain itself – this is why many people find nature programmes so attractive – they help us to see the hand of God in Creation.

God makes himself known to us in the Holy Trinity – in the relationship between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Three Persons in the one God relate to one another *in love*, because *God is love* (1 Jn 4 / 16).

God makes himself known to us in the ways that we relate to one another, in the ways that we come to love one another. "Love one another as I have loved you," Jesus told his disciples. As we embark in our parish on emphasising how we are stewards of God's gifts, we come to realise that when we share our gifts with one another, the love we have for each other grows.

Last week we asked God for the grace to know better the unique gifts God has given to each of us. This week we reflect on how we use these gifts for the benefit of one another and for the benefit of Creation.

In this weekend of Quarante Ore, we recognise in the liturgy how God's gifts overflow onto us; we recognise our need for gratitude and praise. We stand before the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament, and give him thanks and praise; we honour his glory all around us; we rejoice in his Holy Presence!

### New items and information

**40 Hour Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament (Quarante Ore)** – We will resume adoration before the Blessed Sacrament from after the Vigil Mass until 10.00 pm. Then on Sunday following the morning masses we will have our last time of adoration which will conclude with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 3.00 pm.

**A Huge Thank You** to everyone who attended the Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, and who contributed in any way. Despite the weather (!) and moving everyone inside, a wonderful time ensued, and a fantastic £614 was made. To Fr David and Elaine for invading the kitchen and dining room, to ALL helpers – gardeners, bakers, waitresses etc, etc – many, many thanks. Absolute team work – wonderful result. Thank you.

**Monthly Whist & Domino Drive** will be held in the Plessington Chapel this Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2 pm to 4 pm.

**This Sunday** during the 10.30 am Mass, baby Lily Martha Matura will be baptised.

**Edward Horn** I would just like to say thank you for the support during Ed's illness and after his death, and for your cards, masses and kindness. It can't take away the sadness but it helps so much. I have passed on the messages of sympathy to the rest of the family and to Ed's children, thank you. *Elizabeth*

**Stewardship** To make us more aware of the opportunities for service which exist in the parish, there will be a two week Ministry Fair in church, starting next weekend. The Fair will give each of us a chance to learn more about the various groups which are active in the parish, both through displays and by talking with some of those involved. Try and spend time after Mass to visit the Fair and give thought as to how your own gifts and talents could contribute to the life of our parish. **Please place completed 'Thinking about my time and gifts' leaflets in the Stewardship basket at the back of church.** These leaflets will be taken up to the altar at the Offertory.

#### **Prayer for Guidance**

Lord show me clearly what you want me to do with the Gifts you have given me.  
Grant me the strength that I need to answer your call with courage and love.  
Make me a generous

### Previously Published Items

**St Vincent de Paul Society** SS Mary & Michael's Conference would like all our parishioners to know that on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2 pm, we will have our **Annual Mass for Sick Parishioners.** Those who are sick or infirm may receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Mass will be followed by tea and cake in the Community Centre. Please do try to join us with some of our parishioners who cannot attend our

Sunday Masses. All those who care for the sick, or who pray for them, may wish to receive an Anointing with the Oil of Gladness as we pray that we will always look after our sick and infirm parishioners and relations. This Mass is a lovely service of praise which we hold each year. Offers of help on the day and cakes will be gratefully received

**Is Britain really a Christian country?** – There will be a discussion that includes members of other faiths taking place at Blackburn Cathedral on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 6.30 pm.

**Clean & Fair** – Traidcraft recently brought out the world's first Fairtrade household cleaning range – good for people and the planet. Along with a wide range of fairly traded goods, these are available from The Mustard Seed in Garstang (open 10 am – 2 pm Thurs, Fri, Sat). For more information on these and on Traidcraft's activities of fighting poverty through trade, see [www.traidcraft.co.uk](http://www.traidcraft.co.uk).

**Wednesday Word** – To help us prepare for Mass on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> June, the new copy of the Wednesday Word can be found at the back of church, on yellow paper.

**Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Catterall**. His body will be received into church on Wednesday evening at 6.30 pm. His funeral Mass is at 11.30 am on Thursday morning. His family have sent a message to say for those attending it is not necessary to wear black.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** James Marsden, William Swarbrick, Mrs Kendrick, Betty Watson, Valerie Smith, Joseph Barton and Veronica Billington. *May they rest in peace.*

**We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including:** Dorothy Evans, Derek Hutchinson, Jack Parkinson, Kath Price, Sheila Carrol, Valerie White, Clive Hammond, Joan Brown, Simon Crossley, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Victoria Wang, Susanne, Jessica Holmes (2 ½ years old with leukaemia), Michael O'Neil, Molly (3 years old) and family, Ruth Fairey, Ted Mitchell, Mark Noblet, Christopher Lawson, Anthonio Dilao, Bernadette O'Neill, Tom Horn, John Ashcroft, Margaret Shepherd, Tony Moran, Marjorie Addison, Sharon Hodgson, Christine, Peter Holland, Ian Moran, Tony Winstanley (Brian's brother), Wilf Rainford, Alyson, Michael Hendry, Christopher Simpson, Auntie Sophie, Christopher Brown, Simon Thompson, Michael Ryan, Sheila Davies, Sheila Cookson, Francisca Rainford, Paula Nicholson, Alison Green and Tim Park. *(When people whose names are placed on this sick list have recovered their health, please let us know.)*

### **Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014**

Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm (Vigil)	Miss Susan Martin (Wigan)
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		10.30 am	In thanksgiving for 60 years of Marriage
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tues	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	<b>Please Note</b> 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Edward Horn
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 am	Funeral Mass for Robert Catterall
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	<b>Please Note</b> Beatrice Jeanette Turner
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Rev William Joseph Houlihan
		6.30 pm (Vigil)	Private Intention
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		10.30 am	Cathie Cadden

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

Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	Evening Prayer & Benediction (close of 40 Hours Devotion)
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.45 pm	Rosary
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

### **Special Days this Week:**

Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	St Aloysius Gonzaga
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

### **Meetings this Week:**

Tues	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Parish Development Group Meeting
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
		7.30 pm	SVP meeting in Plessington Chapel
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Evangelium presentation – subject: Moral Action

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

Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 105	Children: 5
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Adults: 60	Children: 12
		10.30 am	Adults: 108	Children: 27
			Total: 317	

**Monies Received:** Offerings including Standing Orders: £1,059.45; Votive Lights: £55.70; Photocopying: £5.00. *Many thanks to you all.*

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

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in June at the Garstang Methodist Church. Shopper's Service (Pause for Thought) is at 12.15 pm every Thursday, also at Garstang Methodist Church.