

New items and information

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

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PENTECOST

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, Christ's paschal mystery was brought to its completion. The Holy Spirit prepares us with his grace in order to draw us to Christ. He manifests the risen Lord to us, opening our minds. He makes present the mystery of Christ. And he reconciles us, bringing us into communion with God. Saint Thomas Aquinas says that the Holy Spirit interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it refrains from evil for love. With the Holy Spirit within us "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely other-worldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (Saint Cyril of Alexandria).

Chivuna Fundraising: this weekend on Saturday and Sunday you will again have the chance to win the etching. (£1 a try) and Father Tom will announce the winner following 10 am Mass this Sunday, 15th May. Please support this worthy cause if you haven't had the opportunity to do so as yet. Thank you very much.

The minutes of the Chivuna Meeting on 6th May are now available for collection from the back of church.

Monthly Whist & Domino Drive – This will take place on Monday (16th May) in the Plessington Chapel, from 2 pm – 4 pm. Everyone is welcome, whether you are an experienced player, or whether you have never played before. Learning something new from time to time is how we keep our minds (and brains!) active and youthful. Not to mention that it is a lot of fun!

Traidcraft – Thank you to everyone who placed orders from the Spring Taidcraft catalogue. £90.96 has been passed to the Friends of Chivuna for the clinic. *Helen Spencer*

The North West Children's Support Group would like to thank all those who supported our Bric a Brac Auction, by donating goods, making refreshments and supporting the sale. The auction made a fantastic £2,300.00. The support from the parish in achieving this total is very much appreciated. Thank You.

Rotas – There are still a number of rotas on the bench in the sacristy which have not been collected. If you are a volunteer for Church Cleaning, Grass Cutting or Counting, and you have not yet collected your copy of the rota, please do so.

Year of Mercy Prayer Cards – these are available at the back of church. Please take one.

Advance Notice – Cyprian Blamires (Regional Representative of The St Barnabas Society) will be speaking about their work at both Masses on the weekend of 29th May.

Vocations to the Priesthood – There are prayer cards and leaflets at the back of church for anyone who is interested. We are still in the Year for Priestly Vocations, and each Friday after morning Mass, we have a Holy Half-Hour for Priestly Vocations. **If you think you may have a vocation**, there will be a Discovery Weekend, Friday 10th – Sunday 12th June 2016 for men aged 20+ at Hawkshead in the Lakes. To book a place, or for more information, contact Fr Darren on 01772 719 604 or 07552 795 060; email priest@lancastervocations.org. See poster at the back of church.

Noddfa – There will be a retreat at Noddfa from Monday, 10th to Friday 14th October. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Jean Andrews on 01995 603 802.

S.P.U.C. – A new petition against euthanasia has been launched by the SPUC *Lives Worth Living* campaign. (Copies at the back of church if you would like to add your names.) The petition is addressed to the Chief Executives of the NHS in England/Wales. It points to new guidelines in NHS hospitals which put elderly and terminally ill people at risk. These guidelines mean that people may be denied all food and fluids if they are deemed to have only three days to live. This amounts to euthanasia by dehydration. *Please support the petition and help protect vulnerable people from euthanasia.*

St Mary's Catholic Academy in Blackpool is looking for a Chaplaincy Team Leader. The post is permanent, 37 hours per week, full year. There are further details on the notice board at the back of church, or for more details and an application form, please contact Mrs Anne Crocombe (Head Teacher's P.A.) on 01253 442583, email admin@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk, or visit www.st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk. The closing date for applications to be received at the Academy is 12 noon on Thursday, 26th May 2016.

Previously Published Items

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.*

Youth Service – Castlerigg – From Friday 27th – Sunday 29th 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. There is a poster at the back of church.

The Wednesday Word to help prepare for the weekend Mass of 22nd May, can be found on yellow paper at the back of church. *Please help yourself.*

Please pray for William Bisby and Finn Bolton, two of our young people who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in Lancaster Cathedral at 6.30 pm this Sunday, 15th May.

Please pray for Jane and Barry Frame, who were married in our church on Saturday.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maurice Iddon, whose Funeral Mass will take place here next Wednesday, 18th May 2016 at 12.30 pm. *May he rest in peace.*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Lowe (Bert's brother) who has been on our sick list for some time, and who has sadly died. *May he rest in peace.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Mary Agnes Mackenzie, John Barnacle, Dick Helme, Dick Edge, Frank Eastham and Jane Delaney. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Leo Rabbett, Anne Walmsley, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, John Towers, John Sweeney, Rita Whittaker, Rod Pearson, Peter Ibison, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Ewan (an 11 year old boy undergoing treatment for a brain tumour), Phillip, John Fairey, Pat Hickey, 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 the 10 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 14th – Sunday 22nd May 2016

Sat	14 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Tom Horn (Catenians)
Sun	15 th	10.00 am	Diamond Wedding
Mon	16 th	No Mass	
Tue	17 th	7.00 pm	A Sick Person
Wed	18 th	12.30 pm	Funeral Mass for Maurice Iddon
Thurs	19 th	9.30 am	O'Sullivan Family
Fri	20 th	9.30 am	Recovery of Fiona Catterall (Sick)
Sat	21 st	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Timothy Richardson
Sun	22 nd	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Fri	20 th	10-10.30 am	Holy Half-hour for Priestly Vocations
Sat	21 st	10-10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	15 th	PENTECOST
Wed	18 th	St John I (Pope & Martyr)
Thurs	19 th	St Dunstan
Fri	20 th	St Bernadine of Siena
Sat	21 st	St Christopher of Magallanes & Companions
Sun	22 nd	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Meetings this Week:

Mon	16 th	2 – 4 pm	Whist & Domino Drive (Plessington Chapel)
Wed	18 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	8 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 138	Children: 4	
		10.00 am	Adults: 195	Children: 39	Total: 376

Monies Received:

Last Weekend: £1,284.49; Shop: £40; Votive Lights: £55.50; Cemetery: £50; World Communications Day: £135.80. *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.

Items for Newsletter

If you would like something putting in the newsletter, if possible, please could you let us have it by Thursday evening. *Thank you.*