

## Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>– Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	William Southworth (Birthday Anniversary)
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Brendan Murphy
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tues	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Peter Cole
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	(For Vocations to the Priesthood) Keith Stanyer (Lately Dead)
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	The Cowdall Family
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Doreen Wilson (Lately Dead)
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>	
		06.00 pm (Vigil)	James and Jane Rossall
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 am	Maurice Iddon (Sick)

### Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 11 am	Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>No Confessions</b>	

### Special Days this Week:

Mon	16 <sup>th</sup>	St Margaret of Scotland
Tue	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Hugh of Lincoln
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b> (Youth Sunday: our young people will be helping to lead the liturgy at the 10 am Mass)

### Meetings this Week:

Tues	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	St Vincent de Paul Society (at Marie Pearson's house)
Weds	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
		7.35 pm	Parish Prayer Group (in Presbytery dining room)
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith – with enquirers

### Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 135	Children: 9	
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Adults: 112	Children: 24	Total: 280

### Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,043.70; Donation: £20; Photocopying: £5; Shop: £105; Votive Lights: £56; LIFE: £155 + £10 additional. *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.

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

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**14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



I vividly remember the words of today's responsorial psalm:

“Dominus pars hereditatis mei et calicis mihi.”

“O Lord you are my portion and cup, my inheritance.”

As a young 23 year-old, I knelt at the feet of the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Veillot, and spoke these words as I made my first public commitment to the Lord. I received the minor order of Tonsure and I became a cleric. From that time we were expected to wear clerical

dress in public.

That time seems a very long time ago, but I have remade that commitment over and over again during my life.

All of us have to renew our faithfulness to the Lord many times in life, and as we approach the end of another liturgical year, the Church reminds us that the Lord's faithfulness to us never ends. The Lord will always be at our side, no matter how many years pass by. He invites us to renew our commitment to him, in spite of the pressures and traumas that life puts in our way.

Jesus, in our gospel today, speaks of the end-times. None of us knows what the future holds for us. We only ask for the grace to remain faithful to the Lord, right up to the moment of being received into his presence after death.

This is why it is so important from time to time for us to renew our commitment as the Lord's disciples. What better way to do this than to pray this verse of Psalm 15 which was the central act of faithfulness in the old Tonsure rite:

“O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup.

It is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.”

## New items and information

### Petition organised by the St Vincent de Paul Society to the House of Commons.

The following is the wording of the Petition. Because time is short (it has to be delivered to Parliament by 7<sup>th</sup> December), we invite you to sign the Petition over the next two weeks: *“We are gravely concerned about the manner in which all asylum seekers are currently treated in the UK. The 2015/6 Immigration Bill threatens to make those seeking sanctuary even more vulnerable, leaving more families homeless, and further isolating an already marginal group.*

*We believe we have a moral responsibility as Christians to be a voice for those who have no voice, for as Pope Francis reminds us, refugees and asylum seekers are our brothers and sisters.*

*We deeply regret the exclusion of the recommendations of the All Party Parliamentary Inquiry into the Use of Immigration Detention, and we urge the government to reconsider and to adopt these recommendations.”*

**Sick & Retired Priests’ Fund** – This collection should have been taken on 25<sup>th</sup> October. We will make this collection this weekend. *Please be generous.*

**Cake and Craft Stall** – This weekend, **Saturday and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015**, there is a **Cake and Craft Stall** after both the 6 pm Vigil Mass and the 10 am morning Mass. Please support us. All proceeds will be split between CAFOD and the Chivuna Clinic.

**Bishop Michael** has decided to make Our Lady & St Joseph’s Church in Carlisle a shrine church for the duration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis. In the baptistery of the church is a shrine to the Divine Mercy along with icons of St John Paul II and St Faustina. The Bishop writes in his decree: “I encourage all the faithful, religious and clergy of the Diocese to make pilgrimage to the Shrine during the Jubilee Year so as to experience the gift of Divine Mercy.” The shrine will be inaugurated on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30 pm. Bishop Michael will celebrate Vespers and lead the congregation in the Divine Mercy devotions, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Then there will be an opportunity to venerate the relic of St Faustina Kowalska. From 3 pm there will be priests available for confessions in church. Afternoon tea available following Benediction. See poster at back of church. PS: Ladyewell has also been nominated as a Shrine Church during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. (More information about this next week.)

**The Cornmill 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.

**Whist & Domino Drive** – this Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, from 2 pm – 4 pm in the Plessington Chapel. Come along for fun *and* games!! Whether you are an experienced player, or total novice, you will be more than welcome!

**Friends of Chivuna** – The minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November are now available for collection.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** – 1) The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, at Marie Pearson’s house. Items for the agenda can be forwarded to Helen Forshaw or Philippa Catterall. 2) **SVP Conference Appeal** – Winter is once more upon us, and we again are appealing for bedding and warm

clothing for those in need. Our parishioners last year were very generous. SVP here in Garstang has established strong links over recent years with the wonderful work undertaken by Sister Eileen at Ingol, and also with the Ace project at Caritas Care who assist those leaving prison and their families. So... if you have bedding, winter clothing for men, women and children, then please deposit these items in the box you will find at the back of church from next week. Thank you for your generosity. Any queries? Please ring Pat on Garstang 605793.

**Lancaster LIFE** – We have received a letter of thanks from Rosemary Blanchfield thanking all parishioners for their donations to the appeal on 1<sup>st</sup> November. £155 was donated on the day, and there were also offers of practical support and several applications to join the LIFE lottery. The money raised will benefit women in need.

**Lancaster & District Homeless Action Service** – are already planning their 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Shelter at Edward Street. We have received a letter asking for support for this very worthwhile cause. If you wish to support LDHAS, you can send a cheque payable to LDHAS to 6, Edward Street, Lancaster, LA1 1QH, or via online banking: Account name: LDHAS; Sort code: 40-27-02; Account No: 41393553; please use ref: “Shelter2015”. If anyone would like to have a copy of the letter in full, please ask at the Presbytery office.

## Previously Published Items

**Women Together in the Diocese of Lancaster – Advance Notice – Advent Day of Prayer and Reflection** on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015, at Little Sisters of the Poor, Garstang Road, Fulwood, Preston, from 10 am – 3.30 pm. The theme is “Listen anyone who have ears to hear” (*Lk 8:08*) Booking forms available in Presbytery office. For more information contact Sue Gornall, 01772 715 495; email [suegoegornall@aol.com](mailto:suegoegornall@aol.com). **Wednesday Word** – To help us prepare for Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Margaret Dilworth, John Cookson, George Gidlow, William E Barton, Imelda Newsham, Barbara Berry, Mary Coope, Peter Cole, Madge Holliday, John Francis Rigby, Stephanie McDonald, Tony Hickey, Bernard Watson, William Haydock Barton, Frank Blessing and Cuthbert 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:** Veronica ‘Ronnie’ Regan, 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.*)