

New items and information

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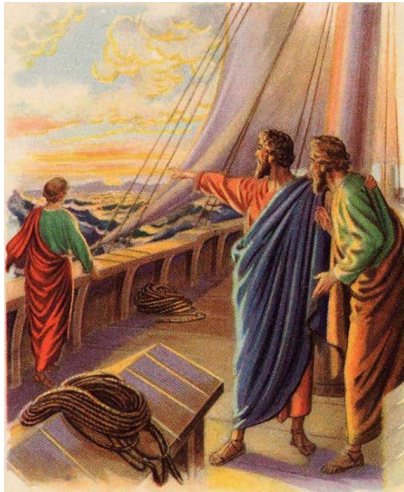
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16th / 17th April 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GOOD SHEPHERD (VOCATIONS) SUNDAY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them, Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the risen Christ consoles us: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." With the 19th century German theologian Johan A. Möhler we confess, "I don't believe I could go on living were I no longer to hear him speak." What fills Christ's disciples with joy is this voice which brings us to life. Like the converts whom Paul and Barnabas urged "to remain faithful to the grace God had given them", our happiness depends on our fidelity to the grace that keeps us sensitive, aware, and disposed to the tender voice of the Shepherd. For this Shepherd is also the Lamb who wipes every tear from our eyes.

Father Norman Johnston is supplying for Father Tom this weekend. He has travelled all the way from Carlisle – please make him very welcome.

This weekend there is a second collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

We have received a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Michael to be read at all Masses this weekend. Souvenir copies are available on salmon-pink paper as you leave church, should you want one. *Please help yourself.*

Whist and Domino Drive – the next session is this Monday, 18th April, from 2 pm – 4 pm in the Plessington Chapel. Come along, and have some fun. *New or experienced players alike are very welcome.*

Next Weekend 23rd / 24th April, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked that there be a special collection in all of the Catholic Churches in Europe for the people of Ukraine. Please be as generous as you can for this, Pope Francis's particular request.

First Holy Communions – The next session is next Tuesday 19th April, beginning at 6.30 pm, for the children only, in the Plessington Chapel.

St Vincent de Paul Society – the next meeting is on **Thursday, 21st April at 7.30 pm**, at 3 Castle Lane Cottages.

The North West Children's Support Group are holding their **Annual bric-a-brac auction** on **Saturday, 30th April** in SS Mary & Michael's School Hall. The Auction will begin at 12 noon with viewing from 10 am. Refreshments available. Please come along and support this important fundraiser for our group. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please bring them along on Friday evening to the school hall, or if the items need collecting then call Debbie and Paul on 01995 601 354, Helen and Barry on 01995 600 254, or Angela and Paul on 01524 751 373. We welcome donations of items such as Household goods, Antiques, Pottery, small items of furniture, Jewellery, toys, games, garden equipment, etc.

Lancaster Deanery Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Holy Door at Lancaster Cathedral on Saturday 7th May 2016, beginning with Mass at the Cathedral (optional) and continuing with the walk to the Martyrs Memorial where the Pilgrimage Service begins at 1 pm. There will then be a procession to, and through, the Holy Door at the Cathedral whilst reciting the Rosary. There will be Exposition, the possibility of Individual Confession, prayers for our Holy Father's intentions and finishing with Benediction. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

Did you know... with your support, CAFOD has equipped a clinic in Eremet, Kenya, with solar panels that power lights, fridges to keep vaccines cool, and a water purification system? Previously, the fridge was powered by gas, and when the gas ran out, staff would take the vaccines to a clinic two hours away. Energy collected during the day powers lights so the clinic can stay open after dark. Martin, a community health care worker, tells us: "A lot of births happen overnight. Mothers can now give birth at the health centre." Before, women had to travel to hospital (30 minutes' drive away) and pay for treatment, or give birth unaided.

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.*

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.*

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 on **Saturday 14th May from 10 am – 4.30 pm.** 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 please contact Margaret McSherry at 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.

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 24th April can be found on yellow paper at the back of church. *Please help yourself.*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Brockbank who died this week. Her Funeral Mass is being held at Sts Thomas and Elizabeth, Thurnham, at 2.00 pm next Wednesday, 20th April. *May she rest in peace.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Anthony Atherton, Thomas James Horn, Nellie Swarbrick, Winifride Nickson, Margaret Towers, William Rawlinson, Fr Gerald Bilborrow, Jim Walmsley, Tom Gorton, William McCall, Jane Ann Wareing, Henry Towers, Harold Rawlinson, Margaet Horn, Isabel Clarke and Monica Stansfield. *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.)*

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 16th – Sunday 24th April 2016

Sat	16 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Maureen Ingleby (Lately Dead)
Sun	17 th	10.00 am	Fiona Catterall
Mon	18 th	}	
Tue	19 th	}	
Wed	20 th	}	No Mass
Thurs	21 st	}	
Fri	22 nd	}	
Sat	23 rd	}	
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Terry Murphy (Birthday Remembrance)
Sun	24 th	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

None

Special Days this week:

Sun	17 th	Fourth Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Thurs	21 st	St Anselm (Bishop & Doctor)
Sat	23 rd	St George
Sun	24 th	Fifth Sunday of Easter

Meetings this Week:

Mon	18 th	2 – 4 pm	Whist & Domino Drive – Plessington Chapel
Tues	19 th	6.30 pm	First Eucharist (Session 6)
Wed	20 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	21 st	7.00 pm	Journey in Faith
		7.30 pm	SVP (at 3 Castle Lane Cottages)

Last Week’s Attendance:

Sun	10 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 142	Children: 6	
		10.00 am	Adults: 125	Children: 31	Total: 304

Monies Received:

Last Weekend: £1,136.77; Cemetery: £50; Post Cards: £2; Shop: £15; Votive Lights: £53.

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.