

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

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16th / 17th MAY 2015
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
(World Communications Day)



Jesus ascended into heaven “to sit at the right hand of the Father, far above every Sovereignty Authority Power or Domination or any other name that can be named... in every age to come.”

Jesus, who has walked this earth, suffered death as we have to, risen from the dead, as we will, now takes his rightful place.

Today we celebrate the day that Christ comes into his kingdom. This is the day that he fulfils to us all, the promise he made on the cross to the Good Thief:

“Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

“This day you will be with me in Paradise,” Jesus told him. Today, this is the assurance he gives each one of us:

“One day you will be with me in Paradise.”

This is the promise that we need to repeat incessantly to the whole world.

“When Jesus comes into his kingdom, your Lord reassures you with certainty, that you will join him there!”

Our whole faith rests on this promise. Some of our greatest saints expressed this promise. St Thérèse of Lisieux wrote in her spiritual journal: “After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will raise up a mighty host of little saints.”

The Feast of the Ascension is the day when we renew our faith in eternal life. We renew our trust in the promises of Jesus to us; we renew our hope, like St Thérèse, we will be taken up into heaven, like our Saviour, and from our place at his side, we will “spend our heaven doing good upon earth.” This may be the good that, for whatever reason, we haven't been able to do in this life, we will be able to do after our death.

Let us remember all those who have died, whom we have known, and ask for their intercession for us before the throne of our Lord and Saviour.

New items and information

Today is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord - It is also World Communications Day, and there will be a second collection after both Masses. World Communications Day Prayer cards are available from the back of church. **Please pray especially** for our young people who are being confirmed in the Holy Catholic Church on the Feast of Pentecost next Sunday at the Cathedral, in Lancaster, during the 6.30 pm Mass; remember always that they are the future of the life of our Church.

Pentecost Novena for Vocations is taking place in our Deanery. It started on Friday 15th May and finishes on Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral. There will be a Holy Hour in churches of our Deanery each day of the Novena. We will be taking part in the Novena with a Holy Hour next Friday, 22nd May between 10 am and 11 am. See Poster in the porch.

Please welcome Father Masaki to our Saturday Vigil Mass. He is standing in for Father David who is on a Confirmation away-day with our young people who are to be confirmed next weekend.

Nepal Earthquake Appeal – Thank you all very much for your extremely generous response to last week's CAFOD Appeal. You raised £572.30. *God bless you all.*

St Vincent de Paul Society – The SVP meeting for this month will be on **21st May at 2 Brooklands Drive**. Please note the change of date. Items for the Agenda to be given to Pat by the 19th.

Whist and Domino Drive – The next Whist and Domino Drive is this Monday, 18th May. All welcome – experienced or beginners – come and have some fun!!

Parish Draw – A very big thank you to all the agents who have helped collect the subscriptions for 2015/16; and to all who have renewed their membership. For anyone wishing to join now, two draws have been missed and so only £17 is required. **Advance warning/request** for someone to take over from me next March (they could shadow me to ‘learn the ropes’ when subs are next due. Only half-an-hour, monthly, is needed. *Philippa Catterall (602797).*

Brave of Heart : A Weekend Journey for Men – 19th – 21st June 2015 – Cor et Lumen Christi, St Cuthbert's The Old Convent, Wigton, CA7 9HU. Come and find all that God has prepared for your masculine heart: life-changing talks, extended times of praise and worship, fellowship and sharing with other Christian men, time in the Lake District, Holy Mass, opportunity for Confession, Prayer ministry. Donation only after £10 registration fee. Includes meals.

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Traidcraft/Chivuna - Many thanks to those who placed orders from the Spring Traidcraft catalogue. The profits of £65.94 have been forwarded to the Friends of Chivuna for the clinic. *Helen Spencer*

Dates for your diary : (1) **The Huddersfield Boys Choir** are staying at Winmarleigh Hall for a week at the beginning of June, and they will be putting on concerts in the area. This is a Catholic Choir who are associated with the Diocese of Leeds. They will be giving a concert here on **Friday, 5th June**, beginning at 7.00 pm. Admission Free. Voluntary donations towards our Church Roof Fund. ***Do please come and support them – all are welcome. The choir will also be singing at our 10.00 am Mass on Sunday 7th June.***

(2) Back by popular demand: Afternoon Tea in Father David's garden! After last year's successful event, it has been decided to repeat the experience on **Wednesday, 10th June, 2 pm – 4 pm.** Tickets will be on sale from this Sunday, 17th May; price: £5. *Everyone welcome!*

Is Golf what you like? There is to be a Golf Day at Myerscough College on Friday 3rd July from 9.30 am – 18 holes of Golf – in the **Texas Scramble Format!** £160 per team of four. For more details and contact numbers see poster at back of church.

Wednesday Word – To help us prepare for Mass on 24th May, the new copy of the Wednesday Word can be found at the back of church, on yellow paper.

Previously Published Items

Bluebell Time Again! at Calder Vale. Teas will be served every Sunday in May from 1 pm – 5 pm in the Village Hall. Proceeds from the teas go towards the Mission Room and village ventures. Come along and enjoy the Bluebell walk through the wood and make the day complete with our famous Bluebell Tea. Local produce – rhubarb, honey, plants etc for sale. Also on **10th May** a table-top sale in the Mission Room – tables for sale at £5. To book, ring Nicky on 602 384.

“The Crossing” from Hynning to Boarbank across the Bay – For young people between 18 and 35: what are you doing on the weekend of **29th – 31st May?** Why not walk with other young people, religious and priests as a way of celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life? The Cross Bay Walk starts Saturday, 30th May at 3.30 pm, is about six miles, and takes approximately three hours. Cost is by donation. Registration is essential! For more details and for a full programme, please contact the Booking Secretary at Hynning – hynningbookings@yahoo.co.uk, or phone 01524 732 684. *Also see poster at back of church.*

Please pray for Casey Ball who is being baptised at 11.15 am this Sunday.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: John Barnacle, Dick Helme, Dick Edge, Frank Eastham, Jane Delaney, Joseph Hodgson and Ann Mary 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: Maurice Iddon, Josie Maddock, Dina Carter, Richard (aged 14, has had a bone marrow transplant), Sheila Murphy, Rosemary Davies, Brian Hargreaves, Ellen, Brendan McGlone (14 year old with leukaemia), Anne Brockbank, Rachael Flood (née Mears), Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes (3 ½ years old with leukaemia), Molly and family, Mark Noblet, Christopher Lawson, Anthonio Dilao, Bernadette O'Neill, Tom Horn, John Ashcroft, Margaret Shepherd, Tony Moran, Sharon Hodgson, Christine, Peter Holland, Ian Moran, Tony Winstanley, Alyson, Michael Hendry, Christopher Simpson, Auntie Sophie, Christopher Brown, Simon Thompson, Michael Ryan, 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.)*

The response to the psalm at the 10 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 16th – Sunday 24th May 2015

Sat	16 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Grayston & Rossall Families
Sun	17 th	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker
Mon	18 th	No Mass	
Tues	19 th	12 noon	Thanks for Successful Treatment
Wed	20 th	7.00 pm	Watson & Knowles Families
Thurs	21 st	9.30 am	Arnold & Monica Hargreaves
Fri	22 nd	9.30 am	Ruth Fairey
Sat	23 rd	9.30 am	LISCF
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Timothy Richardson
Sun	24 th	10.00 am	Living Members of the Broughton Catholic Charitable Society

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Weds	20 th	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	22 nd	10 – 11.00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Novena of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese
Sat	23 rd	10.00 am to 10.30 am	- Confessions
Sun	24th	6.30 pm	Mass with the Confirmation of our candidates at the Cathedral, Lancaster

Special Days this Week:

Sun	17 th	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (World Communications Day of Prayer)
Sun	24 th	PENTECOST

Meetings this Week:

Weds	20 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	21 st	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith
		7.30 pm	St Vincent de Paul Society (at 2 Brooklands Dr.)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	2 nd	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 134	Children: 5
Sun	3 rd	10.00 am	Adults: 291	Children: 76 Total: 506

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,333.30; CAFOD Collection for Nepal: £572.30; Votive Lights: £44; Shop: £60; 1st Holy Communion Ties: £36. *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. Shopper's Service (Pause for Thought) is at 12.15 pm every Thursday, at Garstang Methodist Church.