

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

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17th / 18th OCTOBER 2015

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

World Mission Sunday



They were on their way up to Jerusalem. Jesus was walking ahead of them – deep in thought and prayer. The apostles were following him, “they were in a daze....they were apprehensive,” St Mark tells us. Jesus had been talking to them about giving everything up – “many who are first will be last, and the last first.” He spoke explicitly to them of his forthcoming suffering and death.

The brothers, James and John, were whispering to each other, “If we don’t get in first and ask him, one of the others will ask him before us.” – so they said to Jesus, “Will you do us a favour? When you come into your kingdom, allow us to sit one on your right and the other at your left in glory.” They just hadn’t heard Jesus say: “the first will be last.”

Jesus was saddened at their selfishness, at their blindness. He had so little time left to get his apostles to learn the truth about God’s Kingdom. Jesus knew he was soon going to leave the responsibility of building God’s Kingdom on earth to these men.

He tried again:

“You know that among the pagans, their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt.” ***“This is not going to happen among you!!!”***

As we look at ourselves and at our church leaders back over time, how well do we follow Jesus? “Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant.” We have so much to learn. How we must beg the Lord to show us how to serve one another! How we need the generosity of heart to be happy to become the least important! How we need the courage and determination to be true disciples of Jesus!

New items and information

This Sunday, 18th October, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries and young churches like the church in Mongolia, as they share faith, build churches and provide healthcare and education, often in difficult and dangerous environments. The World Mission Sunday collection will support mission projects worldwide that bring God’s love and message of dignity for all. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Every gift makes a real difference to people living in poverty who are yearning to hear the Good News of God’s love for them.

Vee’s Prayer Group – The next meeting of the Vee’s Prayer Group is next Wednesday, 21st October, in the Presbytery Dining Room. ***All welcome.***

Whist & Domino Drive – Come and have some fun this Monday, 19th October, in the Plessington Chapel, from 2 pm – 4 pm! Everyone is welcome, whether or not you have played before – learning a new skill is a good thing!

St Vincent de Paul Society – (1) Thank you for the donations on the weekend of 4th October, which amounted to £106.20. (2) The next meeting of the SVP is next Tuesday, 20th October, at 7.30 pm at Marie Pearson’s home in Castle Lane.

Did you know....the Ana Manganaro health clinic is a CAFOD partner in El Salvador? The clinic was built in 1988 by refugees, including nurses, who returned to El Salvador after the civil war. Inspired by Blessed Oscar Romero and by American doctor and Sister Ana Manganaro, the clinic provides care for rural communities so they don’t have to travel long distances, which can be costly and dangerous, to see a doctor. Today the clinic supports a population of 19,000 people.

Christian Meditation Group – The next meeting will be on Thursday, 20th October, at 7.30 pm. It will be held at 96 The Close, Wyre Vale Park, Garstang, PR3 1PN. Everyone welcome. Further information, contact Sister Hazel SCL TOHP, 606906, or email hazel.adamson@btinternet.com.

Day of Renewal – The next Day of Renewal will be held on 31st October 2015, from 10am – 4pm, in the Church Hall at St Clare’s, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9HH.

REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH ...

If you wish to nominate your parish as a beneficiary under your will (as a Charity, bequests made to the Church will not attract inheritance tax) you may wish to consider the following wording:

“I give to the *Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (LRCDT)* for the benefit of the Parish of St Mary & St Michael, Garstang, the sum of £xxxx (and in words) free of duty and I declare that the receipt of the Financial Administrator of *LRCDT* at the Finance Office, The Pastoral Centre, Balmoral Road, Lancaster, LA1 3BT shall be a good discharge (LRCDT Charity No. 234331).”

By this means your bequest is guaranteed to be solely for the benefit of your parish.

Previously Published Items

Invitation to Dedicate a Hymn Book to a loved one, so that anyone using the book can remember that person in prayer. The invitation is not to pay the cost of the books, as that has already been met. Please write dedications on sheets in the porch.

Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith? If so, we will soon be starting our weekly gatherings, when any interested person would be very welcome to come along. We call this group our Journey in Faith group. Anyone enquiring about the faith would be welcomed on Thursday evenings. We meet in the Presbytery, behind the church, at 7.15 pm. *If you are interested, please contact Father David.*

Garstang Musical Productions present “**21st Century Musicals**” with hits from shows such as Sister Act, Billy Elliot, Legally Blonde, and many more, this coming week, from **21st – 24th October** at Garstang Community Academy. Tickets are available from Car Care and Market Place News, High Street. Visit

www.garstangmusicalproductions.co.uk; email

garstangmusicalproductions@hotmail.co.uk. Also see poster at back of church.

Two Day Pilgrimage to Lourdes 7th – 8th December 2015, departing Manchester.

£399 per person. If you are interested, see poster at back of church, visit

www.mancunia.com, or telephone 0161 883 1515. Booking form in presbytery.

Wednesday Word – To help us prepare for Mass on 25th October, 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: Isabel Berry, John Dickinson, Bert Addison, Edward Swarbrick, Bob Thompson, Catherine Price, Anne Miller, John Joseph Reid, Canon Arthur Fleming, Margaret Hargreaves, Harold Rawlinson, Agnes Thompson and Frank Newsham. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including:

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), Molly and family, Mark Noblet, Christopher Lawson, 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.)*

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 17th– Sunday 25th October 2015

Sat	17 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Bridget Devitt
Sun	18 th	10.00 am	Joan Preston (Anniversary of Marriage)
Mon	19 th	No Mass	
Tues	20 th	7.00 pm	Mary Rigby (Second Anniversary)
Wed	21 st	7.00 pm	Catherine Price (Anniversary)
Thurs	22 nd	9.30 am	Harry Holden – A Speedy Recovery
Fri	23 rd	9.30 am	Pauline Moran (Anniversary)
Sat	24 th	8.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		06.00 pm(Vigil)	Staff of St Mary & St Michael’s School
Sun	25 th	10.00 am	Patricia Hawkins

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	21 st	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	23 rd	10 - 11 am	Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations
Sat	24 th	No Confessions	

Special Days this Week:

Sun	18 th	World Mission Day
Mon	19 th	St John Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions
Thurs	22 nd	St John Paul II
Fri	23 rd	St John of Capistrano
Sat	24 th	St Anthony Mary Claret

Meetings this Week:

Mon	19 th	2 pm – 4 pm	Whist & Domino Drive
Tues	20 th	7.30 pm	SVP at Marie Pearson’s home, Castle Lane
Weds	21 st	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
		7.35 pm	Vee’s Prayer Group (Presbytery Dining Room)

Last Week’s Attendance:

Sat	10 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 136	Children: 7	
Sun	11 th	10.00 am	Adults: 116	Children: 28	Total: 287

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,087.60; Concert for Roof Fund: £640; Shop: £20; Votive Lights: £36; Donation: £16.20; Refund from BCCS: £1,500; PACT: £114.15. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

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