

## New items and information

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

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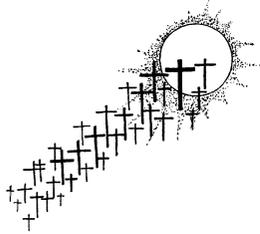
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1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014

ALL SAINTS DAY (YEAR A)



This year, the Feast of All Saints is transferred to the Sunday which, despite being 2<sup>nd</sup> November, is still the Feast of All Saints. Not All Souls. Surely we hope there's little difference. All Saints are not just those who have been through a complicated canonisation process with a listing of their virtues and achievements, but all who have gone before us into heaven since the beginning

of time. We do not know their names; they have no charter other than the Beatitudes, and no proclamation is made about them except that they share in the universal call to holiness which they lived out in many and diverse ways. We all hope our deceased loved ones are in heaven whether they were devout or not. Grandparents especially pray for grandchildren who seem to have lost "the faith", but were the grandchild to die, they would still hope their soul would be taken to the arms of an all-loving, all-merciful God.

Today's gospel is of course Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount', and is probably the most used Gospel at Funeral Masses, as we can identify the deceased in at least some of the Beatitudes (though of course they are not multiple choice). While Matthew has eight 'bullet points' in his Sermon on the Mount, Luke only has four in his equivalent Sermon on the Plain, a reading that never turns up at funerals at all.

So a comforting, calming and yet invigorating Gospel. Though I must admit I prefer the older translation of 'Blessed' instead of 'Happy'. Happy is a weak word; while Blessed implies that what is at stake is a Grace given by God. I don't think I should be happy if I was being abused and persecuted, but I do pray that if I was, God would give me a share in his infinite strength. Christians in many lands are being persecuted today for the sake of the Gospel, and surely it is Blessedness that we think of in their courage.

Today we pray for all the Saints, a whole heavenly of them, and hope that our lives will entitle us to be with them for eternity.

*D'arcy*

**Month of the Holy Souls** – From this Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, our Book of the Names of the Dead will be placed before the Altar and those whose names you have written in the Book will be remembered at every Mass offered in our church during November.

**Journey in Faith (RCIA) 2014 – 2015** – The new Journey in Faith programme starts with a Core Group preparation meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Any enquirers will then be joining us for our first meeting together on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November. We are here to welcome anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic and who wants to find out more about the Catholic faith. Yvonne, who joined us part-way through the programme this year, will be continuing with us as an enquirer, with a view to coming into full communion with the Church at Easter 2015. We ask for your prayers for Yvonne, for our core group, and for any other enquirers who may be considering coming to the meetings, which will take place every Thursday evening, from 7.15 pm.

**Bereavement Support** – Following our Stewardship Initiative in June, we are holding a meeting for anyone interested in offering bereavement support. To find out more, please come along to an informal evening this coming Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm in the Plessington Chapel. All are welcome.

**Father Satoru Kato** came to visit Father David last Tuesday. He particularly asked that his regards be passed on to all our Parishioners. There are 4,000 parishioners in his Parish, (in Japan) and *six* Masses are celebrated each weekend. As two of the six are celebrated in English, there are two bulletins produced each week – one in Japanese, and one in English! If you are interested in having a look at examples of these, they are at the back of church. (Please leave them there, so other parishioners can also look at them.)

**Our Monthly Coffee Morning** will be held this coming Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, from 10 am – 12 noon. Come along to meet up with friends for some cheerful chat, a brew and *delicious* cakes! *Everyone* is welcome!

**Friends of Chivuna** – The next meeting is on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.30 pm, in the Plessington Chapel.

**Pope Francis's Synod on the Family** – Following the recent Synod of Bishops, there are copies of the report which were printed in The Tablet, on green paper at the back of church, for you to take home, if you would like to read it.

**CAFOD 'WORLD GIFTS'** – Do you have trouble buying Christmas gifts for someone who appears to "have everything"? CAFOD has the answer! There are catalogues at the back of church to help you rediscover the true spirit of Christmas giving. From a donkey that helps a family to fetch water, to teaching someone to read, there are a host of fantastic new ways to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas giving. Please help yourself to one of these *World Gifts* catalogues, and help to transform the lives of people who have very little or nothing.

**Traidcraft** – Thank you to those of you who placed orders. We will know shortly how much profit has been made for Chivuna Clinic. There are a few Traidcraft Christmas cards and items for sale in the church shop.

**North West Children's Support Group Fundraising** – Daniel Meeson would like to thank those in the Parish who sponsored him on 12<sup>th</sup> October Yorkshire Marathon. He completed in 3 hours 22 minutes, and so far £267.28 has been received for this Charity. Grateful thanks for your support. *Pat & Jim Costain (Daniel's Grandparents)*

**Parish Draw** – Thank you to everyone who supports the Parish Draw. The money raised for our church over the last 12 months was £1,380.

**CAFOD Lancaster Mass of Remembrance** – will be held at 11 am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2014 at St Anne's Catholic Church, Westby Mills, Westby, PR4 3PL. If you would like loved ones remembered at the Mass, there are forms at the back of church to fill in and post.

**Women Together in the Diocese of Lancaster** – All Ladies from our parish are invited to the Annual Day of Prayer and Reflection for Advent, which will be held at The Little Sisters of the Poor, Jeanne Jugan Residence, Garstang Road, Preston, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014, from 10.30 am – 3.30 pm. The theme for the day is “The joy of the gospel – being a disciple in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” The day will be led by Father Philip Connor. For further information, contact Sue Gornall on 01772 715495 or email [Suegoegornall@aol.com](mailto:Suegoegornall@aol.com). See poster at back of church, and there are also some booking forms at the back of church.

### **Previously Published Items**

**Advent Preparation** – The Liturgy & Spirituality Group have invited Fr Joe Smith (retired priest of the Leeds Diocese and a retreat giver) to lead a morning of Advent preparation on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November. Places will be limited to 25. If you are interested, please contact Jean Andrews (603802) or Frank Miller (604030). More details later.

**Ladies’ Ecumenical Meeting, Garstang Methodist Church** – An invitation has been issued by Mrs Kelsall of Garstang Methodist Church to the ladies at SSMM, for Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 pm, to join in the Ladies Ecumenical Meeting. The Speaker will be Mrs Elaine Ringland, and the service will be followed by tea and cakes in Wesleys.

**Cor et Lumen Christi Community** invites you to join us for “The Living Word 1” on 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November. All welcome. Our events are offered on a donation only basis. Some accommodation is available. See poster and flyers at the back of church.

**Wednesday Word** – To help us prepare for Mass on 9<sup>th</sup> November, the new copy of the Wednesday Word can be found at the back of church, on yellow paper.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of** Catherine Price, who died on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Her Funeral Mass was held here last Wednesday. *May she rest in peace.*

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** William Stopforth, Lawrence Lord, Dorothy Robertson, Cath Morris, Alfred Leigh Jessie Horn, Molly Taylor, May Dilworth, Rose Parker, Edwin Ball, William Critchley, Alice Jennings, Annie Rawlinson, Terry McCann and Josephine Monica Seton. *May they rest in peace.*

**We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including:** Rosemary Davies, Brian Hargreaves, Ellen, Brendan McGlone (14 year old with leukaemia), Anne Brockbank, Teresa Bonnar (Bowerswood), Rachael Flood (née Mears), Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Sheila Carrol, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes, Molly and family, Ruth Fairey, Mark Noblet, Christopher Lawson, Anthonio Dilao, Bernadette O’Neill, Tom Horn, John Ashcroft, Margaret Shepherd, Tony Moran, Marjorie Addison, Sharon Hodgson, Christine, Peter Holland, Ian Moran, Tony Winstanley, Wilf Rainford, Alyson, Michael Hendry, Christopher Simpson, Auntie Sophie, Christopher Brown, Simon Thompson, Michael Ryan, Sheila Cookson, Francisca Rainford, Alison Green and Tim Park. *(When people whose names are placed on this sick list have recovered their health, please let us know.)*

**Response to the psalm at 10.30 am Mass:**

### **Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	6.30 pm (Vigil)	Mary Ibison’s Intentions
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30 am	Ignatius and Agnes Bullen
		10.30 am	Deceased Members of the Broughton Catholic Charitable Society
		4.00 pm	Annual Mass for Deceased Brothers – Catenians of Province 10
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tues	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Private Intention
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Private Intention
Thurs	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Robert Catterall
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Chivuna Mass – Gerald Whittaker
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.30 pm (Vigil)	Pauline Moran
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Tony Crangle
		10.30 am	Deceased Members of the Bolton and Fisher Families

### **Devotions and Celebrations this week:**

Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	No Rosary	
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions & Exposition
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	Benediction & Holy Hour

### **Special Days this Week:**

Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>ALL SOULS</b> (Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed)
Tues	4 <sup>th</sup>	St Charles Borromeo
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b> Remembrance Day

### **Meetings this Week:**

Tues	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Bereavement Support
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Friends of Chivuna

### **Last Week’s Attendance:**

Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 111	Children : 5
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Adults: 75	Children: 9
		10.30 am	Adults: 86	Children: 22
			Total: 305	

**Monies Received:** Offertory: £1,146.93; Votive Lights: £103.10; Refund Altar Servers’ Dinner (cancelled): £109; Parish Draw: £1,380; Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection: £246.50; World Mission Sunday: £91.30. *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 Garstang United Reformed Church. Shopper’s Service (Pause for Thought) is at 12.15 pm every Thursday, at Garstang Methodist Church.