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Garstang and Calder Vale**

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**19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**



*“How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.” (Rv 5:12; 1:6)*

**New items and information**

**Youth Sunday** – This Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is also Youth Day, and there will be a special collection for Youth Services.

**School- and Youth-led Mass** – This will take place at next Sunday's 10 am Mass.

**Hummingbirds Christmas Fair** – You are warmly invited to join us at Hummingbirds' Christmas Fair in the Social Centre which will be held on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, after the 10 am Mass. Admission £1 to include tea or coffee. (Note: there will be no tea/coffee in the Plessington Chapel after Mass.) If you still want **Raffle tickets**, these can be obtained from Hummingbirds, or see Anne and Frank Miller.

**Wrestling with the Parables** – The final session will be next Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, from 7 – 8 pm at the Education Centre, Lancaster. The parables involved will be *The Labourers in the Vineyard* (Mt 20: 1-16; *The Growing Seed* (Mk 4:26-29; *The Rich Man and Lazarus* (Lk 16:19-31). All welcome. Please bring a bible.

**Cardinal Newman College** (Larkhill Road, Preston, PR1 4HD) – We are all invited to the Advent Vigil, to be held in their chapel on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome, and there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those who wish. Further information tel: 01772 460 181; email [reception@cardinalnewman.ac.uk](mailto:reception@cardinalnewman.ac.uk); web: [www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk](http://www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk).

**The Cenacolo Community** at Dodding Green is holding their Pre-Christmas Open Day for Friends of the Community on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December beginning at 10 am and concluding with an open-air Nativity presentation at about 4.30 pm (weather permitting!)

**Castlerigg – Youth at the Manor** – An Advent Retreat Weekend is being held at Castlerigg from 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December, for young people, Year 9+. If you are interested, the booking form is on their website: [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events) or email [Patricia@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:Patricia@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or phone 01768 772 711. See poster at back of church.

**A Message from Aid to the Church in Need UK** – At 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, to mark the Parliamentary launch of Aid to the Church in Need's "Religious Freedom in the World" Report to be launched the following day, Westminster Cathedral and Westminster Abbey will be "lighting up red" to remember all Christian and other faith groups who suffer for their beliefs. We have some Catholic, C of E and Free churches and schools involved up and down the country. In preparation for the day we are contacting schools, universities and groups, specifically to ask them to get involved with Red Wednesday to stand up against religious persecution and make a stand for peace and tolerance, by wearing an item of red clothing on the day and to use our Red Wednesday materials – available on the website at [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday)

**Did you know....**in this Year of Mercy, thousands of Catholics have sent messages of hope to refugees? Thank you so much for bringing mercy and hope to our global family. CAFOD has received over 18,000 messages from schools, parishes, and communities in England and Wales. Thank you for your incredible determination to stand alongside the most vulnerable people around the world. Please continue to send your messages of hope in 2017. We will keep sharing your messages with women, men and children who are seeking refuge. [cafod.org.uk/Pray/Year-of-Mercy/Send-a-message-of-hope](http://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Year-of-Mercy/Send-a-message-of-hope).

### Previously Published Items

**RCIA/Journey in Faith 2016 – 2017** The Journey in Faith meetings have started again. The next meeting is this Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November beginning at 7.30 pm. If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, or in becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr Tom (Tel: 01995 602164) or Elizabeth Horn (Tel. 01995 602024) for further information.

**The Living Word 3** – Encounter the Living God through scripture. *During this weekend we will be exploring the power and purpose of the Gospels.* Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU. Donation only event. To book, or for more information, [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org), [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org), Tel: 01697 345 623 or 07516 075 896.

**“The Art of Dying Well”** is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. It will launch in November – the traditional month of remembering and praying for the dead. [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org). There are prayer cards at the back of church; help yourself.

**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 (LRCDTR Charity No. 234331).”

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

**Wednesday Word** for the weekend Mass of 27<sup>th</sup> November can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** John Francis Rigby, Stephanie McDonald, Tony Hickey, Bernard Watson, William Haydock Barton, Frank Blessing, Cuthbert Billington, Brian Hargreaves, Edward Storey, Marjorie Addison, George Bamber, Nellie Winder, Thomas Cooney and Cath Bagot. *May they rest in peace.*

**We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including:** Christine Cobain; John Holland, Ros Drake; Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Allan Whipp, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy (5 years old, his family thank you for your prayers; he still can't see, only shadows, but walking a little; still no diagnosis), Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Chris O'Connor, Craig Smith, Leo Rabbett, Anne Walmsley, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, John Sweeney, Rod Pearson, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Ewan (he has responded well to brain tumour treatment, even able to move up to secondary school this year. The family appreciates your prayers and asks that they continue as he is not out of the woods yet), Phillip, John Fairey, Pat Hickey, Sheila Murphy, Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes, Antonio 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 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Sat	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Dennis Vincent Wilkes
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tue	22 <sup>nd</sup>	12 noon	Brian Hargreaves (First Anniversary)
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	A Special Intention
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Peter Ibison
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Brendan Murphy (Anniversary) School- and Youth-led Mass

### Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Exposition
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

### Special Days this week:

Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Youth Day)	
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup>	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Tues	22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Cecilia (Virgin and Martyr)	
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	St Clement I (Pope & Martyr); St Columban (Abbot)	
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup>	Sts Andrew Dung-Lac (Priest) & Companions (Martyrs)	
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	St Catherine of Alexandria	
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	The Blessed Virgin Mary	
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	

### Meetings this Week:

Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Journey in Faith

### Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 138	Children: 11	
		10.00 am	Adults: 107	Children: 17	Total: 273

### Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,066.70; Votive Lights: £45; Shop: £25. *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.