

St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church Garstang and Calder Vale

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20th / 21st August 2016

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



“Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.”

New items and information

North West Children's Support Group –

- (1) On 27th August, Michael Costain, Pat and Jim's son, is running 100 km (62 miles) to raise money for the NWCSG. Michael was a helper on many of the holidays in his younger days. Anybody wishing to donate can do so through: mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/michaelcostain2016, or give directly to Pat or Jim.
- (2) Many thanks for all the delicious cakes which were so generously provided for the NWCSG Leeds holiday. They were very much enjoyed by children and helpers. Empty cake tins have been put in the back porch for collection.

- (3) The North West Children's Support Group are celebrating their 40th Anniversary with a Birthday Party at the Crofters of 17th September at 7 pm. Our wonderful supporters within the parish are very welcome to attend! Tickets cost £15 for adults (16+) and £10 for children (5 and under go free). The ticket price is to cover costs only, this is not a fundraiser! If anybody would like to buy tickets, please contact Debbie McCann on 601354 or Helen Whittaker on 600254.

The One Voice Community Choir will be performing here at SSMM next Wednesday, 24th August, beginning at 6.30 pm. **(There will be no choir practice that evening.)**

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales.

Traidcraft Autumn/Christmas Catalogues will be available shortly from the back of church. If you are able, please support some of the world's poorest producers with your purchases, whilst raising money for Chivuna clinic. Items include fairtrade foods, clothing, gifts, crafts and Christmas cards etc. *Helen Spencer.*

Noddfa – There will be a retreat at Noddfa from Monday, 10th to Friday 14th October. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Jean Andrews on 603 802 or Elizabeth Horn on 602 024, and they will be in touch with you.

Justice Matters Petition – Thank you to everyone who signed this petition. It has been forwarded to Traidcraft.

CAFOD/Chivuna Summer Quiz – Last chance to purchase this quiz this weekend! Don't worry if you have not answered all questions; return your sheets to the box at the back of church, or give to Helen Spencer before 10th September to be in with a chance of a small Fairtrade hamper for most correct answers and fairtrade items for two runners-up. Thank you to those who have already purchased or made donations - £105 has been raised so far.

Many thanks to Sarah and Simon Nelson, of Maelstrom Lancaster Ltd, (Hummingbirds' parents) who very generously donated a brand new kitchen for the Castle Lane Community Centre. The kitchen was fitted in the summer, and new flooring should follow soon.

Castlerigg – Youth at the Manor! We draw your attention to a couple of events that are coming up: (1) 9th – 11th September, “The Big Walk”, the annual walking pilgrimage to join the diocesan pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady, Cleator. A group of young people, aged 16 and over, will walk across the Lake District, praying and sharing their faith. Places are limited, £70 per person; and (2) 28th – 30th October “Young Adults' Retreat”. This is a new venture for the youth service, an open retreat at Castlerigg Manor for young adults (6th form and older). This is an opportunity for young people to come together and discover more about their faith alongside others of their own age. £65 per person. See posters at the back of church for contact details and further information.

Churches Together in Garstang & District - Advance Notices

1. 12th October at 3.00 pm – Next meeting of CTiG in St Thomas' Parish and Community Centre (small meeting room).
2. 14th & 15th October – Christian Aid bucket collection in Booth's Supermarket. Would you be willing to give up an hour on one of these days so that as much of the two days can be covered as possible? The collection during Christian Aid Week this year was £1,000 less than last year, so it would be good if we can boost our contribution somewhat with the bucket collection. Perhaps people who don't

like the door-to-door collecting might be willing to stand (or sit) with a bucket for an hour?

Men's Fellowship Group at Garstang URC are looking to extend the Fellowship to include other churches. Their meetings sometimes include outside speaker. If you are interested in such a venture, please pass on your name to Father Tom or to D'arcy, and it will be passed on to the URC with a view to arranging a meeting to take the matter forward.

Previously Published Items

Fairtrade goods – The Mustard Seed, next to the Methodist Church, have a large selection of Fairtrade items, and support worthwhile projects. They have been running for 25 years, and over £25,000 has been passed on to various organisations, charities, schools, communities and co-operatives around the world - helping craftsmen and women to have a future in their homelands. They are open Thurs/Fri/Sat 10 am-2 pm.

Dates for your diary - Fr Luiz Ruscillo will lead a series of reflections on the Parables in the Gospels on Tuesday evenings, 7pm - 8pm at the Education Centre, on the following dates: 27 September; 11 and 18 October; 15 and 22 November.

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 28th August can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

Please pray for Matilda Winnie Slater who is being baptised this Sunday at 12 noon.

Please pray for Jo Fagan and Gary Keane, who were married here in St Mary & St Michael's, yesterday, 20th August. Congratulations to them both!

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Les Lunn, Dorothy Richardson, Michael O'Neill, Lilian Barnes, Robert Horn, Wilfred Garstang, John N Bamber, Stephen Copple, George Armer, Margaret Barton, Brian Eydmann, John Green, Frances Xavier Andrews, John Cahill, John Andrews and Katherine Piela. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Margaret Hibberdine, Billy (5 yrs old, suddenly gone blind and paralysed, taken into Great Ormond St Hospital), 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, Peter Ibison, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Ewan (an 11 year old boy undergoing treatment for a brain tumour), 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 20th – Sunday 28th August 2016

Sat	20 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Dennis Vincent Wilkes
Sun	21 st	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker
Mon	22 nd	No Mass	
Tue	23 rd	12 noon	John Preston
Wed	24 th	9.30 am	Tom Horn
Thurs	25 th	9.30 am	A Sick Person
Fri	26 th	9.30 am	Maurice Iddon
Sat	27 th	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Alan Bradley
Sun	28 th	10.00 am	Frank Purkis

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Fri	26 th	10 – 10.30 am	Holy Half-hour for Priestly Vocations
Sat	27 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	21 st	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Mon	22 nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Tues	23 rd	St Rose of Lima	
Weds	24 th	ST BARTHOLOMEW	
Thurs	25 th	St Louis; St Joseph of Calasanz	
Fri	26 th	Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God (Barberi)	
Sat	27 th	St Monica	
Sun	28 th	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	

Meetings this Week:

Wed 24th **No Choir Practice**

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	7 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 127	Children: 5	
		10.00 am	Adults: 101	Children: 15	Total: 248

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,007.90; Votive Lights: £41.50; Shop: £10.
Many thanks to you all.

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Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in August here at Saints Mary & Michael's.