

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

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**20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2015**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Anyone who knows the region around Lake Galilee is very familiar with the severe evening storms over the lake. During the day the land around the lake gets very hot from the scorching sunshine. The water of the lake remains very cool in comparison. When the sun goes down in the evening, the hot air over the land rises, drawing in

the cool air from over the lake. These air currents cause rapid air movement and the wind produced, whips up the waves on the lake very rapidly.

At least four of the disciples in the boat were experienced fishermen and would have been very familiar with this evening turbulence. What is amazing is that they were caught out. They normally would have avoided being out on the open water in the evening.

Perhaps what happened was, as they were with Jesus, they had observed some amazing miracles, they had listened to him teach, they had seen the crowds and Jesus had chosen them to be his special friends. Their normal sense of judgement was probably dulled by the amazing things they were experiencing.

So when Jesus said in the evening, "Let us cross over to the other side," they probably thought that because Jesus was with them, although it was quite unwise to venture out onto the lake at that time of the day, they would be safe with Jesus. Their faith overcame their human experience.

They *were* safe!

But they just didn't expect the predictable weather to put them in such danger! Suddenly their faith left them. They were in mortal danger: "Master, the boat is sinking!" What a test of their faith!

The Lord gives us faith, not just for the good times, the times when things are going well and we are in control – but the Lord gives us the gift of faith in the tempestuous times, the times when we are in great danger, the times when we are out of control and everything is going wrong.

Today we perhaps should pray that the Lord will remind us of the scene in that boat with the waves crashing in and him asleep on the cushions. Then when we hear the Lord speaking to the waves, saying: "Quiet! Be Calm!" perhaps we might be able to say: "Lord, I really trust you.!"

**New items and information**

**Mission Appeal** – This weekend at both of our Masses, we welcome Fr Alan Bell CHS, of the 'Crusade of the Holy Spirit', who will speak to us about the Crusade, and ask us to contribute financially to their work. The Crusade of the Holy Spirit is a Missionary Association of priests and students, founded by Father Thomas Walsh in 1966. Today it serves the Church in Latin America, the United States and England through the training of priests and parish work. The visit is not only to ask for support, but also to help increase awareness of the Church's mission to all peoples.

**Quarante Ore** – during the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June we have our Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We begin after 9.30 am Mass on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> until 5.45 pm. Vigil Mass is at 6 pm, and Solemn Exposition will start again at 7 pm until 10 pm. On Sunday, it will start again after 10 am Mass, and will last until 4 pm, ending with Holy Hour from 3 pm – 4 pm. We are privileged to sit with Jesus during this special time – please put your name on the list at the back of church to indicate when you will be able to visit.

**Mission Boxes:** **Would all mission box holders please take a mission book from the church porch.** Boxes emptied recently are now ready for collection. £210.87 has been banked. Thank you. If you haven't got a box but would like one, please take one from the church porch. *Celia*

**Sponsored Walk from Castlerigg Manor** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. All welcome. Setting off at 10 am. Join us for Mass at 9 am. Afternoon tea on return. Please let us know you are coming – tel: 017687 72711 or email: [team@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:team@castleriggmanor.co.uk).

**Larkhill Reunion** will take place at Cardinal Newman College on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. Further details are available from Mrs Pauline Drake, tel: 01253 733985.

**Parish Directory 2015-2016** Copies of the parish directory for the year 2015-2016 listing the various groups in the parish, with contact names and details, and also details of parish services and sacraments, are now available at the back of church. Making these available arose from a request made during the Stewardship campaign and the people named are those who gave us their details during the Stewardship Campaign.

**Special Collection** Next weekend, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June, is for "Peter's Pence"

**Previously Published Items**

**Prayer Group Meeting** – There will be a Prayer Group Meeting on **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June**, at 14 Bonds Lane. *All welcome.*

**Day of Renewal** – called to be Missionary Disciples, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 10 am – 4 pm at St Clare's Church (in the Parish Hall), Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, PR2 9HH. For further information see poster at the back of church.

**Women Together in the Diocese of Lancaster** – On Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015, there will be a day for Women in the Diocese in the Cathedral Social Centre, from 10.30 am – 3.30 pm. The theme of the day is Consecrated Life "Sign call and challenge for the Church today", led by a number of Sisters working in our Diocese. Bishop Michael will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 12.15 pm. Lunch can be

ordered – please let them know by 9<sup>th</sup> July. For further information, contact Sue Gornall (Diocesan Link Women Together) on 07513 941 647, or email [suegoegornall@aol.com](mailto:suegoegornall@aol.com)

**Garstang Musical Productions** are holding a fund-raising event in the School Hall on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm. There will be four musicians and a vocalist, a bar (serving *real* beer – none of your canned stuff!), and refreshments. There will also be a Promises Auction on the night. Tickets are £10; this includes a raffle – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is train travel to London, overnight stay in a hotel, and tickets to see a West End Show; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is a portable television. **For more details and for tickets, contact Mary Bateson on 604203.**

**Wednesday Word** – To help us prepare for Mass on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 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:** John Towers, Michael Parkinson, Mary Doran, Mary McNicholas, Cathie Cadden, George Kenyon, Mary Wearden, Elizabeth Hogarth and Agnes Garstang. **May they rest in peace.**

**We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including:** Rod (Chas) Cartner, Maurice Iddon, 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, Antonio 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.)**



**Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Sat	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Fr David: George Gidlow Fr Bell: Matt Pedder
Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Fr David: Cathie Cadden (Fifth Anniversary) Fr Bell: Eva Carter
Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Funeral Mass for Eileen Hall (Celebrant: Fr John Winstanley)
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Thurs	25 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Wedding Day Blessings for a Special Couple
Fri	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Dennis Brown
Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		10.00 am	Opening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		5.45 pm	Closing of Adoration
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Wilfrid & Agnes Garstang
		7.00 pm	Re-opening of Adoration
		10.00 pm	Closing of Adoration
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Elizabeth Hogarth

**Devotions and Celebrations this week:**

Weds	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Rosary</b>
Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	Quarante Ore: from 10.00 am to 5.45 pm & from 7 pm to 10 pm
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	Quarante Ore: from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm, ending with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 3.00 pm

**Special Days this Week:**

Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>	ST JOHN FISHER, Bishop, & ST THOMAS MORE, Martyrs
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	ST PETER & ST PAUL, Apostles

**Meetings this Week:**

Weds	24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
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**Last Week's Attendance:**

Sat	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 123	Children: 5	
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Adults: 119	Children: 23	Total: 270

**Monies Received:**

Offertory: £1,028.20 (including Standing Orders); Funeral/Cemetery: £600 Shop: £20; Votive Lights: £47.50; Photocopying: £5; Roof Fund – from Afternoon Tea in Fr David's Garden: £604. **Many thanks to you all.**

**Churches Together in Garstang & District**

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