

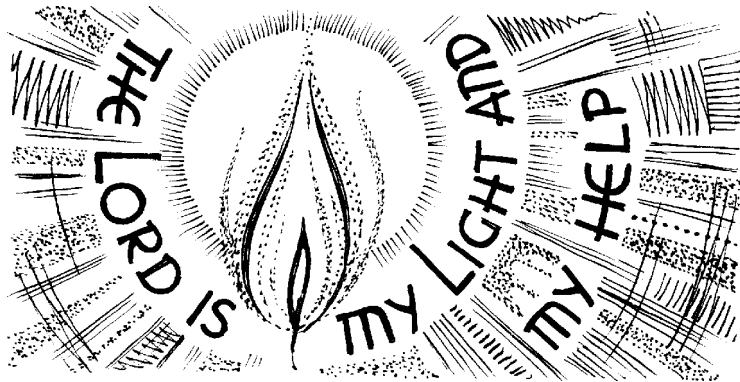
New items and information

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

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21st / 22nd January 2017

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)



*"I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."*

John 8:12

Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child – This weekend, there will be a White Flower Appeal for SPUC.

Mission Appeal on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Columban. – Thank you to all who contributed towards last week's appeal – a wonderful £782 was collected!

Journey in Faith – The next meeting will be held next Thursday, 26th January, 7.15 pm.

Friends of Chivuna – The next meeting will be held next Friday, 27th January, 7.30 pm.

A huge thank you to the parishioners who, during the roof renovations from July to December, turned up every week to ensure the church was cleaned for the weekend Masses and several funerals. Now our cleaning teams are returning to normal duties of a couple of hours every 2 – 4 weeks. If anyone would like to join us, you would be most welcome! Please contact Jim Fletcher (608815) or Anne Miller (604030) for more details. It's cheaper than joining the gym!

Parish Draw – Congratulations go to Noreen Hargreaves and Gilliam Richardson for being our January winners. We are looking for a couple of extra people to help collect subscriptions for the Parish Draw. This will only take up a couple of weeks in March each year. If you would like to help, please contact Trish & Kev on 01995 604 292. *Thank you* **Thank you** to all the supporters of the Monthly Coffee Mornings and the Whist & Domino Drives. The money you raised has gone towards buying another two chairs for Father Tom's kitchen! *And all while having fun!*

Beer Festival 2017 – 3rd & 4th February at Cockerham Village Hall, to raise money for the **North West Children's Support Group**. Beer, pies and live music from The Flatlanders and other great bands. Cocktails and a Gin bar also available. **Tickets £5** available from Paul on 01524 751 373. For further information, speak to Helen Whittaker or Debbie McCann.

Did you know....in our changing world, millions of people are increasingly affected by humanitarian crises – whether caused by natural disasters, a changing climate, conflict or disease? Here are eight humanitarian situations that CAFOD will monitor closely in 2017: *refugees stranded in Greece; Syria crisis; Yemen; Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories; South Sudan; Mosul displacement; instability in the Democratic Republic of Congo; and the peace process in Columbia.* We could despair at these crises but the mercy of God's love moves us to act. Signs of hope do emerge from tragedy, when we see communities which faced desperate challenges draw closer to living dignified and full lives.

Previously Published Items

Castlerigg Manor (Youth) – Forthcoming Events:

Easter Retreat (Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, 13th – 16th April. Open to year 9 upwards.

Family Weekend (28th – 30th April) A great opportunity for families to come together for the weekend. Activities for all age groups.

Lourdes – Travelling with the Youth Service is a great way for young people to get to know the story of Lourdes and grow in faith through service, prayer, catechesis and time spent with other young Catholics. Open to ages Year 11+, prices from £650 for coach travel (flight information will follow). Our coach journey starts on 19th July, and this year

we are excited to be spending 24 hours in Nevers en route. There we will visit St Bernadette's relics and learn more of her story, as well as having the chance to spend the day exploring Nevers before continuing on our journey to Lourdes. In Lourdes we will be staying in a 4-star hotel and we will arrive home on Saturday 29th July. Book now, forms are on our website: <http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events/lourdes-2017>

Jesuit Refugee Service. – JRS-UK provides advocacy and practical assistance to refugees and asylum seekers, responding to the individual's needs, whether they find themselves destitute or detained under immigration rules. Those who come to JRS are often struggling with homelessness or hunger, surviving without cash whilst dealing with stress or trauma due to their experience of destitution and the uncertainties of their situation, as well as isolation and separation from family back home. Walking humbly alongside forced migrants lies at the heart of the JRS mission, based on the belief that encounter, mutual relationship and community are fundamental to human flourishing; the solid foundation upon which to support and assist, in practical ways, those who seek refuge in the UK. For more info see www.jrsuk.net, and the "Faith and Justice" board in the crèche area at the back of Church.

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 29th January can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leo Rabbett who died last week. His funeral will be held here at SS Mary & Michael's next Friday, 27th January, at 12.30 pm. *May he rest in peace.*

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Neil Edmondson who died last Sunday, and for his family. *May he rest in peace.*

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Josephine (Jean) Roberts who died on 8th January. Her funeral service will take place at Carleton Crematorium on Thursday, 2nd February, at 2.45 pm.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Thomas F. McNicholas, Jim Bamber, Belle Metcalf, Thomas Bamber, Hugh Grimbaldeston, John Thomas Graham, Richard Hargreaves, John McArdle and Ruth Fairey. *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), Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Craig Smith, Anne Walmsley, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, 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.*)

Response to the psalm at the 10.00 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 21st – Sunday 29th January 2017

Sat	21 st	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Tom Ibison (Snr)
Sun	22 nd	10.00 am	Marina Poulton (8 th Anniversary)
Mon	23 rd	9.30 am	Thomas Holden
Tue	24 th	12 noon	Tom and Ian Cookson
Wed	25 th	7.00 pm	Harry Wall
Thurs	26 th	9.30 am	John Thomas Graham (RIP)
Fri	27 th	12.30 pm	Funeral – Leo Rabbett
		7.00 pm	Chivuna Mass – Deceased Sisters of this Parish
Sat	28 th	9.30 am	LISCF
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Dennis Brown
Sun	29 th	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	25 th	6.45 pm	Rosary
Sat	28 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	22 nd	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YR A)
Tues	24 th	St Francis de Sales (Bishop & Doctor)
Wed	25 th	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
Thurs	26 th	Sts Timothy & Titus (Bishops)
Fri	27 th	St Angela Merici (Virgin)
Sat	28 th	St Thomas Aquinas (Priest & Doctor)

Meetings next Week:

Wed	25 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	26 th	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith
Fri	27 th	7.30 pm	Friends of Chivuna

Last Two Weeks' Attendance:

Sun	15 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 137	Children: 18
		10.00 am	Adults: 110	Children: 14 Total: 279

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £942.62; Special Collection for St Columban Missionaries: £782; Cemetery: £120; Votive Lights (2 weeks) £92; Crib Collection: £45; Shop: £50 *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in January at St Thomas's.