

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

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



In communicating its superabundant life to us, the Trinity takes careful account of our capacity. And we ourselves are aware how slender that capacity is. But as life is communicated to us it fills out the narrow confines of our hearts. Little by little it makes our hearts more capable of greater, farther-reaching communication, such as we find in the saints. God strives to imbue us with his fullness, and we must open ourselves to it so that it may gradually take over our hearts and fill them.

The Catechism teaches that “by sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange” (221). “The complete Trinity dwells in us” (R. P. Philippon). By worshipping the Trinity we realise the full truth of ourselves. Saint John Paul II wrote: “In the communion of grace with the Trinity, man’s ‘living are’ is broadened and raised up to the supernatural level of divine life. Man lives in God and by God.”

New items and information

Next Weekend, 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> May – Cyprian Blamires (Regional Representative of The St Barnabas Society) will be speaking about their work at both Masses.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Thank you to everyone who contributed to the SVP collection on 8<sup>th</sup> May. A wonderful £232.40 was raised. *God bless you all.*

Chivuna Fundraising: Last weekend, the raffle for the etching was drawn. The winner was Trish O’Hanlon – congratulations! £250 was raised for Friends of Chivuna. Thank you to everyone who subscribed.

Women Together in the Diocese of Lancaster – A day has been organised for all ladies from our Diocese to come together on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at St Joseph’s Church, Ansdell, Lytham St Annes. The theme for the day is “Mercy in the Year of Mercy”. This will be led by Father John McGowan from Tabor. See poster on notice board and the back of church. Should you require any further information, please contact Sue Gornall on 01772 715 495, or email [suegornall@aol.com](mailto:suegornall@aol.com).

Deanery Mass for Vocations – This will be held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm in the Cathedral.

Hidden in plain sight: The forgotten Christians of Pakistan – When Pakistan was formed in 1947, 14% of the 40 million population were Christians or Hindus. Now it is about 3% of the population of 200 million. Why? Dr Peter Lingwood will describe what it is like to live in poverty and be a persecuted Christian in Pakistan, and what the UK charity Aqueduct is doing to encourage them. The talk is at St Joseph’s presbytery, Lancaster, at 7 pm on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June. For further details see [www.st-josephslancaster.co.uk](http://www.st-josephslancaster.co.uk).

Previously Published Items

It’s Bluebell Time again at Calder Vale. Lunches/Teas will be served in the Village Hall every Sunday in May (five Sundays) from 12 noon – 5.00 pm. Bedding plants, rhubarb, free-range eggs, jams/preserves, candles etc are on sale, along with our delicious home-made soup/sandwiches and cakes. We look forward to seeing everyone again. Thank you for your continued support. *Brenda Price.*

Vocations to the Priesthood – There are prayer cards and leaflets at the back of church for anyone who is interested. We are still in the Year for Priestly Vocations, and each Friday after morning Mass, we have a Holy Half-Hour for Priestly Vocations. **If you think you may have a vocation**, there will be a Discovery Weekend, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016 for men aged 20+ at Hawkshead in the Lakes. To book a place, or for more information, contact Fr Darren on 01772 719 604 or 07552 795 060; email [priest@lancastervocations.org](mailto:priest@lancastervocations.org). See poster at the back of church.

Noddfa – There will be a retreat at Noddfa from Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Jean Andrews on 01995 603 802.

Rotas – There are still a number of rotas on the bench in the sacristy which have not been collected. If you are a volunteer for Church Cleaning, Grass Cutting or Counting, and you have not yet collected your copy of the rota, please do so.

Year of Mercy Prayer Cards – these are available at the back of church. Please take one.

**S.P.U.C.** – A new petition against euthanasia has been launched by the SPUC *Lives Worth Living* campaign. (Copies at the back of church if you would like to add your names.) The petition is addressed to the Chief Executives of the NHS in England/Wales. It points to new guidelines in NHS hospitals which put elderly and terminally ill people at risk. These guidelines mean that people may be denied all food and fluids if they are deemed to have only three days to live. This amounts to euthanasia by dehydration. *Please support the petition and help protect vulnerable people from euthanasia.*

**St Mary's Catholic Academy in Blackpool** is looking for a Chaplaincy Team Leader. The post is permanent, 37 hours per week, full year. There are further details on the notice board at the back of church, or for more details and an application form, please contact Mrs Anne Crocombe (Head Teacher's P.A.) on 01253 442583, email [admin@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk), or visit [www.st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk](http://www.st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk). The closing date for applications to be received at the Academy is 12 noon next Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**Youth Service – Castlerigg** – From Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at Castlerigg Manor, there is a retreat available for all families. The weekend provides a great opportunity for families to be together, share with each other and with other families, and draw closer to God. Family discounts are available. There is a booking form and more information on the website [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events/keswick/family](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events/keswick/family). There is a poster at the back of church.

**The Wednesday Word** to help prepare for the weekend Mass of 29<sup>th</sup> May can be found on yellow paper at the back of church. *Please help yourself.*

**Please pray for** Lucy Ashton and Nicholas Reid who are to be married in our church next Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** Jane Delaney, Joseph Hodgson, Ann Mary Swarbrick, Thomas Richardson, Alice Bilborrow, Timothy John Richardson, Dennis Oxby, John Ryan and Jerome Grayston. *May they rest in peace.*

**We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including:** Craig Smith, Leo Rabbett, Anne Walmsley, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, John Towers, John Sweeney, Rita Whittaker, 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, Rosemary Davies, 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 am Mass:**

**Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Timothy Richardson
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup>	}	
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	}	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Joseph Rossall
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Nuptial Mass
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Father John Conway
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Living Members of the Broughton Catholic Charitable Society

**Devotions and Celebrations this week:**

Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	10-10.30 am	Holy Half-hour for Priestly Vocations
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	No Confessions	

**Special Days this week:**

Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	St Bede the Venerable
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	St Philip Neri
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	ST AUGUSTINE of CANTERBURY
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

**Meetings this Week:**

Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
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**Last Week's Attendance:**

Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 129	Children: 8	
		10.00 am	Adults: 109	Children: 25	Total: 271

**Monies Received:**

Last Weekend: £1,061.42; Votive Lights: £50; Wedding Church Fee: £350; Donation (Maurice Iddon): £50; Fr David Presentation: £10. *Many thanks to you all.*

**Churches Together in Garstang & District**

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

**Items for Newsletter**

If you would like something putting in the newsletter, if possible, please could you let us have it by Thursday evening. *Thank you.*