

St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



As we celebrate the last weekend of the Church's year, we celebrate our vocation as Christians. The Church invites us to check out our vocation in the presence of Young People and Christ our King.

Young People are in the process of discovering this extraordinary call of God to us to care for our world and its people. But not only to take care of all that is around us, but to know that when we do this we not only honour the King of

Creation, we actually are caring for the King himself.

Jesus made this very clear:

When you meet people who haven't got enough to eat and you feed them, then ***you feed the King.*** That is cool!

When you come across people who are thirsty and you give them something to drink, ***you are giving a drink to the King!*** What an honour!

When you meet a stranger and you make her or him welcome, ***you are extending your hand of friendship to the King!*** What a privilege!

When you encounter a person who is freezing because their clothes are old and threadbare and you share some of your clothes with them, ***you are helping to keep the King warm and comfortable!*** How amazing!

When you find out that someone is sick and you go to visit them and cheer them up, ***you are cheering up the King!*** This is really exciting!

When you learn that some one is in prison, even imprisoned in their homes – housebound – and you go to be with them and tell them they are not forgotten, then ***you are telling the King that you will always support him!*** This is special!

How could the King ever forget you! You will always be one of the greatest in the King's eyes. No wonder he cries out to you:

“Well done!”

“You are a true servant of mine!”

“You are a proper Christian!”

“If only I had more servants like you!”

On this feast of Christ the King, we really must check out what kind of servants we are and then make sure that we are true servants of the King!

Illustration above: “Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” - “Feeding the Hungry” relief-carved alabaster panel, 's-Hertogenbosch, choir screen, detail

New items and information

This Sunday we celebrate The Feast of Christ the King – Youth Sunday. This is the day on which we make young people our particular focus as a sign of how much we value them. We are asked to make a point of welcoming, encouraging and celebrating the young people around us. Your prayers for young people are really important. Why not be a witness to young people online by telling them #HowHappy living your faith makes you? You are welcome to use this hashtag as you tell your story on Facebook or Twitter. Rachel Cortes, our Youth Leader is recovering from surgery and will not be able to be with us for Youth Sunday.

From next Weekend
we will be celebrating our Saturday night Mass at 6.00 pm,
NOT at 6.30 pm.

There will be no coffee after the 10.30 am Mass next Sunday, 30th November. Instead you are warmly invited to come for refreshments at Hummingbirds Christmas Fair, which will be taking place in the School Hall after Mass. Please do come along to support us.

Evangelium – The next Evangelium Session on the subject of ‘Scripture and Tradition’ will be held next Thursday, 27th November 2014 from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm in the Plessington Chapel.

Bereavement Support – Following the meeting on 4th November, we have arranged a workshop on listening skills on Saturday, 6th December, from 11 am for approximately 1 ½ hours. If you are interested in Bereavement Support, please come along to the Plessington Chapel. You will be most welcome.

Friends of Chivuna – The minutes of the last meeting are now available for collection from the back of church.

Golf Ball and Cake Sale after 10.30 am Mass, Sunday 7th December. Matthew, Daniel & Robert Tomlinson's dog Tess has collected a lot of golf balls from the river near Garstang Golf Club!

CAFOD – We have received a letter of thanks from CAFOD for a further £200 raised through the Harvest Fast Day envelopes. The letter will be displayed at the back of church. Also, **Did you know...**CAFOD's interactive calendar has a reflection and prayer for every day. Each day also has a suggested action that you could take on your own, with your family or as part of your parish or community. Take a look at <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-Calendar> and this Advent take a moment to stop and appreciate the beauty of the world around you. CAFOD has many online prayer resources available on their website. You can bring reflections of social justice and poverty into your worship activities, with our prayers, liturgies and reflections across Church seasons and a wide range of themes.

Previously Published Items

Saturday Nov 29th: An Advent preparation for Christmas for parishioners led by Fr Joe Smith (a retired priest of the Leeds diocese and retreat giver). It will begin with the parish Mass in church at 9.30 am and end with a simple lunch at 1pm. As we will be using the Plessington Chapel we have limited numbers to 25. The morning will include a mixture of scripture, discussion, prayer and reflection on our own experiences. Please do consider taking part – contact Jean Andrews (603802) or Frank Miller (604030) if you wish to attend. There will be no charge for this event but donations will be gratefully accepted.

Hummingbirds Manchester Christmas Markets Coach Trip Hummingbirds are organising a coach to the Manchester Christmas Markets on Saturday 6th December. Leaving

from outside church at 1 pm and returning into Garstang at 9 pm. Enjoy the Markets and shop at leisure. Only £12 per seat. To book seats please call Katie Latham on 07799 826893.

A Musical Celebration of Christmas by the June Baker Singers will take place here in church on Friday 19th December at 7.30 pm. Please book the date, for a very enjoyable evening. All proceeds to the L'Arche Community in Preston for their new development. Tickets available soon.

Journey in Faith (RCIA) 2014 – 2015 – The new Journey in Faith programme has started. Meetings are every Thursday at 7.15pm in the presbytery behind the church. We are here to welcome anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic and who wants to find out more about the Catholic faith, and any enquirers are invited to come along to the meetings.

St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, Book of Remembrance – A Book of Remembrance is being compiled of those who died in World Wars 1 & 2. If any members of your family lived in the Cathedral parish in those times who were numbered among the fallen and you would be willing to share information or memories, please contact Jane Latin on 01524 412987. It is also hoped that a permanent wall memorial will be put up to commemorate these men; if you would be willing to make a donation towards this, please express your interest.

Month of the Holy Souls – During November, our Book of the Names of the Dead is placed before the Altar and those whose names you have written in the Book will be remembered at every Mass offered in our church.

Wednesday Word – To help us prepare for Mass on 30th November, the new copy of the Wednesday Word can be found at the back of church, on yellow paper.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edward (Eddie) Cunney who died on the 11th November. His Funeral Mass will be held here next Tuesday, 25th November, at 12.30 pm, followed by cremation at Preston Crematorium. *May he rest in peace.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: William E Barton, Edward Storey, George Bamber, Nellie Winder, Thomas Cooney, Cath Bagot, Eugenia McCarthy and Maureen Pyke. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Sheila Murphy, Elaine Lamoury (Henry's sister-in-law), Rosemary Davies, Brian Hargreaves, Ellen, Brendan McGlone (14 year old with leukaemia), Anne Brockbank, Teresa Bonnar (Bowerswood), Rachael Flood (née Mears), Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Sheila Carrol, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes, Molly and family, Ruth Fairey, Mark Noblet, Christopher Lawson, Antonio Dilao, Bernadette O'Neill, Tom Horn, John Ashcroft, Margaret Shepherd, Tony Moran, Marjorie Addison, Sharon Hodgson, Christine, Peter Holland, Ian Moran, Tony Winstanley, Wilf Rainford, Alyson, Michael Hendry, Christopher Simpson, Auntie Sophie, Christopher Brown, Simon Thompson, Michael Ryan, Sheila Cookson, Francisca Rainford, Alison Green and Tim Park. *(When people whose names are placed on this sick list have recovered their health, please let us know.)*

The Psalm at the 10.30 am Mass is S. Townsend's "The Lord's my Shepherd" which you will find at the back of the hymn book.

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 22nd – Sunday 30th November 2014

Sat	22 nd	6.30 pm (Vigil)	Rosemary Davies
Sun	23 rd	8.30 am	Agnes and Bob Thompson
		10.30 am	Private Intention
Mon	24 th	No Mass	
Tues	25 th	12.30 pm	Funeral Mass for Edward (Eddie Cunney)
Wed	26 th	7.00 pm	Private Intention
Thurs	27 th	9.30 am	Jenny Bedson, Family and Friends
Fri	28 th	8.30 am	Lucienne Ferguson (get well soon)
Sat	29 th	9.30 am	LISCF
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME
			Bill and Nellie Bateson
Sun	30 th	8.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		10.30 am	Angela and Bernard

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	26 th	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	28 th		No Exposition
Sat	29 th		No Confessions

Special Days this Week:

Sun	23 rd	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Mon	24 th	Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
Sun	30 th	First Sunday of Advent

Meetings this Week:

Wed	26 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	27 th	7.30 pm	Evangelium

Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	15 th	6.30 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 84	Children : 5
Sun	16 th	8.30 am	Adults: 64	Children: 11
		10.30 am	Adults: 126	Children: 21 Total: 311

Monies Received: Offertory: £1,134.61; Votive Lights: £46.40; Shop: £95; Donation: £20; Roof Fund: £20; Photocopying: £5; Prisoners Aid: £96.07. *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. Shopper's Service (Pause for Thought) is at 12.15 pm every Thursday, at Garstang Methodist Church.