

## Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015

Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Staff of St Mary & St Michael's School
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Patricia Hawkins
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Tues	27 <sup>th</sup>	}	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Thurs	29 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Carl Gerard Wilkes
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		06.00 pm (Vigil)	Violet Walmsley (Anniversary)
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	10.00 am	L.I.S.C.F.
		4.00 pm	Catenian Mass for Deceased Brothers

### Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	No Rosary	
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 11 am	Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

### Special Days this Week:

Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	STS SIMON & JUDE
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	ALL SAINTS DAY

### Meetings this Week:

Weds	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
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### Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 114	Children: 7	
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Adults: 110	Children: 27	Total: 258

### Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £927.90; Shop: £20; Votive Lights: £49.50; Photocopying: £5; CAFOD (remainder) £73; World Missions Special Collection: £244.

*Many thanks to you all.*

### Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in October at Garstang Methodist Church and in November at the United Reformed Church. Shopper's Service (Pause for Thought) is at 12.15 pm every Thursday, at Garstang Methodist Church.

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

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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**



I suppose we all feel little and uninfluential at times. "There's only one of me and the powers-that-be are so big. Garstang is threatened with being swamped with urban development, but what can I do about it?" All the stories I see about public life concern lack of morals or corruption – and there's no way I seem to be able to influence them."

Today's readings from all those years ago describe people with just the same sort of problems. Jeremiah is telling people who are refugees displaced from their homeland in the Middle East (where have we heard that

one recently?) that God has not forgotten them. God is indeed a father to Israel and a great homecoming parade will be possible.

Bartimaeus is definitely on the bottom rung of society (the exegetes tell us that it is significant that he is *by* the road, not *on* it), but he has an opportunity that he takes full advantage of. He cries out on his own initiative, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me," and he becomes the one and only person in Mark's gospel who calls Jesus "Master". (Its only other occurrence is in John's gospel, when Mary Magdalene meets the Risen Jesus near the empty tomb.)

Jesus does not have to touch Bartimaeus. He does not even have to say "Your faith has saved you," because Bartimaeus' cry and actions reveal his faith. Jesus is his Master. It is just such a profound trust in Jesus that Mark wants to elicit from all the Christian recipients of his gospel.

Mark offers his readers (us) the hope and encouraging example of this early disciple of Jesus. Earlier in this chapter of the gospel, Mark has presented the very difficult teachings of Jesus about the Christian attitude towards divorce, riches and ambition, subjects that still bother us today. Bartimaeus' miracle-discipleship story becomes a rallying cry to Christians on our own way of the Cross. "You have nothing to fear. Get up!" He is calling you.

*D'arcy*

### New items and information

**Next weekend** there will be an appeal made by a member of Lancaster and Morecambe Life group. We will hear about the work that Life does with young expectant mothers. Please be generous.

**Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith?** If so, we are starting our weekly gatherings, when any interested person would be very welcome to come along. We call this group our Journey in Faith group. Anyone enquiring about the faith would be welcomed on Thursday evenings. We meet in the Presbytery, behind the church, at 7.15 pm. *If you are interested, please contact Father David.*

**A very big 'thank you'** to Marian and Ivan Gaughan, Louise Coupe, and David Kennedy for the superb concert they gave on 9<sup>th</sup> October. A wonderful time was had by all who attended, and they raised a magnificent £640 for our Roof Fund.

**Hummingbirds Vintage Afternoon** raised **£349.54!** Many thanks to all who donated, bought tickets, or came along. Your support is always appreciated. The money will be used to buy new equipment for the children. The next event will be the **Christmas Fair on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

**The Corn Mill Nursing Home** – If any current or past Ministers of Holy Communion would be willing to join the rota for taking communion to the Catholic residents of the Corn Mill please get in touch with Frank Miller on 01995 604030.

**On Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015** our next Monthly Coffee Morning will be held as usual in the Plessington Chapel from 10 am – 12 noon. We will welcome **Alison Stirzaker** from **Age UK** who will offer advice and expert information. Do come along and join us for tea, coffee, delicious cake, and exceedingly useful information. *(Don't forget the chat as well!)*

**Chaplain Vacancy at Our Lady's Catholic High School, Fulwood** The school is looking to appoint a full time, term only Chaplain from January 2016. If you think you may be interested all application information is available on the school website [www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk), school information and then job vacancies tab. If you would like an informal discussion please contact Mike Fitzpatrick, Deputy Headteacher on 01772 326900 or email [mfi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:mfi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk). The closing date for applications is Wednesday, 4 November with interviews to take place on Thursday, 19 November.

**Did you know.....**as world leaders meet in Paris for global climate talks at the end of November, people across the world will be gathering in their tens of thousands to march for climate action? Join CAFOD and other Climate Coalition members at the London People's Climate March on 29<sup>th</sup> November for a fun, family-friendly day, standing in solidarity with the communities most affected by a changing climate. Let us build a fairer and better world for us all. For information and registration details, visit [cafod.org.uk/Events/Climate-March2](http://cafod.org.uk/Events/Climate-March2).

**Chivuna Knitting** – A great deal of knitted clothing has been sent to Chivuna, Zambia, over the past months. In order for the work to continue at the current pace, we do require more willing knitters. Also, it would be wonderful if anyone could help with the cost of postage. At present this is resourced by two very generous parishioners, despite the high costs involved. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Margaret Wilcock. (telephone 01995 603 525.)

**Christian Meditation Group** – the next meeting is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm at 96 The Close, Wyre Vale Park, Garstang. The meeting lasts one hour; everybody welcome.

### Previously Published Items

**Day of Renewal** – The next Day of Renewal will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015, from 10am – 4pm, in the Church Hall at St Clare's, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9HH.

**'Pause for Thought'** is the name for the Ecumenical Shoppers' Service which is held every Thursday in the Garstang Methodist Church at 12.15 pm. It lasts just a little longer than half-an-hour, and gives a little time for spiritual uplift in a hectic week. The Ministers of all the churches in Garstang & District take it in turns to lead the service, and Father David and D'arcy take their turns as well.

**Invitation to Dedicate a Hymn Book** to a loved one, so that anyone using the book can remember that person in prayer. The invitation is not to pay the cost of the books, as that has already been met. Please write dedications on sheets in the porch.

**Wednesday Word** – To help us prepare for Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> November, the new copy of the Wednesday Word can be found at the back of church, on yellow paper.

**Please pray for** baby Lawrence Alexander Hemmings, who is being baptised this Sunday at 11.30 am, and for his family.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** Frank Newsham, Conrad Christian Maule, Ellen Ormerod, Mary Pemberton, Violet Walmsley, Ann Helena Grayston, Agnes Dixon, Ann Harwood, Tony Moreland, Peggy Hodgson and Ignatius Bullen. *May they rest in peace.*

**We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including:** Thomas Lowe (Bert's brother), Ewan (an 11 year old boy undergoing treatment for a brain tumour), Judith, Phillip, John Fairey, Pat Hickey, Maurice Iddon, Sheila Murphy, Rosemary Davies, Brian Hargreaves, Anne Brockbank, Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes (4 years old with leukaemia), Molly and family, Mark Noblet, Christopher Lawson, Anthonio Dilao, Bernadette O'Neill, Tom Horn, John Ashcroft, Margaret Shepherd, Sharon Hodgson, 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 placed on this sick list have recovered their health, please let us know.)*

**Response to the psalm at the 10 am Mass :**