

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

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



*“Father Abraham, have pity on me.
Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger
in water and cool my tongue.”*

Perhaps the most scandalous thing about the parable of the rich man is that the sore-ridden beggar who “at his gate there lay” was not some anonymous, faceless stranger, for the first one to speak his name – Lazarus – was the rich man. “Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion” for their complacency not only deprives the poor of what they need. It denies their very humanity, leaving them with no personal dignity. To steer clear of this temptation, we “must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle”. “The King of kings and the Lord of lords” dwells in unapproachable light – a light that he shares with us so that we, in turn, will share what we have with the poor who dwell in our midst.

New items and information

The Closing Mass for the Year of Priestly Vocations will be celebrated this Tuesday, 27th September at 12.15 pm at the Cathedral. We are all encouraged to attend.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day – CAFOD Parish Group will be distributing envelopes at the Masses next weekend (1st and 2nd October) in preparation for Harvest Fast Day on Friday, 7th October.

Red Mission Boxes can be collected from the church porch. Mission magazines are also available, even if you haven't got a box. The sum of £219.55 has been paid into the bank. Thank you.

Monthly Coffee Morning – This will take place on Wednesday, 5th October, from 10 am – 12 noon, and this time is in aid of MacMillan Nurses. There will be a cake and produce stall, and all contributions will be gratefully received. Everyone is welcome – nay, *exceedingly* welcome! And secure in the knowledge that, as well as the normal fun, chat, brews etc, you will be raising money for a very good cause. Tickets for entry £2; these will be on sale after both Masses next weekend.

Michael Costain has sent a card thanking us for the donations we gave to support his run for the North West Children's Support Group on 27th August. He says the donations he received made the whole 13 hour, 16 minutes of running worth it! By the time everything is added together, approximately £1500 will have been raised. His card is pinned up on the notice board at the back of church.

Wrestling with the Parables – The first session in the series exploring the parables in the Gospels takes place **this Tuesday, 27th September, 7 pm – 8 pm**, at the Education Centre, Balmoral Road, Lancaster, LA1 3BT. We will look at how and why Jesus used parables and begin to look at ‘our favourite parables’. There is no charge and you do not have to register, but please bring your bibles! Future sessions at 27th September, 11th and 18th October, and 15th and 22nd November. These sessions are open to all people and will be accessible to all.

Did you know....September is an exciting time for children returning to school, however for some it's a lifeline? Alaa, a 13-year-old girl from Syria has been living in Lebanon with her family since they fled the fighting in their home country. Like other children living as refugees, Alaa needs counselling to help her deal with her traumatic experiences. CAFOD supports the Caritas Migrant Centre in Beirut where children like Alaa can learn, socialise and integrate into Lebanese society. The classes are providing normality for Alaa, who says “I want to be a doctor or to teach English. But I really want to go home.”

Previously Published Items

Traidcraft Autumn/Christmas Catalogues are now available from the back of church. If you are able, please support some of the world's poorest producers with your purchases, whilst raising money for Chivuna clinic. *Helen Spencer.*

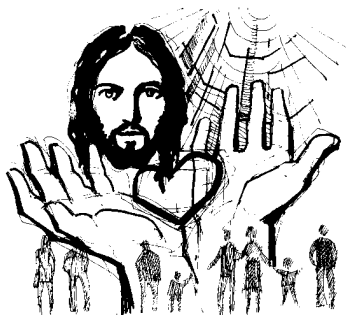
Noddfa – There will be a Parish retreat to Noddfa from Monday 10th to Friday 14th October. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Jean Andrews on 603802 or Elizabeth Horn on 604024.

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 2nd October can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Mary Watson, Thomas Swarbrick, Barbara Barton, Eric Fishwick, James Coyne, Mary Agnes Edwards, Bernard Joseph Swarbrick, Thomas Taylor, Jack Delaney, Eleanor Woodhams, Joseph Speight, Hannah Wheatley, Mary Gertrude Green and Francis Eastham. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Allan Whipp, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy (5 yrs old, suddenly gone blind and paralysed), Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Chris O'Connor, Craig Smith, Leo Rabbett, Anne Walmsley, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, John Sweeney, Rod Pearson, Peter Iblson, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Ewan (he had 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 10.00 am Mass :



Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 24th September – Sunday 2nd October 2016

Sat	24 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Evelyn Armstrong
Sun	25 th	10.00 am	Someone Sick
Mon	26 th	No Mass	
Tue	27 th	12.15 pm	Diocesan Mass to celebrate end of Year for Priestly Vocations at the Cathedral
		7.00 pm (note time)	Brian Hargreaves
Wed	28 th	7.00 pm	For a Sick Mum and her Family
Thurs	29 th	9.30 am	David Gornall
Fri	30 th	9.30 am	Terence Marsden (Lately Dead)
Sat	1 st Oct	9.30 am	All our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	William and Ellen Greenall
Sun	2 nd	10.00 am	Maureen Ingleby

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	28 th	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	30 th	10 – 10.30 am	Exposition
Sat	1 st Oct	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	25 th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	26 th	Sts Cosma & Damian
Tue	27 th	St Vincent de Paul
Wed	28 th	St Wenceslaus; Sts Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
Thurs	29 th	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL
Fri	30 th	St Jerome
Sat	1 st Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Sun	2 nd	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Wed	28 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
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Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	28 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 112	Children: 4	
		10.00 am	Adults: 127	Children: 31	Total: 274

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,086.45; Shop: £15; Votive Lights: £38.40; Special Collection Home Missions: £200.40; Refund: £1,440; Funeral: £600. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

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