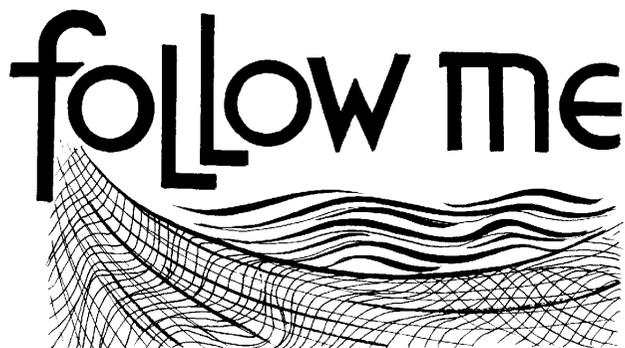


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25th / 26th June 2016
13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



“Christ should reign first and foremost in our soul. But how would we reply if he asked us: ‘How do you go about letting me reign in you?’ I would reply that I need lots of his grace. Only that way can my every heartbeat and breath, my least intense look, my most ordinary word, my most basic feeling be transformed into a hosanna to Christ my King....

Jesus has no time for calculations, for astuteness, for the cruelty of cold hearts, for attractive but empty beauty. What he likes is the cheerfulness of a young heart, a simple step, a natural voice, clean eyes, attention to his affectionate word of advice. That is how he reigns in the soul.” (*Saint Josemaría Escrivá*)

Jesus “resolutely took the road for Jerusalem”. He uses his human freedom to follow the path that leads to his death. “When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free.” Freedom is the experience of truth: the deepest truth about ourselves. It gives us the capacity to confront our destiny: to be truly happy. Elisha burning his ploughing equipment in order to cook his oxen is thus an act of perfect freedom. (*But nowhere does it say what his father thought about that.*) By freeing himself to follow the prophet Elijah, he attains the true meaning of his life. Humble, passionate, total dedication to God: this is true freedom. It is to this that Jesus appeals when he says “Follow me”. For he himself exercises perfect human freedom, as he seeks to fulfil his Father’s will. (*Magnificat*)

New items and information

Feast of St Peter & St Paul – this is next Wednesday, 29th June, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for that day are Tuesday evening (Vigil) at 7.00 pm, and 9.30 am on Wednesday.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Next Sunday, 3rd July, there will be a second collection for the SVP.

Friends of Chivuna – Meeting next Friday, 1st July, 7.30 pm preceded by Mass at 7 pm.
Craft Stall (and other activities) at Oaklands, Garstang Leonard Cheshire Home, Dimples Lane next Sunday, 3rd July, 12 noon – 3.30 pm. Proceeds from the craft stall will be divided between CAFOD and the Leonard Cheshire Home. *All welcome.*

Proposed Church re-roofing and associated works – Update – I can confirm that the Parish now has all the necessary permissions and finances to commence the above works which will start in mid-July 2016, and, subject to weather and any unforeseen circumstances, are expected to be completed by the end of the year. Many of you will be aware that the barn adjacent to the former Church Inn has also been sold and this sale was finally completed last week. Money from this sale has enabled the scope of the works to be extended beyond that originally planned when the Grant Award from the Listed Places of Worship, Roof Repair Fund was made in April 2015. The works will now include re-roofing of the complete roof to the main body of the Church, improvements to insulation levels at roof level, repair and renewal of lead work, gutters and associated works etc. The most urgent areas of the Presbytery roof will also be re-roofed as well as replacement of the heating system. There do remain a number of smaller items of repair works which will remain outstanding after completion of the above, and which we intend to carry out later as smaller items of work as funds become available. Being able to carry out these works is a reflection on the strength and generosity of our Parish community and the fund-raising efforts that have been made. Thank you. If anyone has any questions or would like further details, please speak to Father Tom or to me. *Manus Adamson.*

SS Mary & Michael’s School are holding their Open Day on Friday 8th July 2016. An invitation has been sent from Mrs Wilkinson at school to the parish saying they would be delighted if you could come and join them and see first hand what a wonderful school we have. Visitors will be welcome from 9.30 – 11.30 am, and 1.30 – 2.30 pm. If you would like to attend, please contact the school in advance. (Tel. 603023)

Day of Prayer for young people (16 – 35) – This will take place at Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre on Saturday, 9th July 12.30 pm till 4.30 pm. Come for an afternoon celebrating your faith with other young Catholics. Hear an engaging talk on the Eucharist, take time out to reflect and pray, share with other young people in small groups, and enjoy some social time meeting new people and making new friends.

Looking for something to do this summer?! 25th – 29th August, why not join 1500 other young people in Walsingham for **Youth 2000 Summer Festival!** – “CONQUERORS”. This is a five-day Prayer Festival, packed with DYNAMIC TALKS from international

speakers, LIVE-BAND WORSHIP, powerful prayer times, FUN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, creative workshops, IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS, evening entertainment and LOADS MORE. See poster and information cards at the back of church for more information. Or contact at info@youth2000.org; tel: 020 7221 2124; or visit www.youth2000.org.

Did you know....with CAFOD's Connect 2 parish scheme, you can connect to a community in Ethiopia, El Salvador, Brazil, Cambodia or Peru and hear directly from people in these communities who are working hard, often against the odds, to improve their lives? The money you raise will support these communities and really help transform lives. Local people will share their hopes, dreams, struggles and challenges with you through regular updates. In return, you can support the community by praying, raising money and sharing news from your parish through photographs, cards and messages of solidarity. For further information please contact CAFOD Lancaster on 01772 733310 or lancaster@cafod.org.uk.

Christian Meditation Group – there will be a meeting on Thursday, 14th July at 7.30 pm, at 96 The Close, Wyre Vale Park, Garstang. For further information see poster at back of church, contact Sr Hazel SCL TOHP on 606909, or email hazel.adamson@btinternet.com

Previously Published Items

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th – 26th September 2016 – There are still a few places available on our parish visit to Lourdes in September. The cost is £675 (sharing a room) for seven nights, plus costs for insurance, coach transfer to and from Manchester airport, and two excursions when in Lourdes. Please see poster at the back of church, and if interested contact Jean Andrews (603 802) or Elizabeth Horn (602024).

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: George Kenyon, Mary Weardon, Elizabeth Hogarth, Agnes Garstang, Sr Agnes Wells, Anne Blacklock, Veronica Slater, Isobel Swarbrick, John Smith, Irene Collinson, Augustine Kavanagh, Michael Bamber, Freda Nickson, Joseph Norcross and Mary Donovan.. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Bob Cross, Chris O'Connor, Craig Smith, Leo Rabbett, Anne Walmsley, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, 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, Anthonio 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 25th June – Sunday 3rd July 2016

Sat	25 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Wilfrid and Agnes Garstang
Sun	26 th	10.00 am	Elizabeth Hogarth
Mon	27 th	No Mass	
Tue	28 th	7.00 pm (Vigil of SS Peter & Paul)	Brian Hargreaves
Wed	29 th	9.30 am (Note time) (School-led Mass)	Blanche Ronayne
Thurs	30 th	9.30 am	Gornall Family Sick & Deceased
Fri	1 st July	7.00 pm	Chivuna Mass – Tom Horn
Sat	2 nd	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Rev John Horn
Sun	3 rd	10.00 am	Cathie Cadden (6 th Anniversary)

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	29 th	6.45 pm	Rosary
Sat	2 nd July	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	26 th	13 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Yr C)
Mon	27 th	St Cyril of Alexandria
Tues	28 th	St Irenaeus
Weds	29 th	ST PETER & ST PAUL (Holy Day of Obligation)
Thurs	30 th	The First Martyrs of the See of Rome
Fri	1 st July	St Oliver Plunkett
Sun	3 rd	14 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Yr C)

Meetings this Week:

Wed	29 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Fri	1 st July	7.30 pm	Friends of Chivuna (Preceded by Mass at 7 pm)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	19 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 138	Children: 8	
		10.00 am	Adults: 123	Children: 24	Total: 293

Monies Received:

Last Weekend: £1,045.85; Special Collection (Day for Life): £172.00 *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in June at Garstang Methodist Church, and in July at the United Reformed Church.

The Catholic Voice

Please take a copy of The Catholic Voice home with you – they are available at the back of the church. *Thank you.*