

New items and information

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

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)



Jesus challenges the Pharisees – *and us*.

We are so familiar with his commandment of love that we scarcely think about it. Yet this is the very essence of the whole of Jesus' teaching: "On these two commandments hang the whole of the Law and the Prophets."

These two commandments of love:

to love God;

and to love our neighbour

are impossible for us to keep if we depend only on our own resources. On our own, we are incapable of loving God

"with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds."

On our own, we are incapable of loving our neighbour

"as ourselves."

Only if we turn to the Lord and acknowledge our inadequacy can we begin to make Jesus' teaching our own. Each of us must turn from ourselves and look at Jesus.

When we find ourselves uncertain or uncomfortable about our faith or about life we need to know that we must turn to look at Jesus, who is love – and he will teach us. As we turn to Jesus, our worries about the Church or about life will seem to diminish. The Church belongs to the Lord, it is his mystical body – the Body of Christ; our lives are in the hands of God.

Jesus is love. God is love. We must live in the love which is God. We can only do this if we allow the Holy Spirit to overpower us – like Mary did at the Annunciation – "the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High God will cover you with its shadow."

This is how the greatest commandments of God will become a reality in our lives. Like Our Lady, we must turn to God and say in deep trust: "let this be done to me".

This Weekend there will be a second collection after all Masses for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund.

Next Sunday we will be celebrating **ALL SAINTS**, and **ALL SOULS** will be celebrated on Monday 3rd November.

Month of the Holy Souls – From this Sunday, 2nd November, our Book of the Names of the Dead, will be placed before the Altar and those whose names you have written in the Book will be remembered at every Mass offered in our church during November.

Advent Preparation – The Liturgy & Spirituality Group have invited Fr Joe Smith (retired priest of the Leeds Diocese and a retreat giver) to lead a morning of Advent preparation on **Saturday, 29th November**. Places will be limited to 25. If you are interested, please contact Jean Andrews (603802) or Frank Miller (604030). More details later.

The North West Children's Support Group and *The Travelling Tea Ladies* invite you to join them for a vintage afternoon tea party today, Sunday, 26th October, any time from 1.30 – 4 pm at Garstang Arts Centre. Tea and delicious homemade cakes will be served, to raise money for holidays and outings for local disabled children. Just come down to Garstang Arts Centre on for an old-fashioned cuppa and a lovely slice of cake!

The North West Children's Support Group – The week before last there was an insert in the bulletin informing the parish of the challenge to all our volunteers to raise at least £100 towards the cost of running the holiday. To this end, Daniel Meeson (Pat & Jim Costain's grandson) ran a marathon on Sunday 12th October, and completed the event in 3 hrs 22 mins. If anyone feels inclined to contribute to this magnificent effort by Daniel, cheques can be made payable to NWCSG. Previously, a website for donations was given – www.justgiving.com/Daniel Meeson and this is fine, but for any outstanding donations/cheques, it would be preferable if they are given directly to the NWCSG. They can be handed to either Helen Whittaker, Jim & Pat Costain, or Fr David. The total raised will be in next week's bulletin. *Thank you very much.*

School News – Two pupils from SS Mary & Michael's school have been awarded the Garstang Young Citizens of the Year Award at the Young Mayor-making evening on Thursday 16th October. They are Sean and Connor Brooks, sons of Paul and Fiona Brooks, who were there to see them be given their award for their community mindedness and contribution to the town. Their maternal grandparents, Catherine and D'arcy Ryan missed the ceremony due to them being in Portugal. Well done boys! Mr Parry was presented with a cheque from Louise McCarthy, the retiring Young Mayor; the money had been raised by the Youth Council for three local Primary schools.

Garstang Youth Council has been in operation for over two years now, and two from our Parish were founder members: Jon Bisby and Gerard McCann. Nathan Halford and Robert Ibison now sit on the Council which encourages the youth of the town not only to bring forward the issues of the young via official sources, but also to help to make it a good environment to live in for all ages and abilities.

Parish Draw – The money raised from the Parish Draw over the last 12 months amounted to £1,380. Thank you to everyone who supports the Parish Draw, and congratulations to anyone who won a prize!!

Women Together in the Diocese of Lancaster – The Ladies from our parish are invited to the Annual Day of Prayer and Reflection for Advent, which will be held at The Little Sisters of the Poor, Jeanne Jugan Residence, Garstang Road, Preston, on Saturday 22nd November 2014, from 10.30 am – 3.30 pm. The theme for the day is "The joy of the gospel – being a disciple in the 21st Century." The day will be led by Father Philip Connor. For further information, contact Sue Gornall on 01772 715495 or email Suegoegornall@aol.com.

Cor et Lumen Christi Community invites you to join us for “The Living Word 1” on 28th – 30th November. This conference will address how we can meet God in the Scriptures and receive new life through them, and will include in-depth and inspirational teaching on: The Power of Scripture – Revelation – the voice of God from the heart of the Church; Jesus the Messiah – deepening our relationship with Him; using the Bible to Grow in Prayer. All welcome! Our events are offered on a donation only basis. Some accommodation is available. More information is available at www.coretlumenchristi.org or 016973 45623 or email stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org.

Previously Published Items

Ladies’ Ecumenical Meeting, Garstang Methodist Church – An invitation has been issued by Mrs Kelsall of Garstang Methodist Church to the ladies at SSMM, for Wednesday, 12th November at 2.00 pm, to join in the Ladies Ecumenical Meeting. The Speaker will be Mrs Elaine Ringland, and the service will be followed by tea and cakes in Wesleys.

Bereavement Support – Following our Stewardship Initiative in June, we are holding a meeting for anyone interested in offering bereavement support. To find out more, please come along to an informal evening on **Tuesday, 4th November at 7.30 pm in the Plessington Chapel**. All are welcome.

Family Portrait Day – Mel Jones will be holding a family portrait day next Saturday, 1st November from 9.30 am in Hummingbirds Nursery, Castle Lane Community Centre. Mel does fantastic family portraits (pets too), photos guaranteed before Christmas. If you wish to book a slot please contact Katie Latham on 07799 826 893.

Wednesday Word – To help us prepare for Mass on 2nd 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 Kath Price, who died last week. Her Funeral Mass will be held here next Wednesday, 29th October, at 12 noon, followed by Cremation at 2 pm. *May she rest in peace.*

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

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: 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, Anthonio 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.)*

Response to the psalm at 10.30 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 25th October – Sunday 2nd November 2014

Sat	25 th	6.30 pm (Vigil)	Thomas Boyle (Anniversary)
Sun	26 th	8.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		10.30 am	Mary Violet Walmsley
Mon	27 th	No Mass	
Tues	28 th	7.00 pm	Private Intention
Wed	29 th	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Kath Price
		7.15 pm	Rosary
Thurs	30 th	9.30 am	Bill Bamber (Wedding Anniversary)
Fri	31 st	9.30 am	Gerald Whittaker
Sat	1 st Nov	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.30 pm (Vigil)	Mary Ibson’s Intentions
Sun	2 nd	8.30 am	Ignatius and Agnes Bullen
		10.30 am	Deceased Members of the Broughton Catholic Charitable Society
		4.00 pm	Annual Mass for Deceased Brothers – Catenians of Province 10

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	29 th	No Rosary this week
Fri	31 st	10 – 10.30 am Exposition
Sat	1 st Nov	10 – 10.30 am Confessions

Special Days this Week:

Tues	28 th	Sts Simon and Jude
Sun	2 nd Nov	ALL SAINTS

Meetings this Week:

Wed	29 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
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Last Week’s Attendance:

Sat	18 th	6.30 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 99	Children : 5
Sun	19 th	8.30 am	Adults: 67	Children: 13
		10.30 am	Adults: 118	Children: 25 Total: 327

Monies Received: No Information

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.