

New items and information

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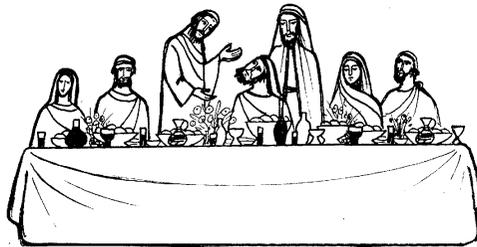
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27th / 28th August 2016

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



For Jesus, the meal was the greatest symbol there was of what life with God is like. He was shockingly indiscriminate in the meal company he kept: prostitutes, political Quislings, the people with elaborate codes about what to eat and how to eat it, those with no table manners – he dined with all of them. The early Church had its first serious row about who got to sit at table. Eucharistic fellowship can be just as divisive a question today, but here the question is “who do we eat with socially?”

A bond is formed when people share meals; silent people are drawn into a conversation, and language is the least of the barriers. Jesus wants to share his meal with social outcasts, not those whose standard of etiquette is based on clean and unclean.

The lame, the blind, and the crippled were excluded from Temple service and the priesthood by law; the members of the Qumran sect wanted to exclude them from the final holy war and the messianic banquet that was to follow it. Filling a family party with down-and-outs at the expense of brother, sisters, or great aunts is hardly practical. The point of the story is less to read it literally than to question where in our lives is there an opportunity to meet the poor and the hungry. When our world is made up just of like-minded people (as the retirement home adverts have it) it becomes hard and narrow.

One of the features of an affluent society is that while people have more time and disposable income for social life, they seem to have less for the traditional works of charity, and those in difficulty are referred to “Social Services”; but in the Christian tradition, ‘charity’ is a royal word. It is the word for God’s own love that goes beyond mere social fellowship or affection, and loves the others because it knows we are destined to eat together in the Kingdom of God.

D’Arcy

The Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW) – Once each year we have a second collection for CaTEW; this is scheduled to be taken this weekend. The amount payable by the parish is based on the offertory collection for the year; this means that, no matter how much is collected this weekend, whether it be £1 or £1,000, the amount taken from our bank account is fixed. The Bishops of England and Wales have agreed to an increase in the funding to CaTEW, and consequently the amount of the levy payable by the Diocese has increased significantly. For our parish, this amounts to £1,473.47.

Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you.

This Saturday, 27th August, Michael Costain, Pat and Jim’s son, ran 100 km (62 miles) to raise money for the **North West Children’s Support Group**. Michael was a helper on many of the holidays in his younger days. Anybody wishing to donate can do so through: mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/michaelcostain2016, or give directly to Pat or Jim.

Donations will be accepted until 28th September. *Thank you.*

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.*

Thank you to all who purchased/donated money for the Summer Quiz. A total of £119 has been raised and cheques are being despatched to CAFOD and Friends of Chivuna dividing this amount equally. Please return quiz sheets to box at back of Church or give to Helen Spencer by 10th September. The prizes for the most correct answers and two runners up will be announced in the following week’s bulletin.

Mission Boxes – Would you please bring all boxes to be emptied to the church shop next weekend.

Church Shop – A parishioner has donated a number of CDs to be sold in the church shop. “Lancaster sings for Lourdes”, which has a normal price of £10, will be sold for £5, and “I love to tell the story” by Ken Duccini at a price of £3.50.

St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a special collection next weekend.

Healing Mass – There will be a Healing Mass celebrated at **2 pm on Saturday, 10th September 2016** in Church for all parishioners. After Mass there will be an opportunity to chat with friends over a cup of tea in the Plessington Chapel. If you would like to attend and need transport, please contact either **Carl Billingsley on 01995 601 846** or **Helen Forshaw on 01995 603 944** beforehand. It would be appreciated if Eucharistic Ministers could take invitations to those they visit. Invitations will be available on the altar rails this weekend, then from the back of church.

Did you know....The Climate Coalition – which includes **CAFOD** and more than 100 other organisations, representing over 11 million people – is leading the Speak Up week of action from 8th – 16th October. Thousands of people will meet their MPs in local areas, including parishes and schools, to encourage them to support the shift away from fossil fuels and to help poor communities to access renewable energy. We are encouraging **CAFOD** supporters to take part in different types of activity or even to organise events, such as Mass by candlelight, to help people reflect on others who don’t have access to electricity. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/Campaign/One-Climate-One-World/Speak-Up-week-of-action.

Previously Published Items

North West Children's Support Group – The North West Children's Support Group are celebrating their 40th Anniversary with a Birthday Party at the Crofters of 17th September at 7 pm. Our wonderful supporters within the parish are very welcome to attend! Tickets cost £15 for adults (16+) and £10 for children (5 and under go free). The ticket price is to cover costs only, this is not a fundraiser! If anybody would like to buy tickets, please contact Debbie McCann on 601354 or Helen Whittaker on 600254.

Noddfa – There will be a retreat at Noddfa from Monday, 10th to Friday 14th October. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Jean Andrews on 603 802 or Elizabeth Horn on 602 024, and they will be in touch with you.

Castlerigg – Youth at the Manor! We draw your attention to a couple of events that are coming up: (1) 9th – 11th September, “The Big Walk”, the annual walking pilgrimage to join the diocesan pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady, Cleator. A group of young people, aged 16 and over, will walk across the Lake District, praying and sharing their faith. Places are limited, £70 per person; and (2) 28th – 30th October “Young Adults’ Retreat”. This is an opportunity for young people (6th form & older) to come together and discover more about their faith alongside others of their own age. £65 per person. See posters at the back of church for contact details and further information.

Dates for your diary - Fr Luiz Ruscillo will lead a series of reflections on the Parables in the Gospels on Tuesday evenings, 7pm - 8pm at the Education Centre, on the following dates: 27 September; 11 and 18 October; 15 and 22 November.

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 4th September can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: John Andrews, Katherine Piela, Raymond Bisby, Anne Lyford, Joe Kendall, Alan Bradley, Alfre Evans, Harry Kelly, Ronald Park and Denis Chapman. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy (5 yrs old, suddenly gone blind and paralysed, taken into Great Ormond St Hospital), 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 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, 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 the 10 am Mass :

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 27th August – Sunday 4th September 2016

Sat	27 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Alan Bradley
Sun	28 th	10.00 am	The Purkis Family
Mon	29 th	}	
Tue	30 th	}	
Wed	31 st	}	No Mass
Thurs	1 st Sep	}	
Fri	2 nd	}	
Sat	3 rd	}	
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	A Golden Wedding
Sun	4 th	10.00 am	Alex Stott (RIP)

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

None

Special Days this week:

Sun	28 th	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	29 th	The Beheading of St John the Baptist
Tues	30 th	Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward (Martyrs)
Wed	31 st	St Aidan & The Saints of Lindisfarne
Sat	3 rd	ST GREGORY THE GREAT
Sun	4 th	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Wed 31st Choir Practice

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	21 st	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 125	Children: 6	
		10.00 am	Adults: 106	Children: 19	Total: 256

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,064.73; Votive Lights: £44.50; Shop: £10; Funeral: £600; Wedding: £350. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in August here at Saints Mary & Michael's, and in September at St Thomas's.