

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

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**27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014 / 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY**



**New items and information**

**Christmas Greetings from Fr David and Deacon D'arcy**

We are holding you all in prayer at this time of new birth.

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December** – "That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will."

**Pastoral Letter** There is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Michael to be read out in all parishes in the diocese this weekend, for the Feast of the Holy Family. Copies are available at the back of church in the narthex for anyone who would like to take one.

**Letter from Fr Satoru Kato in Japan** - addressed to Fr David Elder and all the people of the Parish of SS Mary and Michael at Garstang. Fr Satoru writes to thank us all for our prayers for himself and his family. For the last 18 months he has been priest in charge at the Parish of St Michael's, Kawagoe, one of the biggest parishes in the Diocese of Saitama near Tokyo. Fr Satoru asks for our continued prayers, as he and his wife Itsumi continuing praying for us. There is a copy of Fr Satoru's letter for you to read on the notice board in the narthex.

**Gap Year Opportunities** with the Youth Service at Castlerigg Manor. Now recruiting for September 2015. Check out all details at [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk) or contact Fr Philip on 01768 772711.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2015** Youth Section applications close at the end of January. Coach and flight options available. Fundraising opportunities available to help. Sign up at [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk).

**Previously Published Items**

**SVP**

- **Appeal for warm clothing** – now that winter is here we have replaced the box at the back of church, so any unwanted jumpers, jackets, trousers, gloves, socks, duvets, etc will once more be gratefully received, and they will be taken to Caritas Care who work with ex-offenders and homeless people in Preston. *Thank you very much – your help is very much appreciated. SVP Conference.*

**Mission Together Christmas Crib Collection 2014** – This year, at Bishop Michael's request, the Christmas Crib collection will be going to the children's branch of Missio, "Mission Together".

**Mission Boxes** – Please collect any remaining mission boxes, together with a mission calendar. Unfortunately, some of the boxes did not have a name on the

label. If yours is one of these, please make sure that you enter your name before bringing it back next time. This is especially important if you have signed a gift-aid form. The total amount banked was £282.26. *Thank you.*

**If you are thinking of making a retreat in 2015** the 2015 booklet “Retreats” which lists all the retreats in the UK and Ireland across the denominations, is now available in the sacristy for consultation.

**Brave of Heart : A Weekend Retreat for Men** - 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU. To book, or for more information, visit [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org), [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org), or telephone 01697 345 623.

**Chorister Open Morning at Westminster Cathedral Choir School** – If anyone is interested in sending their son, aged six or seven, to one of London’s top academic preparatory schools, and to join the world’s leading Catholic choir, there is a leaflet at the back of church telling you how.

**Wednesday Word** – To help us prepare for Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> January, the new copy of the Wednesday Word can be found at the back of church, on yellow paper.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** Agnes Cross, Celia Swarbrick, Mary Agnes Ibson, Alice Bernadette Swarbrick, Jim O’Brien, Margaret Walmsley, Frank Piela, Peggy Barton, Ellen Law, Marie Kendall, Robert Ibson, Alice Ibson, Michael Holy, Mary Ainsworth, Richard Swarbrick, Winifred McArdle, William Boden and Eleanor Bolton. *May they rest in peace.*

**We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including:** Joan Fishwick, Richard (aged 14) (needs a bone marrow transplant), Sheila Murphy, Elaine Lamoury (Henry’s sister-in-law), Rosemary Davies, Brian Hargreaves, 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, 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.)*

The Psalm refrain at the 10.30 am Mass is:

**Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014 – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

|       |                          |                                 |                         |
|-------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat   | 27 <sup>th</sup>         | 6.00 pm (Vigil)                 | Ray Lewis               |
| Sun   | 28 <sup>th</sup>         | 8.30 am                         | All Our Parishioners    |
|       |                          | 10.30 am                        | Connie Bilsborrow       |
| Mon   | 29 <sup>th</sup>         | <b>No Mass</b>                  |                         |
| Tues  | 30 <sup>th</sup>         | <b>No Mass</b>                  |                         |
| Wed   | 31 <sup>st</sup>         | <b>No Mass</b>                  |                         |
|       |                          | <b>New Year’s Eve</b>           |                         |
| Thurs | 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2015 | <b>New Year’s Day</b>           |                         |
|       |                          | 12 noon                         | Michael Hoyle           |
| Fri   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | <b>No Mass</b>                  |                         |
| Sat   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>          | <b>No Morning Mass</b>          |                         |
|       |                          | <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> |                         |
|       |                          | 6.00 pm (Vigil)                 | Eddie Cunny             |
| Sun   | 4 <sup>th</sup>          | 8.30 am                         | All Our Parishioners    |
|       |                          | 10.30 am                        | Hugh and André Ferguson |

**Special Days this Week:**

|       |                     |   |
|-------|---------------------|---|
| Sun   | 28 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b>                      |
| Mon   | 29 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>ST THOMAS BECKET</b> , Bishop & Martyr   |
| Thurs | 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan | <b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>                  |
| Fri   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen |
| Sun   | 4 <sup>th</sup>     | <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>             |

**No Meetings this Week**

**Last Week’s Attendance:**

|     |                  |                 |             |              |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sat | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Adults: 114 | Children: 7  |
| Sun | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 8.30 am         | Adults: 60  | Children: 3  |
|     |                  | 10.30 am        | Adults: 126 | Children: 31 |
|     |                  |                 | Total: 341  |              |
|     |                  | Christmas       |             |              |
|     | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Adults: 398 | Children: 50 |
|     | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30 am         | Adults: 83  | Children: 12 |
|     |                  | 10.30 am        | Adults: 151 | Children: 32 |
|     |                  |                 | Total: 726  |              |

**Monies Received:** Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,049.32; Votive Lights: £56.80; Shop: £35; L’Arche: £17.00; Diaries: £5.00; church: £200.00; Music: £12.00. *Many thanks to you all.*

**Churches Together in Garstang & District**

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in December here at Sts Mary & Michael’s, and in January at St Thomas’s. Shopper’s Service (Pause for Thought) is at 12.15 pm every Thursday, at Garstang Methodist Church.