

## New items and information

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

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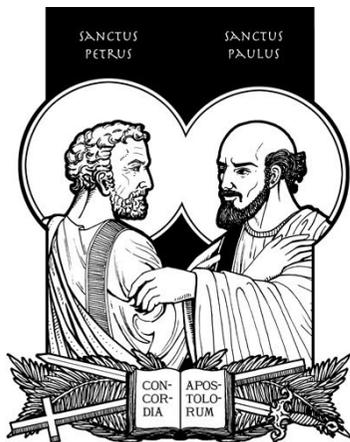
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## THE SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL



Two weeks ago, I was in Rome, at the church of St John Lateran, looking at the gold-encased heads of Saints Peter and Paul in their cage above the Sanctuary. The main argument for the supremacy of Rome was that the Church was founded by two apostles, while every other major centre (such as Alexandria) had only one.

While both apostles were active in Rome about the same time, and we think they were martyred in the same year, there is nothing to suggest that they met or collaborated there. Their backgrounds were completely different. Paul was an intellectual who had not experienced Jesus in the flesh. He had a staunch pharisaic background

and an education similar to that of a university today, as he had a phenomenal brain; and before the gospels were written, he had worked out a great deal of the theology we now take for granted. He was the one who realised that gentiles did not have to assume Judaism to become Christians, for him the bond of unity for both Jew and Gentile was Christ.

Although Paul persecuted Christians, Peter denied Jesus at the time of the Passion. He was a simple, uneducated man, but with a strong character and full of common sense. His authoritative teaching and disciplinary power were calculated to foster the unity of Jesus' Church, but his manner of achieving that unity was markedly different to Paul's.

For both these men, Christ was the bond of unity. Today we gather at Mass with the Universal Church, people from different backgrounds and different heritages. Peter and Paul were different, but promoted unity in that diversity. Let us pray today for that unity in Christ for which Peter and Paul, whose feast we celebrate, gave their lives.

*D'arcy*

The Feast of St Peter & St Paul has been moved from Monday 29<sup>th</sup>, to this Sunday. There will be a second collection after both Masses for "Peter's Pence"

Quarante Ore – during this weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June we have our Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Vigil Mass is at 6 pm, and Solemn Exposition will re-start at 7 pm until 10 pm. On Sunday, it will start again after 10 am Mass, and will last until 4 pm, ending with Holy Hour from 3 pm – 4 pm. We are privileged to sit with Jesus during this special time – please do try to spend a little time with him.

Monthly Coffee Morning – It's that time again! If the weather is good, then get out of the house, have a little outing, and enjoy tea, coffee, cake, and a good old chin-wag with friends! And if the weather's bad, come and drown your sorrows just the same; you will always be cheered up! Everyone is welcome – see you next Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, in the Plessington Chapel, from 10 am – 12 noon.

Liturgy & Spirituality Meeting – Next Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 4 pm in the Presbytery.

Garstang's Great War Heroes – An interesting forthcoming book by local historian, Paul Smith, and former Courier journalist, Anthony Coppin, details what is known about our heroes from the Great War. Unfortunately, there remain gaps in our knowledge and not all Garstonians who fought have been identified. The posters at the back of church clarify the problem and could lead to important discovery. Please look at them and see if you can be of help.

CAFOD Stall – Many thanks to those who donated to or bought goods from our high street stall last Saturday. Despite the drizzle, £280 was raised, including sales of pottery in the Arts Centre and donations. *Thank you from the CAFOD Group.*

Ss Mary & Michael School – All parishioners have had an invitation to the annual Open Day, which will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Visitors are welcome for tours of the school and grounds from 9.30 – 11 am, and 1.30 – 2.30 pm.

CAFOD – (1) There is a meeting at St Clare's Parish Hall, Sharoe Green Lane North, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9HH on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 to give an update of CAFOD's work overseas and at home. Visiting speaker: Montserrat Fernandez, a CAFOD Programme Officer from Nicaragua. *All welcome.*

(2) Did you know... Pope Francis has deliberately timed the release of his encyclical, 'Laudato Si', in the hope of influencing key political moments globally? In September, global leaders meet in New York to negotiate new sustainable development goals that will set the direction and targets for development for the next 15 years. Pope Francis will be speaking at this meeting. In December, international leaders meet in Paris to secure a global climate deal. Critical choices will be made that could impact the lives of millions of people, especially our brothers and sisters living in the poorest countries. CAFOD hopes leaders will be moved into positive action by the Pope's message. Ps: Copies of Laudato Si will be available next weekend, price: £4.95.

Crusade of the Holy Spirit – We have had a letter of thanks from Fr Francis Barrett, Appeal Organiser, for the £600 that we collected for them last week.

Ss Thomas and Elizabeth – The parishioners of that parish are organising a Musical Garden Party on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, in aid of CAFOD and Help for Heroes charities. It will be held at Mrs Delia Hoyles' home, Norbreck House, Cockerham Road, Bay

Horse, LA2 0HE. Tel: 01524 791213. Admission £4, including Cream Tea. See poster at back of church.

### Previously Published Items

**Women Together in the Diocese of Lancaster** – On Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015, there will be a day for Women in the Diocese in the Cathedral Social Centre, from 10.30 am – 3.30 pm. The theme of the day is Consecrated Life “Sign call and challenge for the Church today”, led by a number of Sisters working in our Diocese. Bishop Michael will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 12.15 pm. Lunch can be ordered – please let them know by 9<sup>th</sup> July. For further information, contact Sue Gornall (Diocesan Link Women Together) on 07513 941 647, or email [suegoegornall@aol.com](mailto:suegoegornall@aol.com)

**Parish Directory 2015-2016** Copies of the parish directory for the year 2015-2016 listing the various groups in the parish, with contact names and details, and also details of parish services and sacraments, are now available at the back of church. Making these available arose from a request made during the Stewardship campaign and the people named are those who gave us their details during the Stewardship Campaign.

**Wednesday Word** – To help us prepare for Mass on 5<sup>th</sup> July, the new copy of the Wednesday Word can be found at the back of church, on yellow paper.

**Please remember in your prayers** Jake Baldwin and Jennifer Davies who are to be married here next Saturday.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** Mary Wearden, 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, Mary Donovan, Charles Langley and Bill Jennings.. *May they rest in peace.*

**We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including:** Pat Hickey, Rod (Chas) Cartner, Maurice Iddon, Dina Carter, Richard (aged 14, has had a bone marrow transplant), Sheila Murphy, Rosemary Davies, Brian Hargreaves, Ellen, Brendan McGlone (14 year old with leukaemia), Anne Brockbank, Rachael Flood (née Mears), Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes (3 ½ years old with leukaemia), Molly and family, Mark Noblet, Christopher Lawson, Anthonio Dilao, Bernadette O’Neill, Tom Horn, John Ashcroft, Margaret Shepherd, Sharon Hodgson, Christine, Peter Holland, Ian Moran, Tony Winstanley, Alyson, Michael Hendry, Christopher Simpson, Auntie Sophie, Christopher Brown, Simon Thompson, Michael Ryan, Sheila Cookson, Francisca Rainford and Alison Green. (*When people whose names are placed 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 27<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Wilfrid & Agnes Garstang
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Elizabeth Hogarth
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tues	30 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	The Snape Family
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup> July	7.00 pm	Hugh and André Ferguson
Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	Jane Holden (Lately Dead)
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Auntie Bridget
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		12 noon	Wedding Service for Jake Baldwin and Jennifer Davies
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Agnes and Ignatius Bullen
		10.00 am	Charles and Evelyn Langley

### **Devotions and Celebrations this week:**

Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	Quarante Ore: from 10.00 am to 5.45 pm & from 7 pm to 10 pm
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	Quarante Ore: from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm, ending with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 3.00 pm
Weds	1 <sup>st</sup> July	6.45 pm Rosary

### **Special Days this Week:**

Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	ST PETER & ST PAUL (moved from 29 <sup>th</sup> June)
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	ST THOMAS
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	St Elizabeth of Portugal

### **Meetings this Week:**

Weds	1 <sup>st</sup> July	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
		8.00 pm	Hummingbirds Committee
Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.00 pm	Liturgy & Spirituality

### **Last Week’s Attendance:**

Sat	20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 114	Children: 4	
Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Adults: 129	Children: 25	Total: 272

### **Monies Received:**

Offertory: £1,013.67 (including Standing Orders); Funeral Donation: £15; Other Donations: £70; Votive Lights: £53; Photocopying: £5; Crusade of the Holy Spirit (second collection): £600; CAFOD stall on the High Street: £279.80; 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 June at Garstang Methodist Church, and in July at the United Reformed Church. Shopper’s Service (Pause for Thought) is at 12.15 pm every Thursday, at Garstang Methodist Church.