

## New items and information

### St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church Garstang and Calder Vale

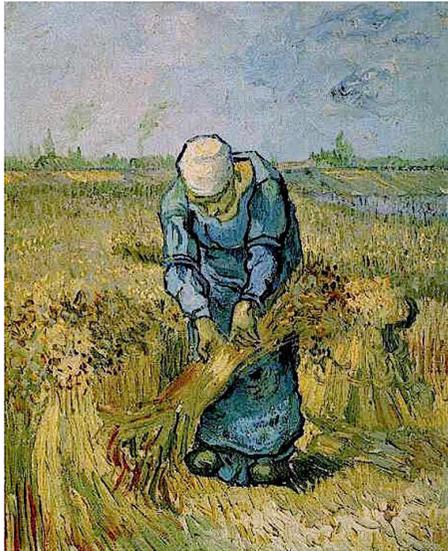
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**2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016**

**14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

### **JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

*"The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few."*



The Gospel today has harsh words as well as words of great tenderness (*and four verses of curses, 13-16, are omitted*). It is fertile ground for fundamentalists, people with violence in their hearts, like James and John last week, and those who want to handle snakes and scorpions confident they will not be harmed.

First of all, though, the message is one of exuberant joy in the kingdom of God, as seen in the first reading and in the psalm, and the consequent compulsion on the part of believers to spread this joy – and peace – to others.

The seventy-two are sent out with no weapon, no provision, no protection – other than the message of healing and peace. Like

lambs, they are entirely at the mercy of the wolves, who in the Kingdom of God will lie down together as Isaiah said. They come back rejoicing, showing how the message of Jesus was accepted – the sign being the defeat of the ‘devils’, who keep people in subjection and alienation. (*Liturgy Planner*)

Yet Jesus prepares the disciples for defeat too, and hints at dire consequences for the people who reject his message. Christian warriors might take this a step further, but Jesus ruled out violence last week.

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ” is that force beyond ourselves by which God in his mercy makes the impossible come to be in our life. That is what the seventy-two experience. When we see such witnesses – when we become witnesses ourselves – our hearts rejoice, and our “bones flourish like the grass”. (*Magnificat*)

**Craft Stall (and other activities) at Oaklands, Garstang Leonard Cheshire Home, Dimples Lane this Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 12 noon – 3.30 pm.** Proceeds from the craft stall will be divided between CAFOD and the Leonard Cheshire Home. *All welcome.*

**Next Sunday is the Day for Seafarers** – when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a special collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is wholly dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For every £1 you give, 77p is spent directly on seafarers’ welfare, 4p on governance and administration, and 19p on generating more funds to continue our work. For more information visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**Monthly Coffee Morning** – As this is being written, the rain is positively prolific! And while a good drenching may be great for tomatoes, it does very little to liven up our moods! *But be ye not dejected!!* Next Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, in the Plessington Chapel, from 10 am – 12 noon, there will be great rejoicing as we meet once again for our monthly coffee morning!! Let the weather then do its worst – the warmth of the welcome you will receive will make up for it all!

**SS Mary & Michael’s School are holding their Open Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Mission Boxes** are now ready to be collected from the church porch. The sum of £414.75 has been banked. *Thank you.*

**Did you know....**the Ethiopian drought has affected many farmers like Herit, a mother of five? Identified by the villager community to local CAFOD partner, ADCS (*Adrigat Diocese Catholic Secretariat*) in Mekelle, as being very vulnerable, her family falling deeper into hunger, Herit has been given a ‘Direct cash transfer’. Put simply, she has received cash, around 477 Birr (£16) which meant she was able to buy food in the local market place. Herit makes it clear that without this money her options would be desperately bleak. This approach gives dignity to the families affected, and allows markets to keep working where food is available, but previously unaffordable.

**Fairtrade and Local Food Celebration** – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 10 am – 4 pm, Kepple Lane Park, Garstang, PR3 1PB. Remember, Garstang was the world’s first Fairtrade Town.

**Christian Meditation Group** – there will be a meeting on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hazel.adamson@btinternet.com)

**Catterall Village Hall** – Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, at 3 pm, there will be a service of Remembrance for those who died in the Battle of the Somme, preceded by a small exhibition of photos etc from 2 pm. Everyone is invited to come along. If an extra incentive is required, tea and cakes will be provided!

**Our Lady’s Catholic College presents** Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> July) at 7.00 pm. Tickets £6 (adults) and £4 (concessions). Telephone 01524 66689 or email [main@olcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:main@olcc.lancs.sch.uk). See poster at back of church.

### Previously Published Items

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Day of Prayer for young people (16 – 35)** – This will take place at Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. 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 are 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 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.*

**Please pray for** James Henry Thompson who is being baptised this Sunday at 11.15 am, and for Betsy Richardson who is being baptised next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, at 11.00 am.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** Charles Langley, Bill Jennings, Evelyn Langley, Gerard Wearden, Ruairi Lambert-Heysham, Henry Wearden, Agnes Bamber and Joseph Bugeja. *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, Rod Pearson, Peter Ibson, 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, 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 10.00 am Mass:**

### Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Rev John Horn
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	Cathie Cadden (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	The Grayston Family
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Charles and Evelyn Langley
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Joan Gorton
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Jonathan Ambrose RIP
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Brian and Frances Diamond Wedding
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Maurice Iddon

### Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Holy Half-hour for Vocations (Exposition)
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

### Special Days this week:

Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Yr C)
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	St Elizabeth of Portugal
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	St Anthony Mary Zaccaria
Weds	6 <sup>th</sup>	St Maria Goretti
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Day for Seafarers; Special Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea

### Meetings this Week:

Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	10 am – 12 noon	Coffee Morning in Plessington Chapel
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice

### Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 132	Children: 4	
		10.00 am	Adults: 106	Children: 19	Total: 261
Weds	29 <sup>th</sup> (Feast of SS Peter & Paul)	7.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 67		
		9.30 am	Adults: 58	Children: 161	Total: 286

### Monies Received:

Last Weekend: £1,066.25; Donations: £195; Cemetery: £50; Funeral Donation: £600; Shop: £30; Votive Lights: £80.10; SS Peter & Paul: £189.50; Special Collection (Peter's Pence) £63. *Many thanks to you all.*

### Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in July at the United Reformed Church.