

## New items and information

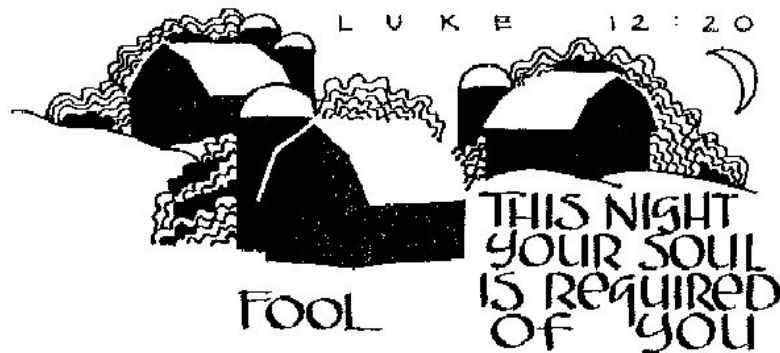
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30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

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

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



This Sunday gets very close to the heart of the Gospel. Pope Francis says in *Laudato Si'* "The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume." In today's gospel, Jesus hands down the sternest warning to those who would store up treasure for themselves, but who are not "rich in the sight of God". In the first reading, we are told that "all is vanity", and St Paul's letter to the Colossians tells us that our thoughts should be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on earth. We must kill everything in us that belongs only to the earthly life....and especially greed.

What matters to God is that, through baptism, we have died, and now our life is hidden with Christ in God. Our true treasure consists of acknowledging the life that has been given to us in Christ. He is all we need.

The North West Children's Support Group will be going on holiday to Leeds **next Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August**. If anyone is able to make some cakes for our picnics, these would be very gratefully received!! Your cakes help us to keep costs down and are always enjoyed by the children and the hardworking (and hungry) volunteers!! Cakes can be dropped off at **24 Moss Lane** or left at the back of church on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August**. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Whittaker (600 254) or Debbie McCann (601 354). Many thanks for all your support.

Summer Holiday Quiz. Quiz sheets will be available for £1 at the back of Church or from Helen Spencer, in aid of CAFOD and Chivuna. The prize for the most correct answers will be awarded in September - a small Fairtrade hamper (contains CHOCOLATE!).

Monthly Coffee Morning – Whatever you may have planned for next **Wednesday morning, 3<sup>rd</sup> August**, it can't *possibly* be half as much fun as joining your friends for our monthly coffee morning in the Plessington Chapel from 10 am – 12 noon – tea, coffee, cakes, biscuits, friendly chatter – it can't be bettered! Come along, and *enjoy yourself!*

Parish Draw – Congratulations go to Charlie Price and Christine Thomson for being our June winners, and John Cadden and Arlene Rowley our July winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw or buy a number to have the chance of being one of our winners, contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon on 01995 604 292.

Two of the ladies who for years have washed the purificators every month are no longer able to do so. Purificators are the linen cloths used for wiping the chalice at Communion, and have to be washed separately from your other washing. But they are never 'dirty' and the rota is only for a month at a time. We are still short of just one 'washerperson' – there are currently 11 on the rota; if we have 12, this means only one month (four Sundays) per year for anyone. *For further information, or to volunteer, please see Bill, D'arcy, or any ex-CWL member.*

Our Trees – A few people have mentioned that we should have our trees inspected to ensure that they are safe and in good order. To that end, I have asked Andrew Fava, who is the Prior of Cor et Lumen Christi Community in Wigton and who is also an experienced tree surgeon to do an inspection for us and to advise us. Andrew will come and make his inspection at the end of the summer.

Did you know.... working in *partnership* is an essential part of CAFOD's identity? It stems from a call, rooted in Christian faith, to recognise all women and men as our sisters and brothers, equal members of one interdependent global community. We work through more than 450 local organisations in 40 countries. Many of these organisations are connected to the local Catholic Church. Our partners are based in communities, often in remote areas, and local people trust them. Being based in these communities enables us to understand local complexities and find out exactly what is needed. It also mean we can reach rural and potentially isolated people.

Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Cleator – The Annual Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Michael Campbell. Bookings for the refreshments are to be made before 30<sup>th</sup> August by contacting St Mary's Priory, Cleator, CA23 3AB, tel. 01946 810 324. See poster at the back of church.

**The Year of Priestly Vocations** will be concluded on 27<sup>th</sup> September with a Diocesan Mass celebrated by the Bishop at the Cathedral at 12.15 pm. All parishes and schools are encouraged to attend this Mass.

### 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 (602 024).

**Thank you** to everyone who has been praying for Naomi and Martin Turner (Debbie McCann's sister) Their daughter, Ava Mary, arrived safely last Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**Justice Matters Petition** – Traidcraft Exchange are running a petition to call on the government to update the law so that large UK companies can be prosecuted for the most serious cases of causing harm abroad. In some cases:

- Lives are destroyed through toxic pollution.
- People are forced out of their homes to make way for new mines and plantations.
- Violence is threatened if people question what is going on.

Felix, who lives with his family in Zambia near a smelting plant owned by a UK-listed company says, "They just get the copper and leave, that's all. They don't care about us..." *Please tick the boxes at the right of the petition form if you **do not** wish to have communications from Traidcraft Exchange in the future.*

**Wednesday Word** for the weekend Mass of 7<sup>th</sup> August can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

**Please pray for** Thomas Davis, who died last Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, in Lancaster Hospital. His Requiem Mass will be held here on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, at 11.00 am. *May he rest in peace.*

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** Margaret Dickinson, Helen Mary Beale, Robert Berry, Margaret Hine, James Booth, James Birchall, James Rossall, Catherine Elder and Stephen Edmondson. *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 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 30<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Tony Hall (Birthday Remembrance)
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Helen Beale
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 noon	Rev Francis Carr
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00 pm	The Ibison Family
Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Miss Woodcock
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Maurice Iddon
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	LSICF
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Beatrice Horn
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	MI McGinn (Lately Dead)

### Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Holy Half-hour for Vocations (Exposition)
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

### Special Days this week:

Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	St Alphonsus
Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Eusebius of Vercelli; St Peter Julian Eymard
Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup>	St John Vianney
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Meetings this Week:

Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-12noon	Monthly Coffee Morning, Plessington Chapel
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice

### Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 133	Children: 5		
		10.00 am	Adults: 128	Children: 24	Total: 290	

### Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,133.30; Good Shepherd Fund: £44.20. *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 Saint Mary & Michael's.