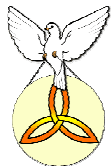


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**GARSTANG AND CALDER VALE**

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**30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2015**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**



Jesus' very last instructions to his disciples are given with the greatest authority:

"All authority  
in heaven  
and on earth

has been given to me."

These are the first and last words that Jesus speaks to his disciples in St Matthew's gospel, after his death and resurrection. He now speaks with "all authority" – and what he says to them is this:

"Go, therefore,  
and make disciples  
of all the nations..."

Because of the authority given to him from heaven, that is, his Father – and from the earth – all that he has said and done whilst with us, therefore this command to "Go" is an imperative that cannot be ignored. From now on, the most important action of men and women will be to go and proclaim the Good News:

"...make disciples of all nations,  
baptise them,  
in the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit,  
and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you."

**The disciples were to consecrate everyone** who would accept it, in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This was to be the mark of being a Christian. You could only be a Christian if you had been consecrated in the name of Holy Trinity; this was to be our characteristic for always. Once that mark has been accepted then we would be taught "to observe all the commands I gave you." "What I command you is to love one another." – it meant love! We were to be marked out by the Holy Trinity to love God and to love one another!

Even if this seemed like the tallest of orders we were not to be discouraged because, Jesus continued:

"and know  
that I will be with you always,  
yes, to the end of time!"

Today we celebrate that we have been consecrated in the name of the Holy Trinity;  
and that we have been commissioned to teach the commandment of love to everyone by our words and actions;  
and that this will happen because Jesus will always be with us,  
and he will make it happen!

What an amazing feast day we celebrate today!

**New items and information**

**Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady** takes place this Sunday after the 10 am Mass. Our First Holy Communion children will be wearing their special clothes.

**The Huddersfield Boys Choir** from the Diocese of Leeds will be giving a concert here next **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June**, beginning at 7.30 pm. Admission is free. Voluntary donations towards our Church Roof Fund would be welcome. **Do please come and support them – all are welcome.** **The choir will also be singing at our 10am Mass next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

**This Sunday is the last 'Bluebell Tea' Time for this year.** Teas will be served from 1 pm – 5 pm in the Village Hall at Calder Vale. Proceeds from the teas go towards the Mission Room and village ventures. Come along and enjoy the Bluebell walk through the wood and make the day complete with our famous Bluebell Tea. Local produce – rhubarb, honey, plants etc for sale.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** – Next weekend there will be a second collection for the SVP after both Masses.

**Monthly Prayer Group** – the next meeting is on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, at 6.45 pm in the Plessington Chapel. *All welcome.*

**Monthly Coffee Morning** – Next Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, in the Plessington Chapel, from 10 am – 12 noon. Come along and have some fun, and lovely calories!

**Ministers for Holy Communion Training** – Those parishioners who have agreed to undertake the training please note that the dates are **Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 7 – 9 pm; Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 10.15 am – 3.30 pm** (lunch will be provided); and **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm**. The meetings will be in the Plessington Chapel. *Thank you.*

**CAFOD Stall** – Our CAFOD Stall in the High Street will be outside the Market Hall on **Saturday 20th June**. Donations of quality books/crockery & household items/costume jewellery will be gratefully accepted. (No food/plants/electrical items/clothes or anything sold in the Market Hall please). Goods can be left at the stall from 8 am on Saturday 20th or at 12, Bonds Lane on the afternoon of Friday 19th June. Unsold items will be donated to charity. *Thank you. CAFOD Group.*

**A Big Thank-you** to everyone who sponsored and encouraged me in the London Marathon. I was able to send off a fantastic **£2,098** to Riders for Health. I am sure they will be able to make good use of such a magnificent amount! *Frank Miller.*

**Mission Boxes** – would you please bring Mission Boxes ready for emptying, to church next weekend. *Thank you.*

**Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladwell** is on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015, led by Bishop Michael Campbell. For further details phone 01772 700181 or email [admin@ladwellshrine.co.uk](mailto:admin@ladwellshrine.co.uk). Ladwell, Fernyhalgh Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 5RR. See poster at back of church.

**Date for your diary – Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July**, Rev. John-Paul Evans is being ordained at the Cathedral in Lancaster. A formal invitation has been issued to the whole parish community from Bishop Michael. If anyone would like to go, please RSVP by 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to John-Paul Evans c/o St Mary's Church, Hall Lane, Great Eccleston, PR3 0XN, or email [ordination@stmarysgteccleston.org.uk](mailto:ordination@stmarysgteccleston.org.uk) or phone 01213 215 118.

**One Month On... A Community Gathering** – An opportunity to gather with other members of the community to reflect on the outcome of the general election, identify ways to diminish the impact of austerity policies, seek ways to build community resilience and encourage one another to continue working for the values we hold. Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm at Lancaster Methodist Church, Scotforth Road, LA1 4TE.

**Did you know**...CAFOD has been working in El Salvador since 1974? From 1980 to 1992, El Salvador suffered a violent civil war – around 75,000 were killed. Although more democratic today, there remain serious challenges of inequality and extreme levels of violence, along with

the ongoing threat of earthquakes and hurricanes. CAFOD's work there today focuses on four areas: 1) agriculture, to help farmers increase their crops, 2) preparing communities to respond effectively when faced with natural disasters, 3) health provision, and 4) creating peace, healing the scars of the civil war. **Blessed Oscar Romero, pray for us.**

**Castlerigg Manor** – (1) 28<sup>th</sup> June, sponsored walk, all welcome. See website for sponsorship forms and details or phone 01768 772 711. (2) WYD Fest 11-14 August. For young people (15-23), summer festival with international speakers. See poster at back of church or details on www.castleriggmanor.co.uk.

**There is a vacancy** for the post of Lay Chaplain at The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School, Ribbleton, Preston. If you are interested in applying, see the poster at the back of church for details. Closing date for applications is 12 noon Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

### Previously Published Items

**Back by popular demand: Afternoon Tea in Father David's garden!** After last year's successful event, it has been decided to repeat the experience on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2 pm – 4 pm**. There are a limited number of tickets on sale after both Masses, price: £5. Don't miss out!! **Everyone welcome!**

**Wednesday Word** – To help us prepare for Mass on 7<sup>th</sup> June, the new copy of the Wednesday Word can be found at the back of church, on yellow paper.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of** Josie Maddock, who died last Monday. Her Funeral Mass will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, at 2 pm followed by interment in our graveyard. **May she rest in peace.**

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** Renee Rafferty, Thomas Hezel, Brian Griffin, Wynn Dunn, William Rawlinson, Bernard Holland, Jean Leach, Theresa Bamber, John Dixon, Josephine Barton, George Holt, Alfred Yates, Robert Catterall, Julia Cowburn, Judith Swarbrick, John Blacklock Cyril Swarbrick and Anthony James Stephenson. **May they rest in peace.**

**We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including:** 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, Tony Moran, 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.)**

**The response to the psalm at the 10 am Mass:**

### Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Fr John Conway
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	Eva Carter
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 noon	The Catterall Family
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00 pm	Ray and Angela Kirkby & Robert Catterall
Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Michael and Linda Ronayne
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Judith Swarbrick (Anniversary)
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Annie and Jerome Grayston
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Joan Preston

### Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	After 10.00 am Mass – Crowning of the statue of our Lady in the Grotto
Weds	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.45 pm Rosary

### Special Days this Week:

Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>	St Justin
Weds	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	St Boniface
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	St Norbert
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

### Meetings this Week:

Tues	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.45 pm	Prayer Group
Weds	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm – 9 pm	Training for Ministers of Holy Communion
			(Session 1)
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am – 3.30 pm	“ “ “ “ “
			(Session 2)

### Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 137	Children: 10
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Adults: 107	Children: 25 Total: 279

### Monies Received:

No information.

### Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in June at Garstang Methodist Church. Shopper's Service (Pause for Thought) is at 12.15 pm every Thursday, also at Garstang Methodist Church.