

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 8th – Sunday 16th August 2015

Sat	8 th	06.00 pm (Vigil)	Terry Murphy (Fourth Anniversary)
Sun	9 th	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker
Mon	10 th	}	
Tues	11 th	}	
Wed	12 th	}	No Mass
Thurs	13 th	}	
Fri	14 th	}	
Sat	15 th	9.30 am }	
Vigil		06.00 pm	Jean Caulfield
Sun	16 th	10.00 am	Francis Purkis and all his Family on his 40 th Anniversary

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed 12th **No Rosary**

Special Days this Week:

Mon	10 th	ST LAWRENCE
Tues	11 th	St Clare
Friday	14 th	St Maximilian Kolbe
Sun	16 th	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Meetings this Week:

Weds 12th 7.30 pm Choir Practice

Last Week's Attendance:

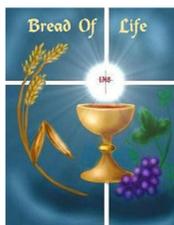
Sat	1 st	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 150	Children:	
Sun	2 nd	10.00 am	Adults: 116	Children: 17	Total: 283

Monies Received:

Offertory: £1,026.10 (including Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £55; Shop: £12; Funeral: £310; Postcards: £2; Roof Fund (from Retired Cleaners): £115. *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 Sts Mary & Michael. Shopper's Service (Pause for Thought) is at 12.15 pm every Thursday, at Garstang Methodist Church.



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

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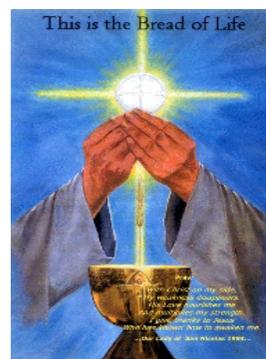
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8th / 9th AUGUST 2015

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



Bread and water were understood by the ancients to be the only food and drink necessary for life – hence Elijah was fully restored by the freshly-baked bread and a jar of water and able to make a 40-day journey.

Jesus is proclaiming a brand new teaching in the gospel reading: he, the bread of Life, is all that is necessary for eternal life; to possess Jesus, to eat the bread of life, will sustain us for the journey of life.

The Catholic community has a profound sense of the necessity for to regularly eat of the bread of life in order to prepare for eternal life.

The Mass has been what the Catholic community fought to retain in penal times. The Catholic community would go to great lengths to protect and keep its priests safe. Our own St John Plessington is a perfect example of this. The Catholic community around Holywell, in North Wales, and around Puddington Hall on the Wirrall in the late 17th century, looked after John; they hid him in priest-holes when their properties were searched. The people of our own area did the same – shown by the existence of a priest-hole at Duckworth Hall in our neighbouring Claughton parish.

People would take great risks to come to Mass – but come they did. It was the presence of a priest celebrating Mass which gathered the people around Jesus, the bread of life. Our Catholic faith would not be as alive in North West England, if we had not been strengthened by the Mass in penal times. Those recusant priests gave us the bread of life to sustain us for our life's journey.

Today the threat to our Mass is different. Today we face the real possibility that we will not have Mass regularly at the times we prefer or in the places we prefer as priest numbers dwindle. Will we go to the efforts that our predecessors did to go to Mass? We must pray for our families, that they will have the courage and the endurance to continue to treasure the Mass and to love the Lord Jesus, the bread of life.

New items and information

Fr David will be on holiday from after Mass this Sunday until 25th August. He will then be going to Lourdes on 26th and back on 28th August. Mgr Hypher will be here for the weekend Masses. If you need a priest, contact Fr Keefe at Claughton, tel: 640 208.

Next weekend, there will be an appeal by Christopher Robson for Aid to the Church in Need. Amongst other things, Aid to the Church in Need does a lot of work to help Archbishop Ignatius Kaigama in north-eastern Nigeria, and to assist Asian Christians in the Holy Land and other parts of the Middle East. ***Please be as generous as you are able.***

“The smell of the sheep” – There is to be a survey of Catholic opinion in England and Wales in preparation for the Synod on the Family in October. ACTA (A Call to Action) aims to encourage dialogue at all levels in the Church. With this in mind, there will be a morning of prayer, reflection and discussion with Andrew Hornsby-Smith on Saturday 12th September from 10 am – 1 pm, at St Bernadette’s Church, 120 Bowerham Road, Lancaster, LA1 4HT. To book, please email anne.foley@blueyonder.co.uk. Tea and coffee are provided on arrival at 10 am. ***See poster and leaflets (on green paper) giving details, and explaining who Andrew is, at the back of church.***

Thank you very much to all who prayed for Jasmine Grace Bilsborrow-Jones, the one-year old with meningitis who has been on our sick list. Your prayers have been answered – she is now home, and fit and well.

A big “Thank you” from the SVP for the money you all donated last week. A wonderful £228.60 was collected!

Another big “Thank You” from Father David to the Retired Cleaners who have donated £115 to the Roof Fund!

Apostleship of the Sea – Thank-yous are coming in thick and fast this week! We have had a letter of thanks from AoS for the £286.80 donation that was sent following the Sea Sunday Appeal on 12th July.

Cleator Pilgrimage – the Annual Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday, 6th September 2015**. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Brian Noble. The young people of our Diocese are invited to walk in pilgrimage from Langdale to Cleator; they will begin their journey at Castlerigg Manor on Friday, 4th September, arriving on Sunday, 6th September; they can register their interest in joining the walk by contacting Fr Philip at Castlerigg – 017687 72711. Refreshment will be served in The Civic Hall, Cleator Morr, CA25 5AR at £8.50 per head. Bookings for refreshments to be made before 24th August by contacting St Mary’s Priory, Cleator, CA23 3AB, tel: 01946 810 324. ***See poster at back of church.***

The Houghton Weavers are coming to our school!! In support of Oaklands, Garstang’s Leonard Cheshire Home, the Houghton Weavers will be appearing at St Mary & St Michael’s School on Friday, 4th September, at 7.00 pm. Now, *that* will be a great night out! And in such a good cause! Tickets are £10; more0 information and the tickets can be obtained from Paul McCann tel. 01995 607 033.

Previously Published Items

St Paul’s Sunday Missal 2016 – If you would like a personal copy of next year’s St Paul’s Sunday Missal, please put your name on the list in the Church Shop.

Wednesday Word – To help us prepare for Mass on 16th August, 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 Norah Singleton (Anne Miller’s Aunt) who died last Monday. ***May she rest in peace.***

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Bert Maddock, James Greenall, John Cross, Geoffrey Smith, Terry Murphy, Gerald Rawlinson, Frances & Gerard Wearden, Thomas Jennings and Jane Billington. ***May they rest in peace.***

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Judith, Phillip, John Fairey, Pat Hickey, Maurice Iddon, Sheila Murphy, Rosemary Davies, Brian Hargreaves, Anne Brockbank, Rachael Flood (née Mears), Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes (4 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 10.00 am Mass :

