

New items and information

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



*"It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night,
on the ten-stringed lyre and the lute,
with the murmuring sound of the harp.
Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad;
for the work of your hands I shout with joy.
O Lord, how great are your works!"*

Ps 91

Noddfa – The Parish retreat to Noddfa starts this Monday, 10th October, and finishes on Friday 14th. Please pray for our Retreatants.

A Big Thank You to everyone who supported the Monthly Coffee Morning last Wednesday, which was in aid of Macmillan Nurses. A **massive £560** was raised! Thank you especially to the ladies who organised and who worked at the event!

Roof Repairs – The roof works are well underway currently with a lot of the lead work and repairs to the central valley complete. The contractors have stripped and felted the North Nave and South Aisle Roof planes, and by the end of last week the North Nave was re-slatted, and the South Aisle was started last Monday. Despite the weather, the contractor is confident that works will be on programme for completion by 19th December 2016. Although most slates are being re-used, you might be interested to know that the replacement slates are coming from Blackburn Cathedral.

Thank you to Marie Swarbrick for her generous donation to church funds.

Christian Aid Bucket Collection – There is to be a two-day Christian Aid Bucket Collection on 14th & 15th October. Could you spare just one hour on either of these days to help us? This is the first time that Christian Aid has booked a two day event so ideally more volunteers are needed. If you don't like door-to-door collecting, maybe you would be willing to support this kind of activity. If you are able and willing to help, please let Susan Willoughby of St Thomas's Church know – tel. 604 191. *Thank you.*

Hummingbirds AGM will take place next Thursday, 13th October, beginning at 7.00 pm.

'Wrestling with the Parables': The next session reflecting on the parables in the Gospels takes place on **Tuesday 11 October 7 pm – 8 pm** at the Education Centre in Lancaster, Balmoral Rd, LA1 3BT. We will be looking at those parables which depict the growth of the Kingdom of God – *The weeds among the wheat* (Mt13,24-30), *the mustard seed* (Mt13,31-32; Mk4,30-32; Lk13,18-19) and *the leaven* (Mt13,33; Lk13,20).

Forthcoming sessions are on Tuesdays 18th October, 15th and 22nd November; all are welcome. Bring your Bible!

Diocesan Education Mass – This will take place next Friday, 14th October 2016, 7 pm, at the Cathedral. *All Welcome.*

The June Baker Singers are holding a concert here at SSMM this coming Friday, 14th October, at 7.30 pm in aid of St John's Hospice, in memory of Jackson Wicks, who died earlier this year. Tickets are £5, including a glass of wine and refreshments.

Traidcraft – The last date for orders from the catalogue will be Sunday, 16th October. If you are able, please take this opportunity to help some of the world's poorest producers with your purchases. As usual, the discount we receive by having a Fair Trader account with Traidcraft will be passed on to the Friends of Chivuna for the clinic. *Thank you. Helen Spencer.*

Train to Teach locally with the Catholic Teaching Alliance – are you interested in training to be a teacher in our Catholic schools? We are recruiting now, find out more at www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org or contact us via email at ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or by telephone 01772 326931

CAFOD/Chivuna Cake and Craft Stall will be held after the Masses on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October. Donations of hand-made cards, crafts and cakes will be

gratefully received on those days. If you wish any unsold items to be returned to you, please put your name on them.

Previously Published Items

St Joseph's, Lancaster, are organising a pilgrimage to Krakow in the week of Divine Mercy next year, 17th – 21st April 2017. We were inspired to organise a pilgrimage there by the testimonies of some of the young people who were privileged to go to World Youth Day. The cost is £409 (£100 supplement for single rooms) and during our time we will visit the Divine Mercy shrine and JPII centre, Wawel Cathedral, Czestochowa, the salt mines and underground cathedral, and Auschwitz. If anyone is interested, please email st.josephslancaster@yahoo.co.uk or write to St Joseph's, Slyne Rd, Lancaster LA1 2HU and we will send a link to the pilgrimage booking site. **Closing date next Friday 14th October.**

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 16th October can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alice Gardner who died recently, and whose Funeral Service took place here on Friday. ***May she rest in peace.***

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Dixon who died recently. ***May she rest in peace.***

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Richard Wrenall, Barry Speak, Rose Ellen Shorrocks, Margaret Horn, Kathleen Barnacle, Cecily Gornal, Edward Pyke, Charles Mackenzie, Robert Richmond, Bill Backhouse, Elizabeth Pedder, Connie Acton and Joseph Speight. ***May they rest in peace.***

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Allan Whipp, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy (5 yrs old, suddenly gone blind and paralysed), 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 (he has responded well to brain tumour treatment, even able to move up to secondary school this year. The family appreciates your prayers and asks that they continue as he is not out of the woods yet), 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 10.00 am Mass :

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 8th – Sunday 16th October 2016

Sat	8 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Lady
Sun	9 th	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker
Mon	10 th	No Mass	
Tue	11 th	7.00 pm (note time)	RoS David Barnes
Wed	12 th	7.00 pm	Hugh & André Ferguson (RIP)
Thurs	13 th	9.30 am	A Special Intention (SG)
Fri	14 th	9.30 am	Matt Pedder
		7.00 pm	Education Mass at the Cathedral
Sat	15 th	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Teresa Harrison
Sun	16 th	10.00 am	Joan Preston

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	12 th	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	14 th	10 – 10.30 am	Exposition
Sat	15 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	9 th	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	10 th	St Paulinus of York (Bishop)
Tues	11 th	St John XXIII (Pope)
Weds	12 th	St Wilfrid (Bishop)
Thurs	13 th	St Edward the Confessor
Fri	14 th	St Callistus I (Pope)
Sat	15 th	St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

Meetings this Week:

Wed	12 th	3.00 pm	Churches Together in Garstang (at St Thomas's)
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	13 th	7.00 pm	Hummingbirds AGM

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	2 nd	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 124	Children: 2	
		10.00 am	Adults: 111	Children: 15	Total: 289

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,041.79; Cemetery: £50; Votive Lights: £76; Photocopying: £5; Shop: £10; Donation: £16.53; Special Collection – Walsingham: £119.50. ***Many thanks to you all.***

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in October at Garstang Methodist Church.