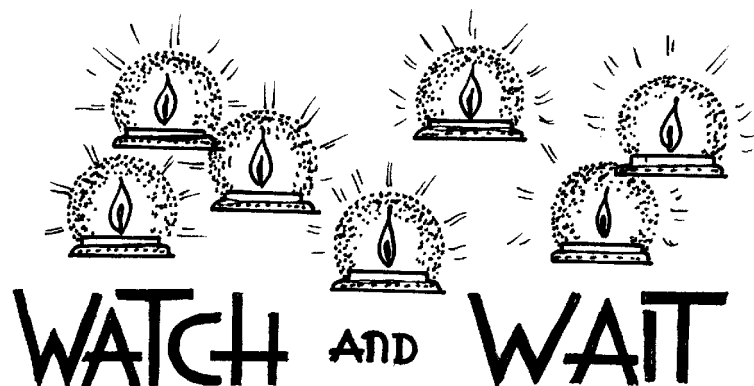


**St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church
Garstang and Calder Vale**

A Parish of the Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered Charity, no.234331
Fr Tom Butler & Rev Deacon D'Arcy Ryan,
Bonds Lane, Garstang, Lancs PR3 1ZB. Tel. 01995 602164
email: ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com
Parish Website: www.ssmaryandmichaels-garstang.org.uk
email for website submissions: parish@ssmaryandmichaels-garstang.org.uk

6th / 7th August 2016
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



God comes to us in unexpected ways and at unexpected times. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us we must be prepared, for the Lord will come when we do not expect him: precisely at those moments when we feel furthest from God. Jesus tells us not to be afraid: blessed are those who live expecting the unexpected.

“Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Lord is coming.”

New items and information

Lourdes Pilgrimage Group Meeting – There will be a meeting at 7.30 pm this Sunday, 7th August, in the Plessington Chapel, for all who are going on the Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage, to discuss final arrangements.

We are still short of just one ‘washerperson’ to wash the Purificators, the linen cloths used for wiping the chalices at Communion. This is not a hard task, and it would only be for one month per year (four Sundays). Although they need washing separately from your other washing, these cloths never get “dirty” as such. There are currently 11 volunteers on the rota; just one more would be wonderful. Please, would just one more person volunteer? *For further information, or to volunteer, please see Bill, D’arcy, or any ex-CWL member.*

Fairtrade goods – The Mustard Seed, next to the Methodist Church, have a large selection of Fairtrade items, and support worthwhile projects. They have been running for 25 years, and over £25,000 has been passed on to various organisations, charities, schools, communities and co-operatives around the world - helping craftsmen and women to have a future in their homelands. They are open Thurs/Fri/Sat 10 am-2 pm.

Dates for your diary - Fr Luiz Ruscillo will lead a series of reflections on the Parables in the Gospels on Tuesday evenings, 7pm - 8pm at the Education Centre, on the following dates: 27 September; 11 and 18 October; 15 and 22 November.

Diocesan Education Service – Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) – The CCRS course is offered for catechists, teachers and others who may be interested in deepening their knowledge of the Catholic faith. The first online CCRS module is an introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in applying for the 2016-2017 course, please ask Father Tom for further details and an application form. Or visit <http://lancasterrccrs.lunsvle.co.uk> or contact the Education Centre, Lancaster tel: 01524 841 190. See also poster at the back of church.

Previously Published Items

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.*

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!).

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.

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

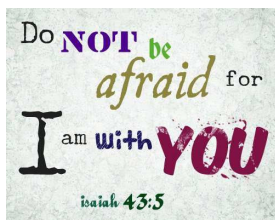
The Year of Priestly Vocations will be concluded on 27th September with a Diocesan Mass celebrated by the Bishop at the Cathedral at 12.15 pm. All parishes and schools are encouraged to attend this Mass.

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 14th August can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

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. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Billy (5 yrs old, suddenly gone blind and paralysed, taken into Gt Ormond St Hospital), 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 6th – Sunday 14th August 2016

Sat	6 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Beatrice Horn
Sun	7 th	10.00 am	MI McGinn (Lately Dead)
Mon	8 th	}	
Tue	9 th	}	
Wed	10 th	}	No Mass
Thurs	11 th	}	
Fri	12 th	}	
Sat	13 th	9.30 am	No Mass
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Terry Murphy (5 th Anniversary)
Sun	14 th	10.00 am	A Golden Wedding

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

None

Special Days this week:

Sun	7 th	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	8 th	St Dominic
Tue	9 th	ST TERESA BENEDICTA of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Wed	10 th	ST LAWRENCE
Thurs	11 th	St Clare
Fri	12 th	St Jane Frances de Chantal
Sat	13 th	St Pontianus & Hippolytus
Sun	14 th	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Meetings this Week:

Sun	7 th	7.30 pm	Lourdes Group (in Plessington Chapel)
Wed	10 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	31 st Jul	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 145	Children: 8	
		10.00 am	Adults: 113	Children: 17	Total: 283

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,157.35; Votive Lights: £80.20; Shop: £10; Tea Money: £50. *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.