

New items and information

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9th / 10th July 2016

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Day for Seafarers

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



Gospel Meditation for Sea Sunday

So, who is our neighbour?
Our neighbour doesn't just mean someone who lives near us; it also means strangers we meet. And when seafarers arrive in a port, they are strangers in a foreign land. Their home can be tens of thousands of miles away.

They don't know the locals. Often they don't speak the language. And they don't know how to do many of the things that we take for granted where we live. Where can I find a shop

where I can buy batteries? How do I get there? Where can I access the internet to contact my family? Where is the nearest church?

It's the stranger that Apostleship of the Sea port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors are there to help when they go on board a ship. Like the Samaritan in the gospel, they are concerned for the welfare of those they meet.

The help they give might include providing a mobile phone top-up card, warm clothes in the winter, or arranging for seafarers to attend Mass. At other times it might mean helping a seafarer resolve an issue with his employer over pay or working conditions.

The Gospel calls us all to help the stranger. Apostleship of the Sea chaplains and ship visitors do this in ports around the country. We can do it where we live, by supporting Sea Sunday. (Taken from *Sea Sunday Resource Book*)

Today is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information on the work of AoS, please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Next weekend we will be celebrating Mass for the Feast of St John Plessington –

There will be bacon butties served after Mass; there is a list at the back of church for anyone who has particular dietary requirements.

A Big 'Thank You' to the Monthly Coffee Morning and Whist & Domino attendees for the money they raised which has paid for the new table and two chairs in the Presbytery kitchen. They're great! *Father Tom*.

Chivuna Knitting – For some years now, a number of parishioners have given of their time and skills, knitting clothing and bedding for the poor children of Chivuna. It is to their credit that they carry out this great work without fuss or identity. At the same time, it renders the task of thanking them difficult, particularly on behalf of those in Chivuna who have benefitted so much from their efforts. Garstang Friends of Chivuna would therefore like to extend their sincere thanks to all these good people and assure them that we know from our contact with Chivuna how deep this appreciation is felt. We would equally like to thank those who have provided the raw materials and those who have contributed to the cost of sending the goods to Chivuna. Lastly, a special thanks to Margaret Wilcock, without whose untiring dedication to organising the work and sending the finished products to Zambia, nothing would be achieved.

Friends of Chivuna – The minutes of the Chivuna meeting on 1st July 2016 are now available.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Thank you to everyone who contributed to the SVP collection last weekend. A wonderful £238 was raised.

Church Shop – A member of our parish has recently visited Fatima and has brought back some articles which are available for purchase in the church shop.

Did you know....Peru is home to 70% of the tropical glaciers in the world, however, since the 1970s an estimated 40% of glacier coverage has melted in the Cordillera Blanca mountain range in Peru? High in the snow-capped Andes is the vibrant rural community of Cruz de Mayo. The community works together to protect their land. CAFOD's partner, CEAS, the Peruvian Church Social Action Commission, walks with the community, providing support, advice and training, as they work to care for their land, and protect and manage their water resources and protect the beautiful Lake Parón – an important water source for them.

Lancaster LIFE – The Annual General Meeting of the Lancaster Life Group will take place on Tuesday, 19th July 2016 at 7.30 pm in St Bernadette's Social Centre, Bowerham Road, Lancaster. If anyone is interested in supporting this service in any way, there are volunteer forms at the back of church. The address to which to send them is Secretary, Lancaster LIFE Group, The Lighthouse Centre, 1 Townley Street, Morecambe, LA4 5JQ.

Fire & Light Inspirational input, Adoration, Praise & Worship, Prayer Ministry on Wednesday 13 July Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU Tel: 016973 45623; Mass at 7 pm, meeting starts 8 pm - All Welcome!

Previously Published Items

Mission Boxes are now ready to be collected from the church porch. The sum of £414.75 has been banked. *Thank you.*

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th – 26th 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).

Church re-roofing and associated works – Update – I can confirm that these works will start next week, and, subject to weather and any unforeseen circumstances, are expected to be completed by the end of the year. The works will now include re-roofing of the complete roof to the main body of the Church, improvements to insulation levels at roof level, repair and renewal of lead work, gutters and associated works etc. The most urgent areas of the Presbytery roof will also be re-roofed as well as replacement of the heating system. Being able to carry out these works is a reflection on the strength and generosity of our Parish community and the fund-raising efforts that have been made. Thank you. If anyone has any questions or would like further details, please speak to Father Tom or to me. *Manus Adamson.*

Please pray for Betsy Niamh Richardson who is being baptised this Sunday, 10th July, after Mass, and for Maxwell James Bateson, who is being baptised next Saturday, 16th July, at 11.00 am.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Henry Wearden, Agnes Bamber, Joseph Bugeja, Pat Salles, Robert Spenser, Frederick Lyford, Agnes Bullen, Harry Nickson, Agnes Evans, Thomas Wells, George & Mary Pyke, Edwin Seed, Mary Thompson, Mary Wrennall, Patricia Maguire, Agnes Imelda Taylor, Annie Morris, Mary Walmsley and Susan Conway. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: 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, Rosemary Davies, Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes, Anthonio 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 10.00 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 9th – Sunday 17th July 2016

Sat	9 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Brian and Frances Diamond Wedding
Sun	10 th	10.00 am	Maurice Iddon
Mon	11 th	9.30 am (Please note)	For Peace and Unity
Tue	12 th	No Mass (Please note)	
Wed	13 th	7.00 pm	Michael Hendry (Birthday)
Thurs	14 th	9.30 am	Diamond Wedding
Fri	15 th	9.30 am	For a Quick Recovery
Sat	16 th	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Hylde Wells
Sun	17 th	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	13 th	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	15 th	10 – 10.30 am	Holy Half-hour for Vocations (Exposition)
Sat	16 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	10 th	15 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Day for Seafarers; Special Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea
Mon	11 th	ST BENEDICT
Wed	13 th	St Henry
Thurs	14 th	St Camillus of Lellis
Fri	15 th	St Bonaventure
Sat	16 th	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sun	17 th	16 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Wed	13 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
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Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	3 rd	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 131	Children: 5	
		10.00 am	Adults: 126	Children: 23	Total: 285

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,097.19. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in July at the United Reformed Church.

The Holy Father's Mission Intention for July

That through their mission, the Latin American and Caribbean Church may announce the Gospel with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.