

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 10th– Sunday 18th September 2016

Sat	10 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Arnold and Monica Hargreaves
Sun	11 th	10.00 am	Frank Purkis
Mon	12 th	No Mass	
Tue	13 th	No Mass	
Wed	14 th	No Mass	
Thurs	15 th	No Mass	
Fri	16 th	9.30 am	Start of Year School Mass – Special Intention
Sat	17 th	9.30 am	LISCF
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Rev John Horn
Sun	18 th	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Sat	17 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions
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Special Days this week:

Sun	11 th	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Education Day
Mon	19 th	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Tues	13 th	St John Chrysostom
Weds	14 th	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Thurs	15 th	Our Lady of Sorrows
Fri	16 th	Sts Cornelius (Pope) & Cyprian (Bishop), Martyrs
Sat	17 th	St Robert Bellarmine (Bishop & Doctor)
Sun	18 th	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Wed	14 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
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Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	28 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 140	Children: 7	
		10.00 am	Adults: 101	Children: 8	Total: 256

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,018.38; Votive Lights: £28.40 (No weekday Masses); Shop: £20; Headstone (Cemetery): £60. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in September at St Thomas's.

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

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10th / 11th September 2016

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



***“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
I no longer deserve to be called your son.”***

*Bartolomé Esteban Morillo
“The Return of the Prodigal Son” 1670-74 (detail)*

New items and information

This weekend is Education Sunday – There will be a collection for the Catholic Education Services.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes – a week on Monday, on 19th September, the group of fifteen people will be setting off for Lourdes. In this Year of Mercy our Pilgrimage will be representing the parish, and we hope the parish will be praying for us, as we will be praying for you. We would be very happy to take your petitions and prayers to leave at the Grotto, and to light any candles for your special intentions. There is a box at the back of church for your requests – please mark the envelopes PETITIONS, PRAYERS, and/or CANDLES. This box will remain in church until 18th September.

Parish Prayer and Space – This will recommence on Thursday, 15th September, at 7 pm in the Plessington Chapel. This is an opportunity to gather for reflection on the readings of the day, with prayer and praise. All are welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Thank you very much to everyone who contributed towards the SVP collection last weekend. A wonderful £222.30 was raised. *Thank you.*

Calder Vale Bluebell Teas – Thank you very much to Brenda and the Calder Vale Bluebell Tea Committee for the generous donation of £100 they gave to our church. That was very kind of them.

CAFOD Preston Harvest Fast Day Meeting is on Monday, 26th September, from 7 – 8.30 pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Chapel Street, Preston, PR1 8BU. Everyone is welcome. For further information, see poster at the back of church.

The Annual Coffee Morning for MacMillan held at the Kenlis has been cancelled for the time being due to unforeseen circumstances.

John Bradburne was born in Skirwith, Cumbria, and after much searching for his vocation, devoted the last 10 years of his life to serving a leper colony in Mutemwa, Zimbabwe. John loved the down-trodden and those rejected by society, and had a great devotion to Our Lady and the Trinity. In 1979, during the war in Zimbabwe he was abducted from his hut where he lived near his beloved lepers, and shot. The booklets available at the back of Church outline his story, and unexplained appearance of three drops of fresh blood at his funeral beneath the coffin. This caused the coffin to be opened and his wish to be buried in his lay Franciscan habit was fulfilled. There have been many instances of people receiving help after asking for John's intercession, and turning to God by his example. The Mutemwa Leprosy and Care Village, is supported by the John Bradburne Memorial Society, and there is a cause for John to be made Venerable. Please help yourself to a booklet and prayer leaflet. For more information see Helen Spencer.

The next meeting of Churches Together in Garstang and District will take place on Wednesday, 12th October at 3.00 pm in St Thomas' Parish & Community Centre.

St Thomas' Men's Fellowship – Although this is called "St Thomas' Men's Fellowship", only about one-third of the members are from St Thomas's – all are welcome to come. Meetings just four times a year at the Royal Oak - £15 a night, and this includes a meal and a talk. If anyone is interested in joining, the next meeting is on 18th November; the talk will be given by Roy Smith on the Suffragettes. The meetings for 2017 are 20th January, 28th April, 8th September and 17th November. If you are interested in going, or for further information, please contact Mr Burnett on 01995 603 104; mb 07708 705 428.

Fire and Light – Wednesday, 14th September – Inspirational input, Adoration, Praise and Worship, Prayer Ministry, at Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU. Meeting starts at 8 pm, preceded by Mass at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Brave of Heart – *come and find all that God has prepared for your masculine heart – Inspiring and challenging talks, Fellowship and sharing with other Christian men, walk in the Lake District, and much more!* Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th September at Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU. Donation only event. To book, or for further information, contact www.coretlumenchristi.org; email stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org; tel: 01697 345 623 or 07516 075 896.

Previously Published Items

Traidcraft Autumn/Christmas Catalogues are now available from the back of church. If you are able, please support some of the world's poorest producers with your purchases, whilst raising money for Chivuna clinic. *Helen Spencer.*

The Closing Mass for the Year of Priestly Vocations will be celebrated on Tuesday, 27th September at 12.15 pm at the Cathedral at Lancaster. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Noddfa – There will be a retreat at Noddfa from Monday, 10th to Friday 14th October. If anyone is interested in going, please contact Jean Andrews on 603 802 or Elizabeth Horn on 602 024, and they will be in touch with you.

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 18th September can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

Please pray for Sonny Maxwell McBain, who is being baptised this Sunday after Mass.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Harry Schofield who died last Friday. *May he rest in peace.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Eve Porteous, Teresa Swarbrick and Winnie Taylor. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: 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 (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 :