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Garstang and Calder Vale
and**

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Day of Prayer for the Unemployed



New items and information

Please note change of time for Edward McMahon's Requiem Mass next Friday, 3rd March at Garstang. It is now **10.30 am**. Please accept our apologies for any confusion.

Journey in Faith – The next meeting will be held next Thursday, 2nd March, 7.15 pm.

Rite of Election is next Saturday, 4th March, at 2 pm. Your support for our candidate, Rod McBain, either through your prayers for him and his family, or by attending the service at the Cathedral, would be appreciated as he is presented to the Diocese.

Thank you very much for your prayers for Anne Walmsley and for Craig Smith. Both are recovering well, and are grateful to you all. Their names have now been taken off the prayer list.

Monthly Coffee Morning – Because the first Wednesday of March is **Ash Wednesday**, our Coffee Morning has been postponed until the *following* Wednesday, **8th March**.

Catholic Voice – These have now arrived; please take a copy with you as you leave church.

Fairtrade Fortnight (27th February – 12th March) – If you are able, please consider choosing a Fairtrade version of your usual purchases during your weekly shop, and use your buying power to make a real difference. You may also consider supporting Traidcraft (Spring Catalogues at the back of church) who work with some of the world's poorest producers, to help them trade their way out of poverty. There is information in the church porch on two of Traidcraft's producers: *Eswatini*, employing 30 women and supporting the work of Manzini Youth Centre with orphans and street children in Swaziland; and *Swazi Candles*.

North West Children's Support Group – the NWCSG would like to thank the members of the parish for supporting our recent Beer Festival. A fabulous £3,200 was raised, and much fun was had raising the money. We would also like to thank members of the parish who continue to support us with their kind donations.

Parish Draw – Congratulations to Stella Iddon and William Myerscough for being our February winners. We are coming up to the end of this year's draw and would like to thank you all for your support. Subs are now due for the 2017/18 year ahead; watch out for further announcements.

Lent Lunches at Scorton – We have been asked to take part in the 'Lent Lunches' again this year for Christian Aid. Our (Scorton's) dates are 18th and 25th March. If you are willing to help, please put your name on the list, stating which date you can help with. See list for items required.

Lent Lunches for Christian Aid – URC, Garstang – We have been asked if our church would be able to provide volunteers to help with serving and tidying up afterwards in order to make these lunches a joint Churches Together in Garstang event. The dates are Wednesday 1st and 8th of March and Wednesday, 5th April.

Did you know... Lent Fast Day is **Friday, 10th March**? We focus on the work our partners are doing in Zambia and hear about Florence who was struggling to provide for herself and her two children after her husband was killed in a mining accident. She received training in fish farming from CAFOD's partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary. By selling some of the fish at the market, Florence was able to give her children a future – she was able to send them to school. We invite you, during Lent, to make a difference and help transform lives overseas.

Women's World Day of Prayer This year, the service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines, and will be held at Garstang United Reformed Church at 2 pm next Friday 3rd March 2017. For anyone not sure of what Women's World Day of Prayer is, on the day of the service, the prayers and hymns will be taking place during every hour of the day, somewhere in the world. A wonderful thought!

Previously Published Items

After 13 years of exceptional voluntary service, D'Arcy is retiring from the position of caretaker of the community centre at the end of this month. Many thanks, D'Arcy, for all your hard work. *If anybody is interested in taking on this position, please have a word with Father Tom.*

Times of Masses – Please continue to take special note of times and locations of weekday Masses on the back page of the bulletin. Some will be celebrated at Scorton, and some at Garstang. These times and the Mass Intentions are not necessarily set in stone. We will be feeling our way over the next few weeks, so please have patience and understanding while we try to get things right.

Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – This will take place from Tuesday 26th September to Friday 29th September led by Bishop Michael Campbell OSA. The cost is £265 and will be full board for three nights based on people sharing. As there are renovations at the RC accommodation, we will be staying at the Anglican accommodation for this pilgrimage. There will be four pick-up points – Workington, Penrith, Lancaster and Preston. Further details nearer the time. Closing date for booking is Sunday 22nd June. For booking form and details, please contact Paul Briers, 01946 834 834, or email guildshop@yahoo.co.uk See poster at back of church.

Traidcraft – Spring catalogues are now available from the back of church in Garstang. If you are able, please take this opportunity to support some of the world's poorest producers to improve their lives, whilst raising funds for Chivuna clinic. (We have a Fair Trader account, which means we receive a discount which we donate to Friends of Chivuna.) Thank you. *Helen Spencer.*

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 5th March can be found on yellow paper at the back of church in Garstang.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Tom Rawlinson, Josephine Wright, Eileen Fenna, Frank Moreland, Teresa Langley, James Foy, Pauline Lord, Robert Waddington, Richard Dodd, Donald Slater, Ellen Greenall, Martin Mears, Elizabeth Griffin, Jane Brown, Annie Grayston, Maureen Hollis, Maureen Ingleby, Mary Ann Smith and John Conway. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends in Scorton and Garstang, including: Sean Jepson, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, Len Pursey, Patricia Randall, Kathleen Murphy, Ros Drake, Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Allan Whipp, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy (5 years old), Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, Rod Pearson, 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 the 9.45 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 25th February – Sunday 5th March 2017

Sat	25 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Vivencio and Randy Batula
Sun	26 th	09.45 am (Garstang)	Gerald Whittaker
		11.15 am (Scorton)	Father John Thompson (LISCF)
Mon	27 th	No Mass	
Tue	28 th	12 noon (Scorton)	Rev F Hickey
Ash Wed	1 st Mar	9.30 am (Garstang)	Samuel Smith
		7.00 pm (Garstang)	Past and Present Teachers in our School
Thurs	2 nd	9.30 am (Scorton)	Marjorie Kirkman
Fri	3 rd	10.30 am (Garstang)	Funeral Mass for Edward McMahon
Sat	4 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	William and Ellen Greenall
Sun	5 th	9.45 am (Garstang)	Maureen Ingleby (1 st Anniversary)
		11.15 am (Scorton)	Thomas and Ellen Moxham

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	1 st Mar	No Rosary (Garstang)	
Fri	3 rd	No Exposition (Garstang)	
Sat	4 th	10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	26 th	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) <i>(Day of Prayer for the Unemployed)</i>
Wed	1 st Mar	ASH WEDNESDAY – Day of Fasting and Abstinence
Sun	5 th	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT <i>(Distribution of Fast Day Envelopes)</i>

Meetings next Week:

Tue	28 th	6.30 am	1 st Reconciliation (Session 2) (Garstang)
Wed	1 st Mar	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	2 nd	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)

Last Week's Attendance (Garstang):

Sun	19 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 131	Children: 11	
		10.00 am	Adults: 143	Children: 21	Total: 306

Monies Received (Garstang):

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,1130.55; Cemetery: £200; Votive Lights: £40.

Many thanks to you all.

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in February at Garstang Methodist Church and in March at the United Reformed Church.

Hymns at 6 pm Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	960 – Guide me O thou great
Gloria	998 – Salazar
G.A.	529 – Celtic
Off.	820 – Seek ye first the kingdom
Sanctus	553 – Celtic
Rec.	940 – Lord for tomorrow and its needs

Hymns at 9.45 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	820 – Seek ye first the kingdom of God
Gloria	531 – Mass of Hope
G.A.	178 – Halle, halle, halle
Off.	608 – Take my hands
S, M, D	556, 557, 558 – Mass of Peace
A.D.	592 – Mass of Hope
Com.	796 – I will never forget you, my people
	453 – Like a child rests
Rec.	940 – Lord for tomorrow and its needs

If you have an item you wish to add to the newsletter please phone 01995 602 164 (Garstang) on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings, or email ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com. The deadline for items for the newsletter is Thursday afternoons.