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Garstang and Calder Vale

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**11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**



King David confesses, "I have sinned against the Lord" – the sins of adultery, murder, deception, infidelity. The Pharisee in the Gospel expects Jesus to be repulsed by any person who approaches him dripping with sin. But before the contrite and sorrowful sinner, Christ's response is just the opposite; he offers forgiveness. Why? Because, once forgiven, the sinner "will love him more".

The sinful woman refuses to let the fact of her sin be the horizon of her life. Christ is now that horizon: and so she bathes his feet with tears of gratitude. And the Lord acts as if he has always been waiting for her... waiting for all who "live in faith; faith in the Son of God".

**New items and information**

**Whist & Domino Drive** on Monday 13 June from 2 – 4pm, in the Plessington Chapel. All welcome for fun, tea and cake!

**Cor et Lumen Christi Community, Wigton** Two forthcoming events:

Fire & Light – Inspiration input, Adoration, Praise & Worship, Prayer Ministry, on Wednesday 17 June. Mass at 7pm, meeting starts 8pm. All welcome!

Encounter – with Core et Lumen Christi Community and guest speakers Tim & Sue Eldridge. Experience the Loving Touch of the Holy Spirit. 25-26 June 2016 – donation only event. To book or for more information see website [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org), email [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org), or tel 016973 45623 / 07516 075896.

**CAFOD** Did you know... parts of Ethiopia have been severely affected by two consecutive failed rainy seasons? As a result, large areas of the country face a devastating drought, leaving more than 10 million people going hungry and in need of food aid. With local partners, CAFOD is already on the frontline getting assistance to where it is needed most. We have been responding over the last year, but now the needs are escalating and we need to get more emergency aid to where the needs are greatest. We ask for your prayers for those suffering in this crisis.

**Diocese of Lancaster Annual Pilgrimage to Ladywell** led by Bishop Michael Campbell, OSA. 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016. For more information please see poster at back of church.

**Previously Published Items**

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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 (602024).

**Parish Safeguarding**

The Diocese has begun a re-check programme of parish volunteers who were previously cleared for their roles prior to 2013.

In the case of our parish, this involves possibly re-checking over 100 volunteers. We will be contacting you in groups over the next 12 months to enable those who wish to continue as volunteers to complete the re-registering process.

The last stage of the process involves registering on-line with the DBS update service, which in turn reduces the need for making future DBS applications if you have multiple roles within the same workforce or when the Diocese completes re-checks in the future.

*(Ted/Annette)*

**Red Mission Boxes** – Please leave these this week at the back of church for emptying, or if you would prefer, you can now empty the contents of the box into an envelope which can be collected from the church shop.

**More than just a Red Box** – This year marks 150 years since the Red Box was introduced. Having a Red Box in our homes is a way of supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, and the Mill Hill Missionaries, Britain's own missionary society. Bishop Kevin Dowling, whose diocese of Rustenberg and its work with HIV/AIDS in South Africa, is supported through the Red Box said "That little Red

Box is the symbol of something very beautiful happening everywhere.” If you would like to help by having a box in your home, please contact Celia Horn, tel: 602 341.

**Day for Life – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016** – This year, Day for Life focuses on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home which is God’s creation. It provides an opportunity for people to think about the connections and relationships between people and the earth which we inhabit. Pope Francis has powerfully articulated in ‘*Laudato Si*’ that there is a real need to rediscover a spirit of wonder and awe at the gift of human life so that all life may be properly respected and a new heart created for the home in which we live. Please support the crucial work of Day for Life by giving generously to the collection there will be on that day. Further information can be found at [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org). There are prayer postcards at the back of church – please take one. And please pray for Day for Life. Your prayers will make a vital difference.

**Date for your diary** – SS Mary & Michael’s School are holding their **Open Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016**. This popular celebration of life in school is given added impetus again this year because it takes place on the final day of our annual Arts Week. This year’s theme is ‘100 Years of Roald Dahl’ and each class will spend the week in art-related activities based around the themes of his books, stories and illustrations. An invitation has been sent from Mrs Wilkinson at school to the parish saying they would be delighted if you could come and join them and see first hand what a wonderful school we have. Visitors will be welcome from 9.30 – 11.30 am, and 1.30 – 2.30 pm. If you would like to attend, please contact the school in advance. (Tel. 603023)

**Deanery Mass for Vocations** – on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm in the Cathedral.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of:** Joan Gorton, who has died in Liverpool. Funeral arrangements to be announced. *May she rest in peace.*

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** Frances Grayston, Charles Price, Ada Annie Oxby, Joan Billington, Terry Fitzpatrick, Ellen Kelsall and James Marsden. *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 Towers, John Sweeney, Rita Whittaker, 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 am Mass:**

#### **Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Fiona Catterall (sick)
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tue	14 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Special Intention
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Thomas Lowe (Lately dead)
Thurs	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Maurice Iddon
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Robert Beesley (Anniversary)
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	LISCF
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Tony Chriscoli
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	George Gidlow (Birthday anniversary)

#### **Devotions and Celebrations this week:**

Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Holy Half-hour for Vocations to the Priesthood
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

#### **Special Days this week:**

Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	St Anthony of Padua
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **Meetings this Week:**

Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
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#### **Last Week’s Attendance:**

Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 140	Children: 5
		10.00 am	Adults: 102	Children: 22
			Total: 269	

#### **Monies Received:**

Last Weekend: £1,116.00; Votive Lights: £41.80; Shop: 20; Photocopying: £5; Wedding: £350. *Many thanks to you all.*

#### **Churches Together in Garstang & District**

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

The phone and internet connections are now back on. We apologise to anyone if you have tried to send an email and had no reply. We are catching up as quickly as possible.  
*Thank you for your patience and understanding.*