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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 August 2026

Sat	1	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Carole Wilson *lately dead* [JW]
Sun	2	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Duckworth Family *RIP*
Mon	3	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families *RIP*
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Wed	5	**G**	6.30pm	**Mass**	Intentions of Vikki Snowden [KMS]
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	**6**	**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**			
		S	10.00am	**Mass**	Anne Gelderd *RIP - wedding anniversary*
Fri	**7**	**Ss Edmund Arrowsmith, Ambrose Barlow, & companions** *Lancaster martyrs*			
		G	10.00am	**Mass**	Diane Pattinson *RIP-birthday* & Neal Walmsley *RIP*
			10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	8	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Terry Murphy *anniversary*
Sun	9	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Joan & Dave Woodhead *60th wedding ann.*

Sponsorship appeal : Isaac Hogarth

From Isaac: I'm raising money for the North West Children's Support Group, who are celebrating an incredible 50 years of supporting children and families. The charity provides children with the opportunity to enjoy holidays and experiences they might not otherwise have, creating special memories that can last a lifetime.

To mark this special anniversary, I've set myself a personal challenge: Kayak 50 miles over the Summer Holidays — representing each year of the charity's work. This really is a challenge for me as I'm only 12.

Please consider sponsoring me in my challenge.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/isaac1

Next weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend, **8-9 August**, in both our churches to support the work of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul society.

Parish Coffee Morning

July's event raised £170 for St John's Hospice in their 40th year. Thank you so much to everyone for your generosity both with money and baking cakes.

The next Coffee Morning will be on **Wednesday 19 August**, 10.00am to 12 noon, when we will be raising funds for the DEC Venezuelan Earthquake Appeal. We look forward to seeing you there for lovely cake, freshly made brews and excellent company, of course. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The diocesan pilgrimage to St Mary's Fernyhalgh & Ladyewell shrine will be on **Saturday 26 September**, 11.00am, led by Bishop Paul.

Bishop Paul invites all Altar Servers to join the pilgrimage. Please take your cassock & cotta and walk together in the procession.

Afterwards, there will be a barbecue for all servers in the grounds, prepared by Our Lady & St Edward's Scouts, Preston.

Attending servers are to meet at St Mary's, Fernyhalgh, 10.30am.

To facilitate planning, if you are intending to go, please contact Ian Mulholland, mulholland.id@gmail.com or 07944-857813.

March for Life

SPUC Preston has booked a coach to the *March for Life*, **Saturday 5 September**. Tickets are on sale now on Eventbrite, search "Coach from Lancaster and Preston to M4LUK," or scan the QR code. For the itinerary or anything else please contact the secretary on 07523 183758 or at spucpreston@gmail.com.

Deepen Your Faith: Discover the CCRS

Have you ever wanted to explore the beauty and richness of the Catholic faith? The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) offers a unique opportunity to do just that. At its heart, the course brings to life the Trinitarian mystery—deepening our understanding of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Far from just an academic pursuit, it is a truly joyful journey of discovery that equips you to share the Good News with renewed confidence.

Whether you are a teacher, a catechist, or simply an adult wishing to grow closer to Christ, the CCRS provides a solid foundation in Scripture, Sacraments, and the Church. It's a wonderful way to enrich your personal prayer life and serve our parish more effectively. It is a flexible, online modular course consisting of core and specialist modules commencing Monday 7 September.

To find out more about joining this inspiring programme: https://www.lrcd.org.uk/departments/education/formation, or https://lancsdioceseccrs.moodlecloud.com/; educationservice@lrcd.org.uk.

New e-mail address for the parish

The diocese is rolling out new, standardised e-mail addresses for the parishes. This will enable more secure sharing of documents and also online book-keeping. Please begin using this e-mail address: StMary-StMichael.Garstang@lrcd.org.uk. The current one will be discontinued.

Chivuna update

From Sr Mutinta: "Greetings from Chivuna. Thank you so much for your kindness and your concern for our people. May the Lord continue blessing you. The items will really be of great help. Our mothers are really happy and our work is really made easy by your support. We are really grateful."

On the Chivuna section of the noticeboard, there's a sheet detailing the clinic's latest needs. Please take a look and see if you can help.

A B Grace Trust : many thanks

St Mary & St Michael's parish gratefully acknowledges the receipt of **£1,700** from the AB Grace Trust. It was Mrs Grace's wish that the funds be used for the upkeep of the cemetery. This we will do. See below.

Cemetery paths

I am very pleased to report that the final two sections of cemetery path have been repaired and restored: the south and south west sections of the 'new' cemetery. The bequest from the A B Grace Trust will go towards the cost.

This means that we now have level access to all sections of the 'new' cemetery from our car park, and from Bonds Lane using the ramp.

Please use these new paths rather than the uneven path alongside the old cemetery. The only way this can be remediated is to chop down the trees.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Ann Cahill and Roger Mason for being our July winners.

If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw, please contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

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Please pray for …

Those who have died recently.

Those who are ill or infirm. Bryan Ingleby, Rich & Anne Ranker, Jack Garner, Christine Rowthorn, Evelyn Steel, John Page, Kathryn Lee, Margaret Gaughan, Mary Evans, Harold Jepson, Celia Lowe, Gerry Marley, Bob Cookson, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Mary Jo Counsell, Caroline Nurse, Yvonne Shaw, Simon Crossley, Peter Holland, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Robert Berry, Margaret Hine, Matthew John Pearson, Anne Elizabeth Dawson, James Booth, James Birchall, James Rossall, Catherine Elder, Stephen Edmondson, Helen Beale, Bert Maddock, Mary Spencer, Gerald James Derbyshire.