

## Works in our parish cemetery

Work to installing drainage, paths, and the concrete plinths for the headstones is making great progress.

The cost of this work is **£20,000**; and having spent £110,000 repairing and renovating the church tower, we are short of funds indeed.

May I appeal to parishioners for funds to pay for the work in the cemetery? I'm all too aware that, with the increase in the cost of living, fuel, and all the rest, this is hardly a good time to be asking folk for significant money.

Perhaps forty parishioners – individuals, couples, families – might be able to donate £500. That would cover the £20,000, and I am willing to be one of these donors myself. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, all the better.

Many thanks for the donations received already: **£11,500**.

Smaller donations are, of course, very welcome; perhaps in memory of a family member already buried in our cemetery. Please make cheques payable to Ss Mary & Michael Parish Main Account. Many thanks, Fr G.

## Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations to Pat Collins and Frank Miller, our August winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw, contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon, either directly or through the parish office.

## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Christine Gerrard (cousin of Kath Armstrong), Angela Isles (formerly Brown, née Garstang), Tony Smith, Mary Daly.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Mary McCann, Fr Robert "Bob" Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, Oonagh Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

**Those whose anniversary we keep:** James Parker, Hilda Yates, Peter Thomas Davis, Ken Shaw, Matthew Maguire, Agnes James, Malcolm Mayo, Richard Pawlawski, Michael Sheridan, Nora Jacques, Dorothy Towers, Moira Adamson, Benedict Joseph Johnson, Robert Horn, Harvey Snaith, Helen Mary Brennan and Eric Porteous.

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 September 2022

Sat	3	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Alan Bradley <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	4	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of the Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Betty Carter <i>lately dead</i> [M+TP]
Mon	5	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Infirm clergy
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Wed	7	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Fitzpatrick & Lowe families <i>RIP</i>
Thu	8			<b>THE BIRTH OF THE VIRGIN MARY</b>	
		<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Christine & Noel Birch <i>56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.</i>
Fri	9	<b>G</b>	11.00am	<b>Funeral Liturgy : Angela Isles</b>	

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	10	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Fr David Elder <i>RIP</i>
Sun	11	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Jack Mounsey <i>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i>

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### SVP collection : this weekend

This weekend, **3-4 September**, the Brothers & Sisters of our parish St Vincent de Paul group will be taking a collection.

Your donations this month will be given to Sr Eileen, Holy Family, Ingol, to enable her to buy food vouchers for those who seek her help. Thank you for your support.

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### Ukrainian family in Garstang : can you help?

There is a local family, two adults and two children (6 and 7) who are looking for a 2-3 bedroom house in Garstang/Catterall. They also have a house cat. Both have successfully found jobs, are well educated and have had a good relationship with their host who will be able to provide a reference. Naturally, they want their own home in this local area because both children are settled at school.

Alas, not having lived in the UK for three years, they appear unable to secure a tenancy because they cannot provide a UK credit reference history.

Do you know of any potential landlords who might consider them for their property despite not having a credit history?

If you can help, phone Andrea, 07770-288432, or e-mail Alina [Ali2205@i.ua](mailto:Ali2205@i.ua).

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### Diocesan pilgrimage to Cleator

The annual pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 11 September**. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul. The theme this year is *Our Lady, Help of Christians*, a broad interpretation of this title, acknowledging the needs of our world internationally and locally.

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### OLCC Lancaster Uganda Project 2022 : Feedback Presentation

The group returned safely on 30 July after a very successful trip, with lots of tales to tell. There is a presentation in school on **Friday 16 September**, 5.00pm.

This will be an opportunity for the students and staff to give feedback about their experiences as well as reporting on the impact of all the fund-raising with which parishioners have helped.

Thank you once again for all the support and encouragement you have provided over the last few years; we got there in the end! *Ruth Lowe*

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### Christian responses to the migration crisis

Project Bonhoeffer will be holding a free online conference on Christian responses to the migration crisis, entitled Faith and Frontiers, **Saturday 17 September**, 10.00am-4.00pm.

The project's events seek to enable people to put Christian faith into action in ways that make a positive difference in the world, engaging with the key social and political challenges we face. It encourages and resources theological reflection, conversation and community-building around Bonhoeffer's work and life and its implications for today.

Book at: [www.projectbonhoeffer.org.uk/events/](http://www.projectbonhoeffer.org.uk/events/)

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### St Bernadette relic tour

In September and October, the relics of St Bernadette will visit England, Scotland, and Wales for the first time. An opportunity for people to experience the special gifts and charisma of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. The nearest locations for us are Lancaster cathedral, **22-23 September**, and St Ignatius' Preston.

A poster, booklet, and details of the events at our cathedral are at the back of church. Please take a look.

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### Promise Conference

A day to be transformed and renewed by the promises of God. All Hallows' Catholic School, Preston PR1 0LN, **Saturday 24 September**.

For more information and to book: [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org), e-mail [scuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:scuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org), or 016973-45623.

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### Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are hoping to resume Children's Liturgy of the Word as part of 10.30am Sunday Mass at Garstang, in the Autumn.

In order to do this, we need people willing to be liturgists to lead the children's liturgy sessions. At first, we will begin on one Sunday each month, perhaps the first Sunday. So committing to be a liturgy leader will not be a weekly commitment. Training and support will be given to volunteers.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy Walbank by email [nancy282@me.com](mailto:nancy282@me.com) or 07989128598.

All volunteers for this ministry will, of course, need to undergo DBS checks.