

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Easter

17 April 2022

Easter Eve, 16

G 8.000pm **VIGIL** Mary Winstanley *RIP*

Easter Day, 17

S 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Sick & housebound parishioners [SVP]

The end of the Easter Triduum

Mon 18 **S** 10.00am **Mass** Des Hewson *RIP*

Tue 19 ---

Wed 20 **G** 6.30pm **Mass** Jim Walmsley *anniversary*
7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*

Thu 21 **S** 10.00am **Mass** Tom & Betty Kennedy *RIP*

Fri 22 **G** 11.00am **Funeral Mass : Marie Swarbrick**

Sat 23 **G** 12.15pm **Baptism : Athena Grace Thompson**

Second Sunday of Easter

Sat 23 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Terry Murphy *RIP-birthday*

Sun 24 **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Steel & Curphey families *RIP*

Easter collection

In our diocese the Easter collection forms a significant portion of the priests' income for the year. Thank you for your support. Fr Geoffrey.

Easter Sunrise Service

Fancy a walk to the top of Nicky Nook to watch the sunrise? There will be a short sunrise service of Easter hymns and prayers, **Sunday 17 April**. 5.45am meet at the stile; 6.30am, arrive at the top to see the sunrise over the Bowland Fells; bacon butties back at the Methodist Chapel afterwards.

SVP meetings resume

The members of our St Vincent de Paul group will resume their formal meetings on **Tuesday 26 April**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members or enquirers are always welcome.

Sacrament of Confirmation

For the parishes of our Deanery, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral on the feast of Pentecost, **Sunday 5 June**, 2.00pm. Candidates are to be in Year 7 or above.

The preparation sessions will be held in the Cathedral Social Centre, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT, **Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 & 25 May**, 7.00-8.30pm. The final session on **Wednesday 1 June**, 7.00-8.30pm, will be held in the cathedral itself.

An application form is now on our parish website.

Hospital Visitors

Father Chapple, Chaplain at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary, is seeking volunteers to help with the provision to Catholic patients in the hospital. This will involve the general visiting of Catholic patients and taking Holy Communion to those who wish to receive. Days for volunteering can be flexible in consultation with Fr Chapple. In order to meet conditions currently laid down by the Trust, volunteers must be under 70 years old and be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Please speak to Father Chapple if you are interested in this ministry. He can be contacted by email: schapple@lancastercathedral.org.uk, or by telephone at the Cathedral: 01524 384820.

Cafod Lent collection

From our parishes £499.50 & £32.00 has been sent to Cafod. Here's their acknowledgement:

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict.

It also means we're there in the longterm to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan.

We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Paul is very much hoping to be able to resume the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, **22-29 July**, from £799 per pilgrim sharing.

Booking forms are available to download on the diocesan Lourdes website: www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk. Alternatively, contact Joe Walsh Tours, 0161-8208790. A copy is available in Garstang sacristy. Booking deadline, 1 May.

Spiritual opportunities

Retreats £20, unless otherwise stated. To book: contact Donna Worthington: drworthington@live.co.uk; or visit: <https://christianretreats.live>

The Practice of the Presence of God. Brother Lawrence's wisdom on prayer as part of our daily lives. Three **Thursday evenings, 12, 19, 26 May**, 6.30-9.00pm, £60.

Silence. Starting with Jesus' approach to silence, explore silence in various aspects of the Christian tradition and practise the art of silent Christian prayer along the way, **Saturday 14 May**, 2.00-5.00pm, or **Monday 16 May**, 10.00am-1.00pm.

Ignatian training. If enough people are interested, it may be possible to arrange a Zoom retreat of about three hours for a small fee. The focus would be Ignatian imaginative guided prayer.

If you are interested, please let the parish office know with your name and contact details, and we'll forward them to Donna.

The Pope's Easter blessing

The Pope's Easter Blessing *Urbi et orbi* – to the city and to the world – will be broadcast on BBC1, Easter Sunday, 11.00am. If you'll still be at Mass, you can always record it, ... or watch later on the Vatican website:

<http://www.news.va/en>

Calder Vale Bluebell Teas

We are back for two Sundays only: **Sundays 1 & 8 May**, noon to 4.00pm, Calder Vale Village Hall PR3 1SJ. We are playing it safe this year and hope to be back to normal in 2023. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Betty Ball

Robert and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and parishioners for their Prayers, Messages of Sympathy, and all the kindness shown to them at this sad time.

Thank you also for the generous donations in memory of Betty which are going towards the cost of the repairs to the Church Tower. God Bless you all.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Marie Swarbrick.

Those who are ill or infirm. Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Paula Seager, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep: Anthony Atherton, Thomas James Horn, Ellen (Nellie) Swarbrick, Anne Fitzgerald, Winifred Nickson, Margaret Towers, William Rawlinson, Father Gerald Bilsborrow, Jim Walmsley, Ellen Flood, Cecil Clarke, Tom Gorton, Mark Damien Lavelle, William McCall, Jane Ann Wareing, Henry Towers, Harold Rawlinson, Brenda Margaret Richardson, Doris Wade, Edith Ellwood, Margaret Horn, Isabel Clarke and Monica Stansfield.