

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Easter

20 April 2025

EASTER EVE, 19 April

G 8.00pm EASTER VIGIL

Carmel Hayden & Sr Aiden Mary *RIP*

EASTER DAY, 20 April

S 8.30am Mass People of our Parishes

G 10.30am Mass Edith Holland *RIP*

Mon 21 **S 10.00am Mass** Intentions of Isaac & Sofia

Tue 22 --

Wed 23 **G 6.30pm Mass** James Walmsley *anniversary*
7.00pm Rosary *in our homes*

Thu 24 **S 10.00am Mass** Muriel Metcalfe *RIP*

Fri 25 **G 10.00am Mass** Kevin Mason *RIP*

G 10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation

Second Sunday of Easter

Sat 26 **G 6.00pm Mass** Terry Murphy *RIP-birthday*

Sun 27 **S 8.30am Mass** People of our parishes

G 10.30am Mass Raymond & Christine Richardson
60th wedding anniversary

Easter Vigil

Those who have a small bell at home might like to bring it and ring it during the *Gloria in excelsis Deo* and at the consecration.

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 Morning on Nicky Nook

Churches Together in Scorton invite you to walk to the top of Nicky Nook to watch the sunrise on Easter morning. 6.30am, meet at Nicky Nook Stile; 7.00am, arrive at the top to see the sunrise over the Bowland Fells. Join in a short sunrise service of Easter hymns and Prayers led by all the Churches.

Parish Coffee Morning

March's event raised £100 for CAFOD which has been added to the Lent Family Fast collection. To avoid Holy Week, the next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 23 April**, 10.00am to 12 noon, Plessington Chapel, Garstang. Do come along and celebrate the Resurrection with friends old and new. Our 'good cause' will be the North West Air Ambulance: a charity we can no longer easily support since the closure of their Garstang charity shop. We hope to see you there. *The Coffee Morning Team*

Sunday of Divine Mercy

There will be a Divine Mercy celebration, **Sunday 27 April**, 2.45pm, Our Lady of the Assumption church, Blackpool FY4 5DF. See poster for details.

Cafod Myanmar earthquake appeal

Thank you once again for your generosity for the Lent Fast Day Appeal and following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets.

If you want to donate further, you can do so by giving to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Collection baskets are available at the back of the church for donations and envelopes for those who wish to gift aid: or you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/Myanmar. Thank you.

Scorton coffee morning : many thanks

The recent coffee morning in Scorton raised an excellent **£740** for Christian Aid. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Lent Lunches

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Ecumenical Lent lunches, soup makers, donations of cheese, monies, and volunteers on the day, over the five weeks of Lent. Sharing tasty soup, bread and cheese with our fellow Christians was a great way to spend lunchtimes, getting to know one another at the same time raising funds for *Christian Aid*.

This year the event raised £1600. (Our event raised £345.) In addition, *Christian Aid* will be able to claim a further £200 via gift aid. Thank you very much for your support.

Chivuna clinic in Zambia

Each year the parish transfers funds to Sr Mutinta and her clinic in Chivuna, to assist in the clinic's many and varied needs. These funds come from parishioners and others who have a monthly standing order, or who make occasional donations throughout the year.

The annual transfer to the clinic this year will be arranged for the end of July. Before then, if anyone would like to make a donation, or set up a standing order, please contact the parish office.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lindisfarne & Holy Island

From Bishop Paul: "As part of our diocesan celebrations of the Centenary, I will be leading a pilgrimage to the sites associated with St Cuthbert, co-patron of our Diocese, **21-23 May**. The three-day pilgrimage will take in Holy Island and Bamburgh and Durham Cathedral, and we will be staying at the historic former seminary of the North of England, Ushaw College."

The cost of the pilgrimage is £310 for shared accommodation and £340 for single rooms, all inclusive, with coach pick-ups at Workington and Carlisle. To request a booking form, email info@christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk.

A B Grace Trust : many thanks

St Mary & St Michael's parish gratefully acknowledges the receipt of **£1,000** 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.

Pastoral Letter on Assisted Suicide

Bishop Paul, in conjunction with all the Bishops of England and Wales, has issued a Pastoral Letter on this important matter currently before Parliament. Some copies are at the back of church.

Also at the back of church are copies of an A5-sized postcard which we are urged to complete and send to our MP. Please do.

VAT rebate for listed churches

Many thanks to those of you who contacted your MP or the Government directly about the importance of maintaining the VAT rebate for works carried out on listed churches.

St Mary & St Michael's has received a rebate of **£2,112.55** for various works carried out in recent months.

This has been used to pay for the cleaning and sealing of the church floor and cleaning of the carpets, and the remainder will go towards the cost of treating the West and North Doors.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Vera Towers.

Those who are ill or infirm. Celia & Bert Lowe, Evelyn Steel, Gerry & Rita Marley, Joseph Hardacre, Liz Boden, Bob Tomlinson, Fr Tony Walsh, Steve Masterman, Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Margaret Brocklehurst, Mary Jo Counsell, Caroline Nurse, Yvonne Shaw, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Winifride Nickson, Margaret Towers, William Rawlinson, Fr Gerard 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, Monica Stansfield, Barbara Rogerson, Fr Joseph Haydon, Thomas Sheridan, Basil Hibbs, Fr Geoffrey Cunliffe, Jack Swarbrick, and Ann Swift.