

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 August 2020

Liturgies this week

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** Fr Michael Tully & Parents *RIP*

Sun **G** 10.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

Mon **S** 10.00am **Mass** Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families *RIP*

Tue.....**St John Mary Vianney** *priest*

Wed **G** 6.30pm **Mass** Brian Winstanley *RIP*

7.00pm **Rosary**

Thu.....**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

S 10.00am **Mass** Infirm clergy

Fri.....**Ss Edmund Arrowsmith, Ambrose Barlow,
& companions** *Lancaster martyrs*

Mass Seán Fehrenbach *RIP* [GS]

Sat.....**St Dominic** *priest, religious founder*

G 10.00am **Mass** John & Mary Turner *RIP*

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sun **G** 10.30am **Mass** Those who support the sick & vulnerable

Mass on ... Sunday-ish

As you know, our obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains suspended.

If you wish and feel ready to come to Mass, you are welcome to do so whenever and wherever it is celebrated publicly.

I hope this will spread parishioners across the week and across both churches, rather than concentrate you all on Sunday.

To encourage this, at the Saturday 10.00am Mass in SSMM and for the time being, we'll be using the scripture readings and prayers for the Sunday.

If you can come to Mass on a weekday, in either church, perhaps you would consider doing that to free up a place for someone else on Sunday.

News from our school : Foundation Governors

Sincere thanks to our Foundation Governors who are standing down after many decades of hard work and faithful service to our parish school:

Tom Ibison and Roger Mason.

We are very grateful to our parishioners who have now taken up the mantle: Ciara Gorst, Shiralee Grierson, James Sweeney, and Sonya Thompson.

An update on our on-line cemetery records

For over a year we have been documenting our cemetery plots with the intention of making their details available on our website.

All burial plots have now been documented and are viewable by clicking the Cemetery menu option from our Home page. This will display an aerial view of our church and cemetery from where any one of seven documents may be clicked to open up the details of the associated burial plots.

There are three documents that detail the plots of the *old* cemetery (containing Fr Hickey's Monument), a further three detailing the plots in the *new* cemetery, and one document that details the plots of the Infant graves.

Please read the narrative on the aerial view page, to understand how each plot is documented.

An index to all the burial plots is also available from this page. These documents will be maintained to reflect the burials that take place.

Please notify the parish office of any anomalies you find.

Stewards at Mass – *can you help?*

We are required to have two stewards in place every time church is open. If you are able to volunteer as a steward, particularly over these holiday weeks, for Garstang contact Frank Miller; for Scorton contact Kevin Morley.

Musings from my hermitage ... Fr Geoffrey

Images of sowing and harvest, food and drink, sharing meals and company are found throughout the Scriptures.

Isaiah's vision of what it will be like when God comes among his people is a scene of bountiful supplies of wine and milk, corn, and bread — almost a dream world.

The gospel writers drew on this tradition, and used the example of Jesus feeding the crowd to show that God had come among his people. Six times the gospels report Jesus miraculously feeding a crowd.

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish, [Jesus] looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled.”

St Matthew draws a parallel between Jesus feeding the crowd and the celebration of the eucharist: bread is taken; God is blessed for his bounty; the bread is broken, and shared among the people.

Matthew's description takes us from the miracle of the loaves to the eucharist, and beyond: he points us to the kingdom of heaven. He's already told us, “Many will come from East and West” [Mtt 8]. Later we'll hear: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son” [Mtt 22].

When we celebrate the eucharist, we're part of God's saving work across the ages, and we anticipate the banquet of heaven: “When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.”

The eucharist looks to that day when God will gather us together in heaven, to share the victory feast of the Lamb of God: Blessed indeed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

Here and now we eat and drink of God's abundance: Christ himself feeds us in the gospel; he nourishes us with the sacrament of his body and blood.

Christ who died to free us from sin is part of our life. It's a gift we treasure by building God's vision here, living the values of the kingdom now.

Noddfa 2020

It is with regret that, due to the Coronavirus, the parish retreat in North Wales, which was due to take place 24-28 August, has been cancelled.

However, if anyone would like to make a private retreat or have a simple break in a lovely setting, the Sisters at Noddfa can be contacted on 01492-623473, or noddfapen@aol.com.

We look forward to being able to go together next year.

Garstang Parish Draw

Due to the Covid-19 lockdown we suspended the monthly draws from March. As things are starting to assume the 'new normal' we are going to restart the draw from August.

We will start to make two draws each month on the 1st & 3rd weekend of the month starting in August until we are up to date with the monthly draws, then revert to one draw each month (with the additional Christmas draw).

If you have any queries or questions: Trish & Kev O'Hanlon, 01995-604292.

We will ensure we are adhering to the social distance guidelines during the draws and delivery of winnings.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Joan Baines, Rita Moreland, Pat Hickey.

Those who are ill or infirm. Jean Andrews, Roger Bevins, Joyce Bilsborrow, Vin Cahill, Paul Cain, Eileen Cartner, John Cookson, Martina Copple, Bob Cross, Simon Crossley, Dorothy Evans, Louise Gornall, Michael Hendry, Peter Holland, Jessica Holmes & Phoebe, Kevin Horan, Janet Howarth, Keith Jones, Mavis Lee, Nigel Lord, Graham Markham (Australia), Seamus Martin, Ian Moran, Pat Nickson, Caroline Nurse, Matthew Pearson, Margaret Pendleton, Sarah Preston, Francisca Rainford, Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Wendy Seed, Revd Andrew Shaw, a Sick Parishioner, Teresa Smith, Tony Smith, Colin & Marie Swarbrick, Alice Towers, Austin Walmsley, Andrew Whipp, Ann Wicks, Louise Williams, Mary Winstanley, Ewan, Kathryn, Lucy & family.

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