Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 August 2026

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.*
Mon	**10**	**St Lawrence** *deacon, martyr*			
		S	10.00am	**Mass**	Davis Family *RIP* [FM]
Tue	11	---			
Wed	12	**G**	6.30pm	**Mass**	Susan Wade-Smyth *lately dead* [GB]
			7.00pm	**Rosary**	*in our homes*
Thu	13	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Smith Family *RIP* [FM]
Fri	**14**	**St Maximilian Mary Kolbe** *priest, religious, martyr*			
		G	10.00am	**Mass**	In thanksgiving to St Anthony [B]
			10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven

(Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sat	15	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Anthony Monks *RIP-birthday*
Sun	16	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	John Bolton *RIP*

This weekend : SVP collection

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

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

St Walburge's, Preston : fancy a climb up the spire?

Visitors are once again being invited to climb St Walburge's iconic spire. The church will open its doors for spire climbs on **Saturdays 22 & 29 August**, with access available from 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

The climbs will also provide an opportunity to see the recently completed second phase of the church's roof replacement project, along with the re-gilded IHS Christogram above the apse.

Following the climb, visitors can take part in guided tours of the church and explore a new exhibition featuring photographs, documents and memories from St Walburge's archives.

Spire climbs will take place in groups of up to 15 people every 45 minutes, with tickets costing £12. All proceeds will go towards phase three of the roof restoration project.

Tickets must be booked online in advance from TicketTailor, with no tickets available on the door.

Taizé prayer at Hyning

The sisters of Hyning monastery are hosting two evenings of Taizé prayer, **Friday 28 August** and Thursday 8 October, both 7.30pm. All welcome. Hyning monastery, Warton, Carnforth LA5 9SE. 01524-732684. See the poster.

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*.

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.

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.

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.

All kinds of Catholic podcast

https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/55455

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.

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.

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. Bert Maddock, Mary Spencer, James Gerald Derbyshire, James Greenall, Elizabeth Keefe, John Cross, Geoffrey Smith, Terry Murphy (15th anniversary), Adrian Darbyshire, Gerald Rawlinson, Jack Pinnington, Frances and Gerard Wearden, Joan Swarbrick, Ethel Davis (5th anniversary), Thomas Jennings, Mary Jean Rossall (5th anniversary), Elizabeth Wignall, Bernard Cummins, Jane Billington, Francis Purkis, Gladys Mary Stanley, Margaret Gelderd, Margaret Hogg.