

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Second Sunday of Easter

11 April 2021

Liturgies this week

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes
G 10.30am **Mass** John & Alice Towers *lately dead* [v]

The end of the Easter Octave

Mon **S** 10.00am **Mass** Almond & Sweeney families *RIP*
Tue --- **Mass** Tom Kennedy *RIP*
Wed **G** 6.30pm **Mass** Leonora Buenafe *lately dead*
7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*
Thu **S** 10.00am **Mass** Kathleen & Harold Smith *RIP* [HF]
Fri --- **Mass** Someone who is ill
Sat **G** 10.00am **Mass** Terry Murphy *RIP-birthday*

Third Sunday of Easter

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** Intentions of LMS
G 10.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

Our parishes at prayer — celebrating Easter together again

Our parish celebration of the Easter mysteries sought to be prayerful, gentle, and dignified and – in these still-challenging times, and working within all the restrictions and directives – to draw all present into the heart of our faith.

Thank you: to all who served as musicians, singers, and readers; those who led Stations of the Cross on Good Friday; cleaners, movers of fixtures and fittings, carers of the grounds, and for the floral arrangements.

Thank you, especially: to our stewards in both churches, for whose service we are deeply grateful, and without whom we are not permitted to open for public worship; and to our Health & Safety leads, Michael Hoffman in Garstang and Kevin Morley in Scorton, for their diligent attention to the seating arrangements and keeping abreast of the various directives.

God bless you all. Fr Geoffrey.

Garstang Parish Draw yearly subs

We are still in challenging times and would like to do things a little differently this year to help us all stay safe.

Yearly subs will stay at £20 for the year. At present the intention is to recommence the draw later in the year and to make two draws each month until we have caught up with any missing months.

Below are ways you can pay this year's subs:

- If you already have a yearly standing order in place, no action is required.
- By setting up a yearly standing order; on-line or direct with your bank;
- By making a one-off BACS payment for this year's subs;
- Place a cheque or cash in an envelope enclosing your full name, address and contact number. Label the envelope Parish Draw and drop it off at the presbytery.

BACS payments to be set up as soon as possible, please.

Parish of SS Mary & Michael, Garstang – Draw Account (*on-line setup select – add Business*); account no: 01589091; sort code: 40-27-02.

Please use your full name as the reference so we can match the payment against our list of members.

Cheques made payable to: SS Mary & Michael Parish Draw.

If you have any problems with any of the above payment methods this year please contact Trish & Kevin via the Parish office and they will contact you.

Please pass this information to anyone who might not see it in the bulletin.

Encountering the risen Jesus

A series of five reflections on *Zoom*, Mondays beginning **12 April**, 7.00-8.00pm. Led by Fr Mark Jarmuz, these reflections will explore the varied responses to the resurrection of:

- The Women who followed Jesus, 12 April;
- The Apostle Peter, 19 April;
- The Doubting Disciples, 26 April;
- The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus, 10 May;
- The Beloved Disciple, 17 May.

Details and Zoom invitation: gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Musings from my hermitage

The disciples had been transformed by meeting the risen Christ, by their communion with him. Transformed: not back to what they'd been before holy week. They were new: people of faith, with a zeal for the mission their Lord had entrusted to them. That kind of faith wasn't comfortable or cosy; it uprooted people and impelled them to places they'd never been.

We've heard that the disciples were "united heart and soul;" that they testified "with great power." It's the same for us. The more we are "united heart and soul," the more we are able to testify "with great power." This is the faith into which we were baptised; which we affirm in the eucharist. And the ultimate focus of the Mass — for which we pray — is the transformation of ourselves into "one body, one spirit in Christ", "a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of [God's] glory."

Faith in Jesus Christ stretches us, demands that we reach out, and with confidence: to the lonely and the unloved; to the poor and the many in need. Sometimes we might think the disciples had it easier than we do. If only we'd seen our risen Lord, then we'd really believe, be totally committed. Today's gospel tells us otherwise. We don't know Christ in the flesh as the apostles did. And people today in our neighbourhoods, our schools, homes, and places of work, they can't know Christ as the apostles did, either. But they can encounter the risen Christ in you and me; glimpse something of his risen life in our life, and in our parishes: through the evidence of our care, and community; in our faithfulness to worship and personal prayer; how we seek to build and affirm relationships, heal wounds, assist one another in our frailty. This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.

Folk for whom we are praying : can you help?

There are several people in the list of those for whom we are praying who I've not yet been able to identify. Can you help? Please let me know. *Fr G.*

Peter Holland, Keith Jones, Sarah Preston, Revd Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Seamus Martin, Bob Cross, Phoebe.

Our Lady's grotto at Garstang

The figures of Our Lady & Bernadette are now back in place after having been renovated; in front of the grotto, for your prayerful use, is a bench installed in memory of our late parishioner, Brenda Richardson.

Sincere thanks to our parishioners who arranged and paid for the renovation of the statues; to those who paid for the flagstones and the bench; and to those who erected it.

Gift Aid envelopes

Gift Aid Envelopes 2021-2022 are now ready for collection at the back of church. Thank you for the support you give to your parish.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Charlie Robinson (5 years old), June McLaughlin, Doug Willoughby, Joan Wilkes, Jimmy O'Neill.

Those who are ill or infirm. Yvonne Shaw, Sue Ratelitte, James Costain jr, Barry Robinson, Viktoria Nurse, Elaine Stajniack, Austin Walmsley, Ethel Davis, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Keith Jones, Tony Smith, Sarah Preston, Roger Bevens, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Revd Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Colin & Marie Swarbrick, Seamus Martin, Peter Holland, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes & Phoebe.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Joseph Davis, Richard Winstanley, Jack Metcalf, James Parker Richardson, Veronica Pickering, Rose Skillen, Bob Miller, Kevin Kavanagh (20th anniversary), William Barnes, Bernadette Paton, Joan Preston, Anthony Atherton, Thomas James Horn, Ellen (Nellie) Swarbrick and Anne Fitzgerald.