

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Second Sunday of Easter

7 April 2024

Sat	6	G	6.00pm	Mass	Thomas Ibison <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	7	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Boden & Ferguson families <i>RIP</i> [LB]
		G	2.00pm	Baptism	Maya Roskell

No Mass Monday or Tuesday

Wed 10 G 6.30pm Mass Intentions of a family [c]

No Mass Thursday or Friday

Third Sunday of Easter

Sat	13	G	6.00pm	Mass	Ted Richardson <i>lately dead</i> [i]
Sun	14	S	8.30am	Mass	Almond & Sweeney families <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	Agnes Gallagher <i>RIP</i>

No Mass Monday or Tuesday

Wed 17 G 6.30pm Mass Anthony Monks *1st anniversary*

Thu 18 G 10.45am Funeral Liturgy : Anne Stobbs

Fri 19 G 10.00am Mass & Baptism of
Olivia Bateson & Eliana Mukahanana
Infirm clergy

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sat	20	G	6.00pm	Mass	Terry Murphy <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun	21	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Intentions of Jenn & Stephen McGuigan

This weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection this weekend, **6-7 April**, in both our churches to support the work of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul society.

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 9 April**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

Many thanks ...

... to Fr John Gibson, who will be celebrating the Masses on Wednesday and the weekend of 13-14 April, while Fr G is taking his post-Easter break.

Parish Coffee Morning

Yes, it's back after a break for Lent. Please join us, **Wednesday 17 April**, 10.00am-12 noon, in the Plessington chapel, Garstang.

We'll be raising funds for the parish. Come along and catch up with friends and, maybe, make some new ones.

We look forward to seeing you later this month. *The Coffee Morning team.*

Visit by Blackburn Society of Artists

Parishioners might like to know that *Blackburn Society of Artists* will be working in St Mary & St Michael's, **Thursday 18 April**, 11.30am-3.00pm.

HCPT : many thanks ...

... to parishioners from HCPT for the **£190** received from the cake sale organised by Roisin, Debbie, and Brendan. The group remember us in their Masses and prayers in Lourdes, and will light a candle for our intentions.

Health & Safety at Garstang : many thanks ...

... to **Michael Hoffman**, who is concluding his service as our Health & Safety Administrator; not least for his guiding us safely through the maze of shape-shifting Covid-related restrictions.

Many thanks also to **Damien Houseman**, who has taken on the role to serve the parish. I am very grateful to them both. Fr *Geoffrey*

Parish Safeguarding Representative for Garstang

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Parish Safeguarding Rep for SSMM as soon as possible.

In co-operation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, the work involves processing or renewing DBS applications for parishioners who volunteer with children and/or vulnerable groups.

Computer literacy and an attention to detail are key requirements for the work. Any stationery, postage or copying are funded by the Parish.

If you are interested, and would like to know more, please contact Helen Forshaw on 01995 603944.

Church maintenance projects at Garstang

Work was carried last year out to improve drainage and some of the pathways in the cemetery. I am very grateful to those of you who helped to fund the project.

A second phase of work is now required, to address health and safety concerns about the path from the newly-prepared section of the cemetery round to the front of church.

We will be seeking grant funding for the project, although grants will not cover all the costs. To assist our application, we need to be able to demonstrate the extent to which parishioners support the project.

The weekend of **20-21 April** there will be a short questionnaire at the back of the church. I would be grateful if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete it and to support the project.

The same questionnaire will also seek your support to help us apply for a grant towards a significant repair of the organ and its continuing maintenance. Thank you for your assistance. Fr *Geoffrey*

Our parishes at prayer — celebrating Easter together

Thank you: to all in both churches who served as welcomers, musicians, singers, readers, and ministers of Communion; those who took part in the washing of feet; my sanctuary assistant and servers; those who prepare the rosters; those who led Stations of the Cross throughout Lent, and on Good Friday in both churches; cleaners, and polishers of the brass and votive stands; those who look after the sanctuary linen; movers of fixtures and fittings; carers of the grounds, and those who prepared all the floral arrangements and decorated the churches.

God bless you all. Fr *Geoffrey*

Easter Offerings : many thanks ...

... to everyone for your Easter Offerings which in this diocese form a major part of the priests' annual salary. Thank you for your support, and for your cards, wishes, and personal gifts. I am very grateful. Fr *Geoffrey*

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Anne Stobbs, Ted Richardson.

Those who are ill or infirm. Pat Stockdale (Carlisle), Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. 7-14: George Swarbrick, June Ann McLaughlin, Mary Bowles, Canon Alban Cochrane, Charlotte McAleer, Mgr Michael Tully, Joe Walmsley, Joseph Nickson, Mary Wellings, John Adamson, John Cunningham, Joseph Davis, Richard Winstanley, Jack Metcalf, James Parker Richardson, Veronica Pickering, Rose Skillen, Bob Miller.

15-21: Kevin Kavanagh, William Barnes, Bernadette Paton (10th anniversary), Joan Preston, Anthony Atherton, Thomas James Horn, Ellen (Nellie) Swarbrick, Anthony James (Tony) Monks, Anne Fitzgerald, Winifride Nickson, Margaret Towers, William Rawlinson, Fr Gerald Bilsborrow, Jim Walmsley, Ellen Flood, Cecil Clarke, Tom Gorton, Mark Damien Lavelle.