

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 August 2023

Sat 19	G	6.00pm	Mass	Intentions of Eileen Cowdall [w]
Sun 20	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Fr David Elder <i>anniversary</i> [LB]
		12.15pm	Baptism	: Grace Cecilia Hume
Mon 21				St Pius X pope
	S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Evelyn Steel
Tue 22	--			
Wed 23	G	6.30pm	Mass	Elaine Stajniak <i>RIP-birthday</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 24	G	11.00am	Funeral Liturgy	: Joan Swarbrick
Fri 25	G	10.00am	Mass	Peter Dewhurst <i>RIP</i>
		10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 26	G	6.00pm	Mass	Margaret Barton <i>35th anniversary</i>
Sun 27	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Lowe & Fitzpatrick families <i>RIP</i>
		2.00pm	Baptism	: Kaden Anthony Martin

Oaklands Fun Day

This will take place on **Sunday 20 August**, 1.30-5.00pm.

This follows last year's successful event and will once again feature local charities showcasing their great work in a fun environment that will include entertainment from Sing Out Strong, Buzz Cadillac and the Lightning Rods and Ukelele Soup. There will be stalls, fun challenges, raffles, tombolas, a bouncy castle for the children, and even a Disney Princess saying hello.

Refreshments include a barbecue, tea and coffee, and a bake sale.

Entrance is free and car parking is available but limited, so we are encouraging guests to walk to Bridge 58 on the canal if possible, for direct access from the towpath.

Let's hope that the weather is as kind as it was last year!

If you need any further information, please call Paul on 07944-603684.

John Bolton RIP

Helen Bisby writes: "My sponsored walk around Morecambe Bay is complete! 80ish miles turned into 110ish but it was well worth it and yes, I did finish on Walney Island! Huge thanks for all your support, encouragement, and sponsorship; I have currently raised just under £1500 for St John's Hospice, an amazing amount!

If you didn't think I could do it and I have surpassed your expectations, there is still time for you to sponsor me via *Just Giving*: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/helen-bisby-1685548647547>. Alternatively, see me or mum (Vee). Many thanks once again."

Special collection next weekend

The special collection for the Catholic Trust for England & Wales (CaTEW) levy is scheduled to be taken the weekend of **26-27 August**.

The Bishops Conference of England & Wales, whose work is funded by the CaTEW levy, has again reduced the amount of levy to recognise the financial impact on parishes across England & Wales of the Covid-19 Pandemic. This reduction is expected to be only temporary.

The amount of levy due for Garstang is **£1512.74**; for Scorton is **£359.29**.

Thank you for your generosity towards our share of the national levy.

The Millers on the Jumble Trail

The Millers have booked a pitch for the *Jumble Trail* around Garstang on **Bank Holiday Monday, 28 August**. We're raising money for our parish nursery, *Hummingbirds*, who are hoping to re-furbish their outdoor area.

If you have anything you would like to donate then please get in touch – or maybe just call at 1 Linden Grove between 10am and 3pm on Bank Holiday Monday and snap up a bargain. We're praying to the patron saint of Jumble Sales and good weather for a decent day.

Anne and Frank Miller 01995 604030. Any goods remaining will be passed onto the Refurb Shop and/or local charity shops.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Cleator

The annual pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 10 September**. Mass & Blessing of the Sick, 3.00pm. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul.

The theme this year is *Our Lady, star of the Sea, Guide of the Wanderer here below*. Tea & coffee will be provided; people are welcome to bring a packed lunch. Further details: 01946-810324; stmandstj@gmail.com.

St Mary's Pilgrims Way – sponsored walk ...

... to help the poorest of the poor In Rwanda.

Two trustees of the Rwanda Group Trust, Mark and Michael, are walking the 67 miles of St Mary's Way from Lancaster Cathedral to St Mary's shrine at Cleator. They are scheduled to arrive for the diocesan pilgrimage there on **Sunday 10 September**.

They would be very grateful for sponsors as the needs are very great and funds are somewhat depleted – every penny raised goes direct to Rwanda as the charity has no overheads.

If you feel able to donate, please see our website www.rwandagrouptrust.org or telephone Michael Donlan, 07864-990941.

Diocesan Directory 2024

To order a copy of next year's diocesan directory: for *Scorton*, please contact Catherine Pickering; for *Garstang*, please e-mail the parish office, phone and leave a message, or leave a note in the collection plate. Please specify which edition: ring-bound, £7.00; standard, £6.00. *Deadline: Fri. 25 August, noon.*

Safeguarding

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency has commissioned the services of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (Scie) to review their Safeguarding policies and procedures. To ensure that the review team together with associated reference groups take into consideration as many views as possible, parishioners are invited and encouraged to complete a survey.

This is an opportunity to help shape the future of safeguarding within the Catholic Church and make representations where it is evident or perceived that the current policies and procedures are outdated, difficult to interpret, there is a gap or no policy or for other reasons.

Here is the link to the survey <https://forms.office.com/e/PavSuixHim>

Deadline for completion of the survey: **31 August 2023**.

Formation in the Word of God

For a rich collection of resources & reflections, see the website <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Adrian Darbyshire, Joan Swarbrick, Celia Smith, Mother Elvira Petrozzi, Fr John Dobson.

Those who are ill or infirm. Joyce Bilsborrow, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Carley Cowburn, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Philippa Haynes, 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, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Fr David J Elder, Les Lunn, Dorothy Richardson, Michael O'Neill, Robert Woodruff, Dennis Wilkes, Lilian Barnes, Angela Isles (1st anniversary), Maria Bowker, Robert Horn, Wilfred Garstang, John N Bamber, Stephen Copple, Alan Bradley, George Armer, Margaret Barton, Brian Eydmann, Allan Bury, John Green, Francis Xavier Andrews and John Cahill.