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The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven

(Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

16 August 2026

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*
Mon	17	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Anne Gelderd *RIP-birthday*
Tue	18	---			
Wed	19	**G**	6.30pm	**Mass**	Fr David Elder *anniversary* [LB]
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	**20**	**St Bernard** *abbot, doctor of the Church*			
		S	10.00am	**Mass**	Ethel & Joe Davis *RIP* [AH]
Fri	**21**	**St Pius X** *pope*			
		G	10.00am	**Mass**	Intentions of Evelyn Steel *98th birthday*
			10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	22	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Philip McEvitt *lately dead*
Sun	23	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Colette & John Haythorn *40th wedding anniversary* [GS]

Charity tea this Sunday

From Debbie and Roisin McCann: After three very successful NWCSG holidays this year we are starting to fundraise for next year. We will be running a tea room at Scorton Village Hall, **this Sunday 16 August**, 11.00am – 3.00pm. Sandwiches and cakes, etc. Afternoon Tea £12, pre-orders would be appreciated but are not necessary. Call or text 07933284107 to preorder. *Thank you for your support*.

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*.

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.

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.

Annual pilgrimage to Cleator

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 6 September**. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul.

The theme this year is *Our Lady, Star of the Sea*. We express our devotion to Our Lady using the image we find in John Lingard's great hymn: "Hail, Queen of heaven." Offering light and guidance, Our Lady shines above our troubled world. She brings hope and comfort as she prays for us and with us.

Tea and coffee will be provided. If needed people can bring their own packed lunch.

The Parish of St John Henry Newman, Morecambe is looking to organise a coach for this pilgrimage from St Mary's Church, Morecambe. The cost of the coach will be £15.00 per person and we would gladly welcome any members of neighbouring parishes to join them. Leave St Mary's Church, Matthias Street, Morecambe, 12 noon; depart Cleator at about 5.00pm.

If you wish to join them, please contact their parish office, Wednesday - Friday 9.00am to 12 noon. sjhn.morecambe@lrcd.org.uk or 01524 410501.

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.

Monthly parish collections : July

Garstang, £1,413.50, plus £2,212.00 Standing Orders; **Scorton**, £247.42, plus £677.67 Standing Orders. *Thank you*.

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.

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.

Evening Mass on Wednesday 26 August …

… will be for the 60th wedding anniversary of Noel and Christine Birch, and a celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. *All welcome*.

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Fr Val Farrell (retired priest of the diocese).

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. Jane Billington, Francis Purkis, Gladys Mary Stanley, Margaret Gelderd, Margaret Hogg, Jack Carr, Freda Gidlow (5th anniversary), Mary Bate, Roger Edward Joseph Bevins, Agnes Pyke, William Hall, Jeanette Mears, Sean Jepson, Father David Elder, Les Lunn, Dorothy Richardson, Michael O'Neill, Robert Woodruff, Dennis Wilkes.