

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 September 2023

Sat	9	G	6.00pm	Mass	Members & work of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre [RM]
Sun	10	S	8.30am	Mass	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	Members & work of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre [RM]

No Mass during the week

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 September 2023

Sat	16	G	6.00pm	Mass	Mary Williamson <i>lately dead</i> [TI]
Sun	17	S	8.30am	Mass	Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	Intentions of Bert & Celia Lowe
Mon	18	--			
Tue	19	--			
Wed	20	G	6.30pm	Mass	Alice & John Towers <i>RIP</i>
Thu	21	--			
Fri	22	G	10.00am	Mass	John Bolton <i>RIP</i>
			10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 September 2023

Sat	23	G	6.00pm	Mass	Agnes Gallagher <i>RIP</i>
Sun	24	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Helen & Edward Brennan <i>anniversary</i> [vs]

Hummingbirds : Castle Lane Centre ... your thoughts?

With the newsletter this weekend is an insert from Frank Miller, Chair of Hummingbirds' Management Committee, seeking parishioners' opinions.

Welcome back ...

To **Fr Aidan Turner**, who will preside at Mass this weekend while Fr G is away visiting friends. Fr Aidan is a cousin of our parishioner, Helena Blunt. Fr Aidan was also Fr G's first Latin teacher, at Underley Hall, and was parish priest of St Columba's, Walney Island. It's **Fr John Gibson** the following weekend.

Holy Land

The Mass intentions at Garstang this weekend, **9-10 September**, have been requested by the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, a Catholic organisation that supports Christians in the Holy Land.

To find out more about their work: www.eohsj.org.uk.

Tea & coffee ...

... will be served after 10.30am Mass this Sunday, **10 September**.

Children's Liturgy of the Word ...

... resumes on **Sunday 10 September**, then 1 Oct, 5 Nov, and 3 December.

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 12 September**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

A synodal Church needs accountability

Join Christopher Lamb, The Tablet's Rome correspondent as he asks a panel of distinguished guests how the synod process will be able to move forward collegially on a path of accountability and responsibility. **13 September**, 5.00-6.00pm. The event is free to join; to register: www.thetablet.co.uk/events.

Lake District pilgrimage for Young Adults aged 18-35

Join us this autumn for a guided pilgrimage through the Lake District with other young adults, **14-18 September**.

As we move through this beautiful landscape, we will reflect too on our journey through life. The outer journey will take us on a walk of 36 miles over Cumbrian hills and beside lakes over three days. The inner journey will draw on the wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius to help us reflect on how we might navigate life in relationship with God.

We will follow the route of St Bega, a local Cumbrian saint who aligned her compass with the way of Christ. Cost: £290. Email Elizabeth Harrison for more information: eharrison@jesuit.org.uk.

Parish Coffee Mornings

We would like to restart these monthly gatherings. To begin, we will raise funds for *Macmillan Cancer Support*, because Autumn is the traditional time of their annual coffee mornings. Our first one will be on **Wednesday 27 September, 10am-12 noon** in the Plessington Chapel, St Mary & St Michael's.

There will be homemade cakes, brews and good company – all in a good cause. The event is free, with donations invited for *Macmillan*. Come early for the best cakes and stay as long as you like. Looking forward to seeing you.

Christians attacked in Pakistan

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is asking for your help after hundreds of families lost everything in the worst act of persecution against Christians Pakistan has ever witnessed. The families from Jaranwala, near Faisalabad, narrowly escaped a mob of hundreds who attacked and torched nearly 25 churches and hundreds of homes, as well as desecrating Christian graves, Bibles, statues, and crosses. Working closely with Bishop Indrias of Faisalabad and other project partners, ACN will be sending out aid where the need is greatest. Please pray for those who suffered horrific acts of violence simply because of their Faith.

- To read more, please visit: www.acnuk.org/news/pakistan-1000-frightened-and-homeless-christians-forced-to-sleep-rough/
- To donate to ACN's work in Pakistan, please visit: www.acnuk.org/get-involved/donate/

Red Missions Box

Please bring boxes to be emptied into church next weekend. Mission books are now available from the back of church. Please feel free to take one whether you have a red box or not.

Human rights in the emerging Catholic Church

A lay-led synodal assembly, **8-14 October**, Rome, Bristol, and worldwide online: www.spiritunbounded.org.

Organised by *Spirit Unbounded: nurturing the emerging Church*.

Need a wheelchair?

There are two wheelchairs in the old porch at Garstang, under the tower. These are available for people to borrow on short loan. Just take one, letting the SVP have your name. SVP: 07535-736975.

Please pray for ...

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

Those who are ill or infirm. Vicki Doherty (friend of Frank & Anne Miller), 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. 10-17 September: Robert Horn, Harvey Snaith, Helen Mary Brennan, Eve Porteous, John Isles (1st anniversary), Julie Beatty, Teresa Swarbrick, Winnie Taylor, Edmond Job Lowe, Michael Dias and Henry (Harry) Heyes.

17-24 September: Edmond Job Lowe, Michael Dias, Henry (Harry) Heyes, Mary McKevitt, Edward Brennan, Norman Turton, William Eastham, Pamela Mary Elletson, Anne Birchall, Brian Campbell, James Coyne, John Billington, Arnold Hargreaves, William (Bill) Acton, Pat (Patricia Mary) Atkins (1st anniversary) and Bernard Gornall.