

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 October 2020

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	John Potter <i>lately dead</i> [vB]
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	Anne Gelderd <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
Mon	S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [nw]
Tue		---		
Wed	G	6.30pm	Mass	In thanksgiving: 50 th wedding anniversary [L]
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu.....				St John Paul II pope
	S	10.00am	Mass	Almond & Sweeney families <i>RIP</i>
Fri		---	Mass	Bob Finlayson <i>lately dead</i> [ES]
Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Val Earnshaw <i>lately dead</i> [LB]

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Canonisation of St John Plessington

Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	David & Janet Pearson 40 th wedding anniv. [MP]

First Holy Communions 2020

Over the coming weeks our young parishioners will be making their First Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Saturday 17 October, 10.00am: Mia Simpson, Kiera Kirkham.

Wednesday 21 October, 6.30pm: Zara Latham, Maisy Walls, Freddie Southward.

Saturday 24 October, 10.00am: Julia Jesziorek, Nathaniel Billingsley.

Sunday 25 October: Grace Hogarth.

Frank's marathon Marathon for *Mary's Meals*

"Many thanks to all who donated and wished me well. I will leave the sponsorship open until Monday 19 October: £1400 plus some gift aid so far."

Visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/FrankMiller>

Hands, face, space, track & trace

Over the past few weeks, it has been heartening to see many of our parishioners returning to Mass. However, things are still far from normal and Wyre is an area of concern. How can we all play our part in keeping ourselves and others safe when attending Mass?

Hands. Please use the hand sanitisers as you enter and leave the church.

Face. All those who can are required to wear a face covering when in church. Please have your covering securely in place *before* you enter the building.

Space. When *entering* the church please be patient if you have to wait while the Stewards are seating other parishioners; you might even be asked to wait outside briefly. When moving around *inside* the church we ask households to keep to a 2m social distance from others. The easiest way to do this is always to ensure that you keep 2m away from those in front of you. When *processing to Communion* please keep 2m from the group ahead of you and allow an appropriate space before leaving your bench. When *leaving* the church please move away from the doorway without delay so that others can leave safely and do not have to walk through any groups.

Track & trace. Please complete a track & trace slip in your bench each time you attend Mass. Better still, scan in the QR code using the NHS Tracing app on your smartphone. In line with Government guidelines, your data will not be shared with anyone else and will be disposed of after 21 days. For more information on the NHS Track & Trace App: covid19.nhs.uk.

World Mission Day

This weekend, **17-18 October**, is the annual World Missions collection which helps sustain the Church's missionary work throughout the world. Pope Francis reminds us that "in a context profoundly marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, we must not be discouraged because mission is not the fruit of human capacity but belongs to God. He sent his Son Jesus Christ and today he sends every baptised person." Visit: www.missio.org.uk/wms.

Take a look at this uplifting video about the inspiring work of missionaries around the world: [*'We Are Still Here' click to watch*](#).

Children's activity sheets are available here: www.missio.org.uk/wms.

Musings from my hermitage ... Fr Geoffrey

Several times already, St Matthew's told us that faith is a gift from God, that belonging to the kingdom's offered freely to all who welcome Jesus into their life; all including those we may well think do not belong.

In this Sunday's gospel, Matthew wants to show Jesus escaping from the trap his opponents have laid for him. Once again, our Lord's integrity, his holiness, contrasts sharply with the hypocrisy of the religious leaders.

But what really interests Matthew, I think, is this. Notice what our Lord says: "Give back to the emperor what belongs to the emperor — and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus turns the incident into a challenge: Are we as careful about our obligations to God as about our obligations to the state — or to any other responsibility: our job, our relationship, family; our fun?

St Matthew wants us to weave God's affairs into the very fabric of our life, not to keep God in a separate compartment. Jesus has trusted us to make him known. But we can only make known a Christ whom we ourselves know.

So: How diligent are we about "God's things"? Do we give "the things of God" at least a fair share of our time, energy, resources, attention: Prayer — throughout the week? Reading and reflecting on the scriptures for ourselves? Building and healing relationships? Assisting those in need? Playing our own unique part in the life and work of the parish?

Recognising the many and varied gifts God has given each of us, and investing them for God's glory. That's the currency of the kingdom. That's what we owe to God.

Castle Lane Community Centre

The Community Centre is a charitable body in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lancaster. It has operated under a Scheme authorised and approved by The Charity Commission for England and Wales on 11 August 2008. The Scheme outlines how the Charity is governed.

We now need to provide a transparent system of how the Charity is run, governed and organised at a parish level and therefore we are seeking an individual who can assist in this.

The Parish is willing to provide any reasonable help and assistance that may be required. It would also be beneficial to the parish if the individual was able to sit on Garstang parish's Finance and Property Committee.

Please let me know if you can help, are interested, or require any further information. Thank you, *Fr Geoffrey*.

Traidcraft

This year, because of the COVID situation, we will not be taking orders for Traidcraft, but encourage you to take a look at the website www.traidcraftshop.co.uk.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Winnie Kennedy (sister of Theresa Cole).

Those who are ill or infirm. Anne Hunt, John Skillen, Joyce Bilsborrow, Alice Towers, Caroline Nurse, Jean Andrews, Keith Jones, Tony Smith, Sarah Preston, Roger Bevins, Margaret Pendleton, Janet Howarth, Austin Walmsley, Eileen Cartner, Andrew Whipp, Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Simon Crossley, Mary Winstanley, Kevin Horan, Paul Cain, Jean Dunne, Louise Williams, Teresa Smith, John Cookson, Revd Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Colin & Marie Swarbrick, Pat Nickson, Seamus Martin, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Vin Cahill, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Ann Wicks, Jessica Holmes & Phoebe.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Isabel Berry, Peter Ibison, John Dickinson, Bert Addison, Edward Swarbrick, Bob Thompson, Catherine Price, Anne Miller, John Joseph Reid, Canon Arthur Fleming, Margaret Hargreaves, Harold Rawlinson, Agnes Thompson, Shaun Foley, Mgr Greg Turner and Frank Newsham.