

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 October 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	6.00pm	Mass	Brenda Richardson <i>RIP</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Ellen & Ken Dwerryhurst <i>anniversary</i> [sc]
Mon		---	Mass	Ints. of Joan Speakman <i>85th birthday</i> [ES]
Tue		---	Mass	Infirm clergy
Wed		---	Mass	Joan Williamson <i>lately dead</i> [ES]
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu		---	Mass	Fr Austin Smith <i>RIP</i>
Fri.....				St John Paul II <i>pope</i>
	G	10.00am	Mass	Tom & Winnie Fleming <i>anniversary</i> [TC]
		10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat	S	12.15pm	Baptism	: Riley Mercer

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for World Mission

Sat	G	6.00pm	Mass	Janet Pearson <i>1st anniversary</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Mary & Bernard Rigby <i>anniversary</i> [TC]

Mass during the week

"I have a hospital appointment on Thursday this week that requires me to isolate for three days beforehand. Consequently, I'm unable to celebrate public Mass until Friday." Fr Geoffrey

Finance matters

Parish accounts. If anyone would like to read an e-copy of the accounts for your respective parish, please e-mail the parish office.

Garstang parish draw : many thanks ...

... to everyone who takes part in the parish draw: may we all be winners!

Thanks to your involvement, £1400 has been donated to the parish for this year; an especially welcome bonus given our £100K expenditure on repairs to the tower.

Special thanks to Trish & Kev for all their efforts. We are very grateful.

Preston Orpheus Choir

An English Musical Renaissance including music by Sullivan, Parry, Stanford, Elgar, with the main piece being Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*. **Saturday 30 October**, 7.30pm, St Leonard's, Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA. Admission £10, under 18s free; just turn up and pay on door.

Pope Francis and synodality

According to Pope Francis, "Synodality is a style, it is walking together, and it is what the Lord expects of the Church in the third millennium." Again, as Pope Francis says, it is "journeying together – laity, pastors and the Bishop of Rome."

What is unique about this Synod?

When Pope Paul VI introduced the Synod, the idea was to continue the collegial experience of the Vatican Council II. Pope Francis is now taking it to a new level, decentralising the Synod with the active participation of the entire People of God in every diocese.

Bishop Paul has written a Pastoral Letter for us for this weekend. In addition, you might like to look at the documentation that's already online:

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Cenacolo update

Update from Chris D'Arcy: The lads at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs left for Knock on the 11 September 2020. Almost 13 months on and our house sadly remains closed. We are still waiting to hear from Don Stefano and the leaders of the community as to their plans for the Cenacolo Community in the UK. Hopefully we will have some news soon.

While our house remains temporarily closed the Cenacolo Community remains open and is welcoming men and women. We have recently had two men enter the Cenacolo Community in Knock. Most days we have calls or emails from worried family members or men and women wanting to know more about Cenacolo and whether this could be the hope they are searching for. Responding to the emails and calls is a Ministry of Hope.

In the early days of lockdown, the meeting points and prayer groups stopped but very quickly moved online. It is good news that the prayer meeting in London, Birmingham, Liverpool and our own meeting in Kendal is back in person. Mother Elvira has always shared that what underpins the Community is time spent in prayer, particularly prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and seeking Our Lady's intercession.

Other wisdom from Mother Elvira is that we need to be patient and trust in God's plan. Even if we don't understand it. God's timing is always perfect. It is true that we are blessed by many friends of the community that do just this: trust and pray.

We hold our Adoration at 6.00pm on a Thursday evening. Fr Hugh continues to celebrate Mass, usually the first Wednesday of every month at Dodding Green. All are welcome. Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, pray for us; Mary, Mother of Cenacolo, pray for us.

Pat and Jim Costain still have a bank account with £632 in it donated by the parish for fresh food for the lads. Pray that it can soon be put to good use.

Seating at Scorton

The ropes on the benches had to be removed for the Thursday's wedding and Friday's funeral; we have decided to leave them off.

Please: be mindful that others might be more cautious or apprehensive than you; respect the space of others; avoid crowding one area of the church when there is space elsewhere; if one bench has a number of people in it, choose another. Thank you. *Fr Geoffrey*

Train as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care

Catholic Marriage Care is the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK. They are looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with them as relationship counsellors and make a world of difference to couples and families.

For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc

There will be an online Open Event for anyone who would like to know more about this role, the training and Marriage Care: **Monday 25 October**, 1.00-2.00pm, via Zoom. Anyone interested in joining the open event can contact Rachael O'Brien at rachaelo@marriagecare.org.uk.

Cafod collection : many thanks ...

... to everyone in the parishes who donated to the Harvest Fast Day collection. From Garstang, £640.34 has been sent to CAFOD.

Are you a Catholic working in health care?

If so, please contact Cath Morgan, Bishop Paul's healthcare advisor, on pha@lancasterrcdioocese.org.uk This is to see whether there is any interest in establishing a branch of the Catholic Medical Association in the diocese. The aim of the CMA is to meet fellow professionals and to keep updated.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Bill Hollis, Frank Purkis, Monica Sanderson, Edmond Lowe, Bernard Gornall.

Those who are ill or infirm. David Carr, Caroline Nurse, Roger Boden, Caroline Rigby, Josie Higham, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Phyllis Steel, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Marie Swarbrick, Peter Holland, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep: Isabel Berry, Peter Ibison, John Dickinson, Bert Addison, Janet Pearson (1st anniversary), Edward Swarbrick, Bob & Agnes Thompson, Catherine Price, Anne Miller, John Joseph Reid, Canon Arthur Fleming, Margaret Hargreaves, Harold Rawlinson, Shaun Foley and Monsignor Gregory Turner.