

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Third Sunday of Easter

18 April 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Terry Murphy <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	Intentions of LMS
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
Mon	S	10.00am	Mass	Pat Henry <i>RIP</i> [PG]
Tue		---	Mass	
Wed	G	6.30pm	Mass	Brenda Richardson <i>1st anniversary</i> [AP]
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	S	10.00am	Mass	Joan Wilkes <i>lately dead</i> [CH]
		1.15pm	Funeral Liturgy	: Joan Wilkes <i>at Carleton Crematorium</i>
Fri.....			ST GEORGE	<i>martyr, patron of England</i>
	G	11.30am	Burial Liturgy	: June McLaughlin
		---	Mass	Intentions of Mary Jo Counsell [A]
Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Diane Pattinson <i>RIP</i>

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Maureen Clark <i>anniversary</i>

Our parishes at prayer — celebrating Easter together again

Our parish celebration of the Easter mysteries sought to be prayerful, gentle, and dignified and – in these still-challenging times, and working within all the restrictions and directives – to draw all present into the heart of our faith.

Thank you: to all who served as musicians, singers, and readers; those who led Stations of the Cross on Good Friday; cleaners, movers of fixtures and fittings, carers of the grounds, and for the floral arrangements.

Thank you, especially: to our stewards in both churches, for whose service we are deeply grateful, and without whom we are not permitted to open for public worship; and to our Health & Safety leads, Michael Hoffman in Garstang and Kevin Morley in Scorton, for their diligent attention to the seating arrangements and keeping abreast of the various directives.

God bless you all. Fr Geoffrey.

Easter Offerings : many thanks ...

... to everyone for your Easter Offerings which, in this diocese forms a major part of the priests' annual salary. Thank you for your support, and for your cards, wishes, and personal gifts. I am very grateful. *Fr Geoffrey.*

Red Box 2020 : thank you!

In 2020 our two parishes raised £416.41 through your red box and donations to *Missio* and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Communities around the world are so grateful that we are supporting them through prayer and your generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19.

They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. You can find out more at www.missio.org.uk.

Red Boxes cannot be emptied at the moment. However, you can make a donation by sending a cheque payable to *Missio-Mill Hill* to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU; or make a bank transfer to www.missio.org.uk/redbox; or call 020-7821-9755 to donate with a credit or debit card.

Gift Aid envelopes

Gift Aid Envelopes 2021-2022 are now ready for collection at the back of church. Thank you for the support you give to your parish.

Encountering the risen Jesus

A series of four reflections on *Zoom*, **Mondays**, 7.00-8.00pm. Led by Fr Mark Jarmuz, these reflections will explore the responses to the resurrection by:

- The Apostle Peter, 19 April;
- The Doubting Disciples, 26 April;
- The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus, 10 May;
- The Beloved Disciple, 17 May.

Details and Zoom invitation: gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Musings from my hermitage

This Sunday's gospel follows on from the walk to Emmaus: Jesus appeared to his followers, gave them convincing proof of his resurrection, and opened their minds and hearts so they could preach about him as the Messiah.

Despite the testimony of the women and the two from Emmaus, the disciples couldn't believe their eyes when Jesus appeared. They'd been told he was risen; but weren't ready for what happened to them. The appearance of the risen Lord was way beyond their comprehension. They didn't know how to make sense of it. In fact, they were powerless; and only Jesus himself could lead them into understanding.

First, he proved that what happened was real. He showed his wounds and challenged them to touch him. He wasn't a ghost; his body had substance. He ate bread and fish.

The risen Jesus appeared as a living, solid form, and this experience is the bedrock of Christian spirituality. The holy can be found in the *tangible*. Holiness isn't only something other-worldly, beyond us. God reaches us through creation, not in spite of it. This insight grew into the Church's awareness of itself as the Body of Christ. It also grounded the worship of the Church as sacramental: we encounter the Risen Christ through our senses. We see, hear, and touch Christ today through the sacraments: bread and wine, water, oil, touching, laying on of hands; Christians giving themselves physically in the sacrament of marriage.

Imagine yourself in the company of those who first heard the report of the two from Emmaus. Better yet, allow the Scriptures and the sacrament of the eucharist to inspire us to bear witness today by word and deed: forming ourselves in the Christian faith; serving the poor in the name of Christ; welcoming the stranger. For when we serve others, Christ walks with us.

Garstang : bequest : donation : thanks

Donations. Our sincere thanks to the families of the late Bill Myerscough, Maureen Hall, and John Towers, for inviting donations to the parish.

Bequest. The parish gratefully acknowledges the receipt of **£500** from the estate of our late parishioner, Pat Nickson.

When preparing or revising your will, please remember your parish. In this way, just as we benefit from the generosity of those who have gone before us, so those who follow after us will benefit from our generosity to them.

These funeral donations and the bequest will go towards repairing the stone wall in the cemetery.

New mower. The parish also gratefully acknowledges a donation of £2600 from a parishioner towards the cost of a new mower for the church and cemetery grounds. *Thank you.*

Folk for whom we are praying : can you help?

There are several people in the list of those for whom we are praying who I've not yet been able to identify. Can you help? Please let me know. *Fr G.*

Keith Jones, Revd Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Martin, Bob Cross.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Charlie Robinson (5 years old), June McLaughlin, Doug Willoughby, Joan Wilkes.

Those who are ill or infirm. Yvonne Shaw, Sue Ratelitte, James Costain jr, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Austin Walmsley, Ethel Davis, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Keith Jones, Tony Smith, Roger Bevins, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Revd Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Colin & Marie Swarbrick, Seamus Martin, Peter Holland, Bob Cross, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes & Phoebe.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Winifride Nickson, Margaret Towers, William Rawlinson, Father Gerald Bilborrow, Jim Walmsley, Ellen Flood, Cecil Clarke, Tom Gorton, Mark Damien Lavelle, William McCall, Jane Ann Wareing, Henry Towers, Harold Rawlinson, Brenda Margaret Richardson (1st anniversary), Doris Wade, Edith Ellwood, Margaret Horn, Isabel Clarke, Monica Stansfield and Father Joseph Haydon.