

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

19 March 2023

Sat 18	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun 19	S	8.30am	Mass	Brian & Stella McVey <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Hugh & André Ferguson <i>anniversary</i> [LB]
Mon 20	ST JOSEPH <i>husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr James Matthews <i>RIP</i>
Tue 21	--			
Wed 22	G	6.30pm	Mass	For a successful operation [sc]
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 23	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Peter Johnson <i>anniversary</i>
Fri 24	G	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of the Steel family [mc.G]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	G	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 25	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass : Tony Blunt	

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sat 25	G	6.00pm	Mass	John Bolton <i>RIP</i> [FJ]
Sun 26	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Judith Swarbrick <i>RIP-birthday</i> [LB]

Lent : Stations of the Cross

Anyone for next week, please? Once again, I want very much to encourage parishioners from either parish to lead the Stations of the Cross, Fridays of Lent, 6.30pm at Garstang: individuals, couples, friends, parish groups. If you're willing to take a turn, please let me know. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey

Holy Week singers?

We're looking for a couple of folk to help as Cantors for the Holy Week liturgies, please. If you'd like to be involved, please let me know. Many thanks, Fr Geoffrey

Scorton Readers : Holy Week

If any of our Scorton Readers would like to be involved in the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, you would be very welcome. Please let me know. Many thanks, Fr Geoffrey

Evenings of Conversation – Reflection – Prayer

The Scottish Laity Network is offering a series of reflections for Lent on *The Common Good*, **Thursdays**, 7.00-8.30pm. <http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk>.

23 March, Synodality and the Common Good; Birgit Weiler.

30 March, Liturgy and the Common Good; Tom O'Loughlin.

To register: <https://forms.gle/uwnKfFp8pjJVPuEq7>

Tea & Coffee after 10.30am Mass

Starting **Sunday 26 March**, tea & coffee will be served after 10.30am Mass, once a month. Please come along and enjoy a brew and a chat.

We may be able to do it more regularly if we have more volunteers. If you'd be happy to take a turn, please contact Marie Pearson via the parish office.

Lenten Lunches 2023

The last Lenten Lunch at URC Hall will be on **Wednesday 29 March**, 12 noon-1.00pm. We have been asked to cater. So if you can provide a pan of soup, please take it to the hall between 11.00am and noon, or ring Philippa Catterall on 238331 to arrange collection.

PLEASE come for your lunch, in aid of *Christian Aid*.

Ministries and jobs in Holy Week

If you can help in these or any other ways during this busy week, please let me know. Many thanks, Fr Geoffrey We need people to ...

Holy Thursday, 6 April, 6.30pm. Take part in the washing of feet; prepare an altar of repose; remove everything from the altar at the end of Mass.

Good Friday, 7 April, 3.00pm. Prepare the altar for the Rite of Holy Communion, and remove everything from the altar at the end.

Easter Vigil, Saturday 8 April, 8.00pm. Prepare the Easter fire; help spread the candlelight around the church.

Ecumenical Prayer for Schools' Group

This will meet at SSMM, in the Plessington Chapel, **Friday 31 March**, 2.00-3.00pm. All very welcome.

Offertory Collection and Gift Aid option

Offertory Envelope Boxes for the coming year (April 23-April 24) are at the back of church ready for collection. If any boxes are missing, please contact Karine Rennie-Bloor, either directly or through the parish office

If any other parishioners would like to sign a gift aid form, and make your contribution using these offertory envelopes, this would boost the parish funds. For every pound donated, our parish will receive an additional 25p from the Government.

You can join the gift aid scheme if you are a UK tax payer. Gift aid forms can be found at the back of church and can be completed at any time (please place the completed form in the offertory basket). The envelope scheme does not commit you to a set amount each week and can be used flexibly.

If you are looking to commit to a regular contribution, in the easiest possible way, please to consider setting up a standing order. Again, gift aid forms can be filled out which means per pound you give, we get 25p from the Government. Setting up a standing order means you do not need to remember to bring your offering every Sunday. Forms are also at the back of church.

If you have any questions, please contact Karine. *Thank you.*

Gift Aid donors: if you have changed address in the last twelve months, please let Karine know, either directly or through the parish office.

Red Missions Box

Spring magazines are now available from the church porch. All are welcome to take one even if you do not have a mission box. If you would like your box emptying, please bring it into church next weekend.

Children's Borrowing Library

We have a selection of new religious books along with the odd game, puzzle and DVD for the children to borrow.

These will be available at most Sunday Masses and will be in the reception area at the back of church on top of the low cupboards. We hope to add items to this selection. Enjoy.

Theresa & Peter Cole RIP

Garstang parish gratefully acknowledges a donation of £1,000 towards the cemetery works in memory of Theresa & Peter Cole.

This takes our running total to £16,000 of the £20,000 cost of the recent works. Further donations would be very welcome, please.

Please pray for ...

Bishop Paul. Undertaking a three-week pastoral visit to the Church in South Sudan and then Kenya, on behalf of the Bishops of England & Wales.

Those who have died recently. Tony Clark, Tony Blunt, Yvonne Stewart, Dorothy Relton, Roger Slater.

Those who are ill or infirm. Fr Michael O'Dowd, Evelyn Steel, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, 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. Josephine Seed, John Swift, George Bernard Clarey, Agnes Marie Swarbrick (1st anniversary), André Ferguson, Ann Rigg (10th anniversary), Rev Bernard Whiteside, Betty Gornall, Austin Walmsley, Harry Swarbrick, Kate Simkin, John Gillett, Dorothy Rose Kelsall, Francis Bryan, Brian Richardson, and Frank Walmsley.