

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

27 March 2022

Sat	26	G	6.00pm	Mass	Judith Swarbrick <i>RIP-birthday</i> [LB]
Sun	27	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Tom Foster <i>lately dead</i>
Mon	28	S	10.00am	Mass	Jim Doogan <i>RIP</i> [G.MCL]
Tue	29	---			
Wed	30	G	6.30pm	Mass	Intentions of John Bolton
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	31	S	10.00am	Mass	Special intention [CH]
Fri	1	G	10.00am	School Mass	<i>in church</i> Infirm clergy
		G	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat	2	G	10.00am	Liturgy of Reconciliation	

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sat	2	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun	3	S	8.30am	Mass	Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	Gertrude <i>lately dead</i>

Ministries and jobs in Holy Week

This year, thanks be to God, we're able to restore more of the Holy Week liturgies. It will be three Easters since we've been able to celebrate the Church's ancient liturgies without let or hindrance.

Back before Covid, various folk would have done various jobs and exercised different ministries. Three years on, you might no longer be able to, or be available. For this reason, I'm inviting all parishioners to become involved. We need people to ...

Holy Thursday, 14 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, 15 April 3.00pm. prepare the altar for the Rite of Holy Communion, and remove everything from the altar at the end.

Easter Vigil, Saturday 16 April, 8.00pm. prepare the Easter fire; help spread the candlelight around the church.

If you can help in these or any other ways during this busy week, please let me know, by the evening of Wednesday 6 April. Many thanks, Fr Geoffrey

Ukrainian / Russian speakers?

Local charity, Refugee Advocacy, Information and Support (RAIS), is looking for Russian or Ukrainian speakers who might be willing to act as interpreters locally due to the imminent arrivals from the conflict in Ukraine. If you can speak either language and are willing to help, or if you know someone who may be able to assist, please contact coordinator@rais.org.uk

First Holy Communion 2022

Children of our parishes have now begun their preparations for First Holy Communion. Please hold the children, their families, and our catechists in your prayers. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross

I'm very grateful to the parishioners who have offered to lead Stations of the Cross. **Friday 8 April** is currently in need of a leader: individuals, couples, friends, parish groups. Various versions are available, and you might have ideas of your own. Please let me know. Many thanks, Fr Geoffrey

Offertory envelopes (gift-aided) 2022-2023

The Gift Aid Offertory envelopes for the next financial year are now ready for collection at the back of both churches. Thank you for your support.

Refugees from Ukraine

The Government's *Homes for Ukraine* scheme gives individuals the opportunity to host Ukrainian refugees within their home or another property they have available. If you are interested, the first step is to register on this matching portal [https:// www.homesforukraine.org.uk/](https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk/). The second step is to register with the Government via the following website: <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/> This will allow safety checks on prospective hosts and their accommodation.

Sponsors will provide accommodation for a minimum of six months and currently a maximum of 12 months. The Government is offering an optional 'thank you' payment of £350 per month. The diocese is looking into ways that diocesan property might be used to help the situation.

Garstang Parish Draw yearly subs

It's that time of year again that we ask you to pay your yearly subs. Yearly subs will stay at £20 for the year. We would like as many of you as possible to pay by standing order - online or direct with your bank, as this worked well over the last couple of years.

- If you already have a yearly standing order in place, no action is required.
- By setting up a yearly standing order – online or direct with your bank (*see details below*).
- By making a one-off BACs payment for this year's subs (*see details below*).
- If you are not in a position to pay by standing order, please make a payment by cheque or cash. Place a cheque (see details below) / Cash in an envelope enclosing your full name, address and contact number. Put in an envelope labelled Parish Draw subs and drop in at the presbytery or place in the collection tray at the back of church.

BACs payments to be set up by 31 March 2022, please.

Bank details: Parish of SS Mary & Michael, Garstang – Draw Account (*On-line setup select 'add Business'*). Account: 01589091; Sort Code: 40-27-02.

Please use your full name as the reference so we can match the payment against our list of members.

Cheques made payable to: SS Mary & Michael Parish Draw.

If you have any problems with any of the above payment methods this year, please contact us via the Parish office. Thanking you in advance, Trish & Kev.

Betty Ball RIP : many thanks ...

Garstang parish is very grateful to the family of the late Betty Ball for donations of £197 in her memory. We will put the donations towards the cost of the new pinnacle on the church tower.

Aid to the Church in Need

Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) is despatching €1m (more than £830,000) in emergency help for Church communities in Ukraine. Bishops, priests and Sisters across Ukraine are helping to support people in need of food, clothing and other necessities as displaced families take shelter in the basements and other underground shelters of Churches, parish halls and other religious buildings. Please pray for Ukraine. To support the ACN Ukraine emergency appeal, visit www.acnuk.org.

Red Box Magazines

These are available for collection at the back of church; whether you have a mission box or not please feel free to take a magazine. Also included is a leaflet giving information about the Venerable Pauline Jaricot, one of Missio's founders, who will be beatified on 22 May, 200 years after establishing the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. If you would like to have your mission box emptied, please contact Celia Horn. Thank you.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Marie Swarbrick, Revd Brian Burns, Revd John Selby (retired deacons of the diocese).

Those who are ill or infirm. Rita Whittaker, Paula Seager, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, 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: Gladys Richardson, Nellie Hodges, Frances Dickinson, James Pooler, James Pedder, Mary Carr, Mary Carter, Joan Wilkes (1st anniversary), Fleetwood Carter, Fr Odran Callan, Alice Helme, Marie Calvert, John Ellwood, Mary Horn, Frank Gornall, William Darwen and Shirley Hawes.