

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

18 May 2025

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| Sat 17 | G | 6.00pm | Mass | Gordon Johnson <i>RIP-birthday</i> |
| Sun 18 | S | 8.30am | Mass | People of our parishes |
| | G | 10.30am | Mass | Ellis Preston <i>RIP</i> [V] |
| Mon 19 | S | 10.00am | Mass | Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families <i>RIP</i> |
| Tue 20 | -- | | | |
| Wed 21 | G | 6.30pm | SVP Festival Mass | <i>all welcome</i> |
| | | 7.00pm | Rosary | <i>in our homes</i> |
| Thu 22 | S | 10.00am | Mass | In thanksgiving [J] |
| Fri 23 | G | 10.00am | Mass | Tom Carter <i>lately dead</i> [AC] |
| | G | 10.30am | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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| Sat 24 | G | 6.00pm | Mass | Carmel Hayden & Sr Aiden Mary <i>RIP</i> |
| Sun 25 | S | 8.30am | Mass | People of our parishes |
| | G | 10.30am | Mass | Rosemary Walmsley <i>lately dead</i> [AC] |

Pope Leo XIV : statement from Bishop Paul

Together with the Universal Church, and with all people of good will, the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster in the UK welcomes and commends to the grace of Almighty God Cardinal Robert Prevost OSA as Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St Peter. Pope Leo comes to this universal ministry after many years of professed and ordained life as deacon, priest, and as a bishop, as a religious, and as a teacher. As with his predecessors we hold the Holy Father in our prayers and take courage already from the words of his inaugural address with its call for peace across humanity.

The times we live in cry out for a fundamentally different approach to serve the world order, one led by Christ. I ask you to do all you can in your parishes and homes to ensure that our loyalty to the Holy Father is Gospel led, not media led.

May we also rejoice in learning that, as Father General of the Order of Saint Augustine, Father Prevost was present in our Cathedral of Saint Peter for the Episcopal Ordination of my predecessor, Bishop Michael Campbell OSA on 31 March 2008.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for him. St Peter, pray for him. Pope St John Paul II, pray for him. Pope St Leo the Great, pray for him.

Calder Vale bluebell teas

The last of the annual bluebell teas will be served in the Village Hall on **Sundays 18 & 25 May**, 11.00am-4.00pm. Homemade food, soup of the day, sandwiches, cakes, desserts. Jam, bedding-plants, Tigermufin soap, etc. for sale. Look forward to seeing you. *Brenda P.*

Parish Coffee Morning

At April's event £110 was raised for the *North West Air Ambulance*: thank you all very much.

The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 21 May**, 10.00am - 12 noon, in the Plessington Chapel, Garstang.

We will raise money for Brian House, the local children's hospice. Do come along to help support this vital service, whilst enjoying good company and excellent refreshments; the latter very kindly provided by our parishioners.

Please note there will be no coffee morning in June due to staff holidays! *The Coffee Morning Team*

Holy Land : join historic ecumenical service online

This special ecumenical service will take place in Temple Church, London, **Tuesday 20 May**, 12 noon. The event will feature a simultaneous broadcast from the Co-cathedral of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Jerusalem.

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa will lead the service in Jerusalem along with Archbishop Hosam Naoum of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, with invitations extended to the other leaders in the Holy City. In London, Cardinal Vincent Nichols will lead along with Bishop Christopher Chessun, leaders from the Orthodox Churches and from Churches Together in England.

The service can be watched either live or within 48 hours. Join online here: www.youtube.com/live/tCwQG1TPvJk.

SVP Festival Mass

Mass on **Wednesday 21 May** is being offered for the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parishes and the Preston District, to which we belong. Please join us to give thanks for those who have helped us in our work and pray for those we help. *All are welcome.*

Next weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend, **24-25 May**, in both our churches to support the work of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul society.

Laudato si' : ten years on

All are welcome to join the Northern Dioceses Environment Group and the Southern Dioceses Environment Network to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. **Wednesday 4 June**, 7.00-9.00pm, online. Book with Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-celebration-of-laudato-si-tickets-1364006483109?aff=oddttdtcreator.

Parish Levy

Each year, the parishes are levied by the diocese to support the central administration. This year, the rate of levy on offertory income has increased slightly to 25.25%, and the rate on rental income, including qualifying hall income, also remains unchanged at 20% of gross rental income received.

This year, for Garstang, it's **£11,944.09**; for Scorton, it's **£2,845.26**.

Thank you message from Janet Worthington.

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, love and get-well wishes I have received during my recent health scare. I am now recovering from my surgery and hope to be back welcoming you all soon. J xx

Chivuna clinic in Zambia

The annual transfer to the clinic this year will be arranged for the **end of June**. Before then, if anyone would like to make a donation, or set up a standing order, please contact the parish office.

Parish SVP : many thanks

SVP members would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations to the recent appeal. A total of **£449.50** was raised, including £72.30 from Scorton. We recently sent £300 of food vouchers, funded by your generosity, to help users of the Ingol Food Bank operating out of Holy Family Church. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Please pray for ...

Newly-elected Pope Leo XIV.

Celebrating her 100th birthday: Lucienne Ferguson.

Those who have died recently. Joseph Hardacre (dad of Mary, Scorton), Dawn Murphy, Pope Francis.

Those who are ill or infirm. Celia & Bert Lowe, Gerry & Rita Marley, Liz Boden, Bob Tomlinson, Fr Tony Walsh, Steve Masterman, Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Margaret Brocklehurst, Mary Jo Counsell, Caroline Nurse, 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.

Those whose anniversary we keep. John Barnacle, Dick Helme, Samuel Carr, Celene Elizabeth McLaughlin, Margaret Mary Collinson, Dick Edge, Eddie Finnegan, Frank Eastham, Jessica Pinnington, Roger Marsden, Jane Delaney, Peter Michael Houghton, Joseph Hodgson, Raymond Fitzgerald, Ann Mary Swarbrick, Thomas Richardson, and Mary Agnes Gornall.