

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

22 May 2022

Sat	21	G	6.00pm	Mass	Intentions of Joan & Bob Tomlinson <i>60th wedding anniversary</i>
Sun	22	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass & Reception into Full Communion	Intentions of LB [CL]
Mon	23	S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Marlene Oliver [E+GS]
Tue	24	--			

The Ascension of the Lord

Wed	25	G	6.30pm	Mass	Intentions of BH
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	26	S	10.00am	Mass	Lucas A Backhouse <i>RIP-birthday</i>

Fri	27	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY <i>bishop, religious, missionary</i>			
		G	10.00am	Mass	Gerry Steel <i>anniversary</i>
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat	28	G	12.15pm	Baptism : Bonnie Grace Adamson	

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sat	28	G	6.00pm	Mass	Tim Richardson <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	29	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Oswald Kellett <i>lately dead</i>

Reception into Full Communion

On **Sunday 22 May**, 10.30am Mass, Teresa Moore will be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Please pray for Teresa, and for her Sponsor, Helen Crone.

Calling all bakers – it's time to put your best biscuit forward

To contribute to Garstang's celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Soroptimist International Garstang, Fairtrade Garstang and the Garstang Arts Centre are joining hands to hold the *Platinum Jubilee Charity Biscuit Competition*, **Thursday 2 June**.

The competition is open to everyone (with three categories: primary school; secondary school; and adult) and all entries must use at least one Fairtrade ingredient in the recipe. Each entry costs £1.00. You can register and pre-pay the entry fee at the Garstang Arts Centre any time during May.

All funds raised will go to *Tap Twinning UK*. For every £60 donation, Tap Twinning are able to help provide safe water and promote good hygiene in one of the world's poorest communities. For more information, please go to www.sigarstang.org.uk/biscuits. A poster at the back of both churches.

Finding Jesus in the Eucharist, the Poor, and Creation

Fr Eamonn Mulcahy will be the keynote speaker on this day organised by our diocesan Faith & Justice Commission, **Saturday 4 June**, 10.00-3.30pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston. To book: [Book via - Eventbrite - Finding Jesus in the Eucharist](#). Alternatively, through the Lancashire Faith & Justice website: <http://www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/>.

Pentecost retreat

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26) **Sunday 5 June, 2.00-5.00pm**. On the beautiful feast of Pentecost, this retreat is an invitation to let go and open our eyes to the creative Spirit of Christ praying within us, in ways beyond words; in the depths of our needs. We attend to Scripture and, through creative prayer, attend to the symbols that the Spirit may offer us in our prayer-dream world. We also ponder our gifts and the concept of virtues.

Retreats £20, unless otherwise stated. To book: contact Donna Worthington: drworthington@live.co.uk; or visit: <https://christianretreats.live>

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please pray for our candidates who will be confirmed by Bishop Paul at the cathedral at Pentecost, 5 June, 2.00pm. Pray also for their families, and for those who are helping them prepare.

Freddie Backhouse, Joel Backhouse, Juan Banchemo, Abbey Brooks, Conor Brooks, Emilio Fallon, Lucas Fallon, Johnny Gallagher, Patrick Gallagher, Rosie Gallagher, Cian Gorst, Philippa Haynes, George Hargreaves, Harry Hargreaves, Cameron McAleese, Liam Swarbrick, Jia Tejada, Hannah Wilkinson.

First Holy Communion

In preparation for their First Holy Communion, our young parishioners have now celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please continue to remember the children, their families, and our catechists in your prayers.

John Bradburne's 101st birthday pilgrimage climb

You are invited to join Bishop Paul on the JBMS climb Cross Fell in Cumbria, **Saturday 18 June**, 11.00am, in honour of John Bradburne's 101st birthday in his birthplace of Skirwith. Prayers will be offered by Bishop Paul at the summit.

This is a difficult climb, so only those with good fitness should attempt this walk. It will take approximately seven hours to complete. To reserve your place and make a donation: info@johnbradburne.com or call 07979 187498.

Parish Safeguarding

We are delighted to welcome Paul Ferguson, who has joined Helen Forshaw, as a Parish Safeguarding Representative for Garstang.

Paul will take care of DBS applications for parishioners working with children and young people. He will also monitor the safeguarding policies of non-parish groups who use our premises. Meanwhile, Helen will continue to handle DBS applications for Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion into the community, as well as clearances for visiting SVP members. Over the summer Helen will meet with Paul to familiarise him with Diocesan safeguarding procedures.

In the meantime, if you have any safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Helen on 01995 603944 or Paul on 07944 603684.

Readers & Welcomers

We could do with more **Readers** for the Masses at Garstang. If you'd like to serve the liturgy in this way, please let me know. I'll gladly offer some preparation; you won't be left to sink or swim. Many thanks, Fr *Geoffrey*.

Likewise, at Garstang more **Welcomers** would be appreciated for the Sunday Masses and for funerals. If you'd be willing to take a turn, please let Frank Miller know, either directly or through the parish office. Thank you.

Chaplaincy Post - H.M.P. Lancaster Farms

A fulltime Catholic chaplaincy post is being advertised by the Prison Service. Closing date, 30 May 2022. Details at jobs.justice.gov.uk, ref. 58481.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations to Teresa Carter and Manus Adamson, our May winners.

Thanks to everyone who has already paid their subs or set up a standing order. If you have not yet paid, please do so by the end of May for your numbers to be included in this year's monthly draws. Any numbers not paid for will be withdrawn. If you would like to discuss payment of your subs contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Anthony Doyle, Barry Robinson, Winifred Fox, Pat Kennedy, Revd Frank Cole, Fr Tom Shufflebotham SJ.

Those who are ill or infirm. Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Paula Seager, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, 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: Jane Delaney, Peter William Houghton (1st anniversary), Joseph Hodgson, Raymond Fitzgerald, Ann Mary Swarbrick, Thomas Richardson, Mary Agnes Gornall, Alice Bilsborrow, Timothy John Richardson, Dennis Oxby, Barbara Walters, William Francis (Bill) Campbell, Richard Redhead, Victor Richmond, John Garret, John Ryan and Jerome Grayston.