Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

29 May 2022

Sat	28	G	6.00pm	Mass	Tim Richardson anniversary		
Sun	29	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes		
		G	10.30am	Mass	Oswald Kellett lately dead		
Mon 30		S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy		
Tue	31						
Wed	1						
			7.00pm	Rosary	in our homes		
Thu	2	S	10.00am	Mass	Pat Kennedy lately dead [vs]		
Fri	3 Ss Charles Lwanga catechist, martyr& his companions martyrs of Uganda						
		G	9. 30 am	Mass	Special intention [PC]		

Pentecost

Sat	4	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun	5	S	8.30am	Mass	Austin Walmsley 1st anniversary
		G	10.30am	Mass	Teresa Cole RIP [V]
			2.00pm	Confirmation Mass at the cathedral	

The end of the Season of Easter

Mass during the week

Please note that there will not be Mass on Wednesday evening this week, and the Mass on Friday will be at 9.30am, because of the Children's Festival.

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: <u>Book via - Eventbrite - Finding Jesus in the Eucharist</u>. Alternatively, through the Lancashire Faith & Justice website: http://www.lancaster faith and justice.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

Songs of Praise for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Scorton Methodist Chapel is hosting a celebration by Churches Together in Scorton, **Sunday 5 June**, 10.45am. Celebratory Hymns and music from the Coronation with the Queen's Favourite tunes. Followed by a 'Bring and Share lunch'. Everyone is welcome.

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 have been helping them prepare.

Freddie Backhouse, Joel Backhouse, Juan Banchero, 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.

Women together in the diocese of Lancaster

Finding the WAY together, is the title of a day to explore and reflect on our mission as women in the Church today. Led by Sr Philomena Grimley SHCJ. **Saturday 11 June**, 10.00am for 10.30am - 3.15pm, including Mass at noon.

No charge for the day; lunch provided. For catering, please phone either 01772-715495 or 01524-412409. There is a poster at the back of church.

Hummingbirds 25th anniversary Summer Fete

To celebrate this milestone, there will be a Summer fete, **Friday 17 June**, 3.00pm, in the School Hall. Cake stall, drinks, teddy & chocolate tombola, gift stalls, face painting, scentsy, toy sale, games and more. All welcome, particularly those who have supported us over the last 25 years.

Paderborn Nuns

Some years ago, Paderborn Nuns visited the parish at the invitation of Fr Tom Butler. Parishioners will be very sad to learn that the nuns' church and monastery have been badly damaged by a tornado. Please keep them in your prayers. You can visit https://www.michaelskloster.de/.

A B Grace Trust

St Mary & St Michael's parish gratefully acknowledges £4000.00, being a further payment in accordance with the wishes of the late Mrs A B Grace.

The paradox of abundance

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this "the paradox of abundance".

Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call. CAFOD's new campaign is called *Fix the Food System*. See www.cafod.org.uk/food.

Care of Creation

Our Diocese has produced a *Charter on the Care of Creation* as a direct response to Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato si*. This has been formally endorsed by Bishop Paul, and his statement and the Charter are now on our parish website: Home page/Important Notices.

It is hoped that this Charter will underpin our work in meeting the goals and objectives enshrined in the Laudato Si Action Platform towards taking greater care of our common home. Visit <u>Laudato Si Action Platform</u>

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 Michael 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.