

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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The Body & Blood of Christ

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Liturgies this week

Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	John Cadden <i>RIP</i> [V]
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Judith Swarbrick <i>anniversary</i> [LB]

Ordinary Time Week 10 : Liturgy of the Hours Week 2

Mon	S	10.00am	Mass	Dennis & Joan Wilkes <i>RIP</i>
Tue		---	Mass	
Wed				St Columba <i>abbot, missionary</i>
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Fr Tom Butler <i>40th ordination anniv.</i> [F+BC]
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	S	10.00am	Mass	Rose Mboroga <i>lately dead</i> [CH]
Fri				THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
		---	Mass	Phyllis & intentions of the Steel family [LB]
Sat				The Immaculate Heart of Mary
	G	10.00am	Mass	Bisby & Hargreaves families <i>RIP</i>

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Brian James Richardson <i>anniversary</i>

Welcome back to Mass

Changing guidelines. Following the Government's easing of restrictions on 17 May, our Bishops have revised their directives for parish life and worship. From the point of view of the congregation, these are the things that you'll notice. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey.

- Readers no longer need to sanitise their hands before and after reading.
- We will resume the personal dialogue at Communion with each communicant: "The Body of Christ. Amen." Please note that face-coverings are still required.
- At Garstang there will be an additional minister of Holy Communion.

If you're fairly recently returned to Mass: welcome back; it is good to see you once again. You might wish to take a copy of the *Order of Mass* to enable you to pray the Apostles' Creed and, perhaps, to say the *I confess* as part of your own preparation for Mass. Mark the copy with your name, and retain it for your personal use.

Receiving Holy Communion

When receiving Holy Communion, please:

- Make a bow of reverence before receiving the Sacrament.
- Have your palms open one on top of another, forming a throne.
- Have them as level as possible and relaxed.

Work on the tower at Garstang

In preparation for repair work on the tower, the area between it and Bonds Lane is now fenced off. Access to the new cemetery will be along the path by the old cemetery.

If you're interested in a full description of the works, technical drawings and the like, you can view all the documents on the website of the Historic Churches Committee:

<https://catholic-historic-churches.org.uk/applications/north-west-1097>

You might wish to allow plenty of time for a visit to the HCC website: you'll quickly find yourself looking at any number of interesting Catholic churches in the North West of England.

Fr Tom Butler : 40th ordination anniversary

Prayerful good wishes and congratulations to our former parish priest, Fr Tom Butler, who marks the 40th anniversary of his ordination as priest, Sunday 6 June. *Ad multos annos!*

Musings from my hermitage

The feast of Corpus Christi first appeared in Belgium during the 13th century. It expressed people's devotion to the presence of Christ in the consecrated bread of the eucharist. The leadership of the Church promoted the feast to counter certain questions about the eucharistic presence of Christ that were then being raised.

At that time, and for many centuries, people received the sacrament of holy communion only rarely. Instead, they nourished their eucharistic faith through gazing upon the host at the consecration of the Mass. Out of their desire, developed a whole range of eucharistic devotions: exposition of the blessed sacrament; benediction; processions. To this day, devotion to the presence of Christ in the sacrament of the eucharist remains a key dimension of Catholic life.

The scriptures place the eucharist at the heart of our discipleship. Gathering together for the reading of scripture and 'the breaking of bread' has been an essential mark of discipleship from earliest times. The members of Christ's body gather; we give thanks to God; remember the dying and rising of our Saviour; we call down the Holy Spirit upon our gathering, and upon the bread and wine we'll share; we break the bread; we eat and drink, as the Lord commanded. Why? That we will be nourished and strengthened in the faith of our baptism. Whatever 'the world' thinks, and thinks of us, we "proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes."

The eucharist is the pivot of our discipleship, because the Mass sends us back into the world: to continue Christ's work for the kingdom of God; building relationships; healing not harming; loving not hating; caring not ignoring.

This is why, in the eucharistic prayer, we pray for the transformation not just of the bread and wine, but of ourselves: that "we who are nourished by the body and blood of [Christ] and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ." We pray that Christ will make us "an eternal offering to [God]", faithful and courageous disciples whose prayer, and worship, and witness, draw others into the kingdom of God.

Mass books at Scorton

It's time to change the volume number of the Mass books. If you have borrowed a copy for your personal use, please return it, leave it on the book stand at the back of church, and collect the new edition.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

If anyone would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact me to make arrangements. *Fr Geoffrey*

James Costain jr

Grateful Thanks to all who have prayed for James during his Cancer treatment. Thank God he is now recovering well and he has remained strong throughout a long and difficult time. Praise God. *Pat & Jim.*

Please pray for ...

Recently married. Tess Dellow & Matthew Taylor, Catterall, who married in St Andrew's, Cottam, on 1 June;

Being ordained deacon. Philip Wrigley of our diocese, who is being ordained deacon on Sunday 6 June at Oscott College.

Those who have died recently. Rose Mboroga (Kenya, mother of Celia Horn's daughter-in-law), Peter Houghton, William Hansell, Barbara Saul, John Skillen.

Those who are ill or infirm. Philippa Haynes, Brian Cady, Phyllis Steel, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Austin Walmsley, Ethel Davis, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, Roger Bevins, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Marie Swarbrick, Peter Holland, Bob Cross, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. John Blacklock, Cyril Swarbrick, Rev Peter Firth CF, Jennifer Robinson, Anthony James Stephenson, Charles Hamer, Francis Wells, Elizabeth Critchley, Canon David Murphy, Javier Coto, Bridget Cooney, Phyllis Seelenbacher, Rose Ward, Matt Pedder, Mary McNicholls, Brian James Richardson, Mary Ball, John Swarbrick, Hylda Wells, Doris Carter, Kathleen Eyre (1st anniversary), Raymond Stopforth, Ian Michael Gornall and Elizabeth Woodruff.