Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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The Body & Blood of Christ

19 June 2022 - Dedication of St Mary & St Michael's 1968

Sat 18 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** People of our Parishes

Sun 19 S 8.30am Mass Fr Michael Tully & Parents RIP

G 10.30am **Mass** Alice & John Towers RIP

Ordinary Time: Week 12: Weekday readings Year 2

Mon 20 S 10.00am Mass Infirm clergy

Tue 21 --

Wed 22 ST JOHN FISHER bishop, martyr

& ST THOMAS MORE married man, martyr

G 6.30pm Mass Frank Fitzpatrick lately dead [Jw]

7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*

Thu 23 **S** 12.00pm **Wedding: Lauren Kearney & Liam Goggin**

Fri 24 **G** 11.00am **Funeral Liturgy : Ethel Hodgson**

Sat 25 **G** 12.00pm **Burial of Ashes : Lucas A Backhouse**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 25 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Wilfrid & Agnes Garstang RIP

Sun 26 **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Peter Michael Houghton RIP-birthday

G 12.15pm **Burial of Ashes: Francis Clive Burton**

Hummingbirds

We are sad to see Janet Miller retiring as Hummingbirds Nursery Manager.

The Management Committee wishes her a long and relaxing retirement and give their heartfelt thanks for her work over the past years.

We are pleased to welcome Stephanie Yearsley as her replacement and are looking forward to many more successful years for our parish nursery.

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 21 June**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

Day of renewal

"The Good Shepherd" is the theme of a day of renewal offered at St Clare's Parish Hall, Preston PR2 9HH, **Saturday 25 June**, 10.00am-4.00pm, beginning with Mass at 10.00am. Led by Fr Pat Deegan, diocese of Salford.

Lark Hill past pupils

Any past pupils of Lark Hill Convent School, Preston are invited to come to Cardinal Newman College, **Saturday 25 June**, for a Mass at 2.30pm in the Chapel followed by a get together. This is a chance to meet up with friends and there will be opportunity to explore the College on the Lark Hill site.

Special collection: Peter's Pence

Next weekend, **25-26 June**, there will be a special collection for *Peter's Pence*, which is used by the Pope for his charitable work throughout the world. There will be an additional collection plate at the back of church.

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The diocesan pilgrimage to St Mary's Fernyhalgh & Ladyewell shrine will be on **Saturday 9 July**, 11.00am. Bishop Paul will lead the pilgrimage, and the focus for prayer will be world peace.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Elizabeth Horn and Ellis Preston for being our June winners. We have some numbers available for this year; if anyone would like to join in with our Monthly draw or have more than one number, please contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

St Thomas' Foodbank

Using money given by parishioners, the SVP makes regular, in kind, donations to support the Foodbank at St Thomas'. This facility is used more and more by local people due to rapidly rising food and energy prices.

If you know someone who could benefit from accessing the Foodbank, which operates on Monday mornings out of St Thomas' Church Hall, do suggest they contact the organiser, Kathryn Sperring, on 07722210827 or by email: kathrynjsperring@gmail.com. If you would prefer the SVP to make the referral, then ring 07535736975.

Update from Chivuna

Sr Mutinta has written recently: "I was away from work for a few weeks to attend to congregational and community needs. There were a lot of patients on my first day but we had a bit of breathing space today. It is getting cold and people are suffering from flu but we have a few cases of covid with the youngest patient being a 2-year-old child.

It is my hope that all our friends in Garstang are doing well. We are doing well and running around. Kind regards to all your family members and the people of Garstang. With love and prayers, Sr Mutinta."

Clearly the community in Zambia has very little clothing for these children. The nights in Zambia are cold and it must be a great worry for their carers if they lack the basic items to keep these infants warm.

If you would like to knit for Sr Mutinta, e.g. baby cardigans or hats, or anything suitable for babies and small children up to about aged two or three years, Pat Costain will happily send them for you. Please contact Pat directly, or through the parish office. Thank you, Pat Costain

Thanks to your regular monthly donations, our parish Chivuna account balance at 31 May 2022 was £1,860.89. I think it appropriate to make another bank transfer, and invite members of the Chivuna group and donors to let me have your thoughts, and the parish can then arrange a bank transfer accordingly.

Additional donations are welcome; please make cheques payable to "Parish of Ss Mary & Michael Garstang – Friends of Chivuna". If you'd prefer to make a bank transfer or would like to take out a standing order for Chivuna, please contact the parish office. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey

Eight things you didn't know about our food system

Over the following weeks we will be looking at aspects from CAFOD' Fix the Food System campaign so we are better informed.

3. More than half of some crops are grown to feed animals reared for meat

Four corporations control 60 per cent of global seed sales, and vast areas of the same crop are grown for export, because they are profitable. For example, as much as 80 per cent of all the soya grown across the world is fed to animals that are being reared to provide meat. The UK imported about 3.5 million tonnes of soya beans in 2019 and over half of that ended up in chicken feed. Community land is taken away by these giant businesses, leaving the small farmers with small plots, which reduces their options. Pesticides are used widely, harming people and depleting the soil.

You can email Liz Truss to take action at the link:

https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/102736/action/1?locale=en-GB

First Holy Communion

Please remember in your prayers our young parishioners who are continuing to prepare for their First Holy Communion, Sunday 10 July, 10.30am Mass. Pray, too, for their families, and our catechists.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Ethel Hodgson, Elaine Stajniack.

Those who are ill or infirm. Pat Errington, 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, 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: Philomena May, William Swarbrick, Mrs Kendrick, Betty Watson, Valerie Smith, Anthony Monaghan, Joseph Barton, Veronica Billington, John Towers, Cyril Baines, Michael Parkinson, Mary Doran, Mary McNicholas, Cathie Cadden, Jo Ann Casey (1st anniversary), Rev John Joseph Blachoe, Mary Lea, Mary Morley and George Kenyon.