

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Second Sunday of Easter

16 April 2023

Sat 15	G	6.00pm	Mass	Amy Whalley <i>lately dead</i> [B]
Sun 16	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Tony Hall <i>lately dead</i> [M+TP]
Mon 17	S	10.00am	Mass	Tony Blunt <i>lately dead</i> [GMC.A]
Tue 18	--			
Wed 19	G	6.30pm	Mass	Fr Geoff Cunliffe <i>10th anniversary</i> [LB]
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 20	S	10.00am	Mass	Jim Walmsley <i>anniversary</i>
Fri 21				St Anselm <i>bishop, doctor of the church</i>
	G	10.00am	Mass	Pam Ducellier <i>lately dead</i> [MB]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Third Sunday of Easter

Sat 22	G	6.00pm	Mass	Terry Murphy <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun 23	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Don Porteous <i>lately dead</i> [L]

Our parishes at prayer — celebrating Easter together

Our parish celebration of the Easter mysteries sought to be prayerful, gentle, and dignified, to draw all present into the heart of our faith, and renew us in our witness to Christ and his Gospel.

Thank you: to all in both churches who served as welcomers, musicians, singers, readers, and ministers of Communion; my sanctuary assistant and servers; those who prepare the rosters; those who led Stations of the Cross throughout Lent, and on Good Friday in both churches; cleaners, and polishers of the brass; those who look after the sanctuary linen; movers of fixtures and fittings; carers of the grounds, and those who prepared all the floral arrangements and decorated the churches. God bless you all. Fr Geoffrey

Easter Offerings : many thanks ...

... to everyone for your Easter Offerings which in this diocese form a major part of the priests' annual salary. Thank you for your support, and for your cards, wishes, and personal gifts. I am very grateful. Fr Geoffrey

Next weekend : SVP collection : tea & coffee

There will be a retiring collection next weekend, **22-23 April**, to support the work of our parish St Vincent de Paul society; also tea & coffee will be served after the 10.30am Mass.

London Marathon

I have a place in the London Marathon on **Sunday 23 April**, and am raising funds for a charity called *Toy Box* that works with street children around the world. One of their most important services is to help these children get a birth certificate, giving them access to education, health care and lots more. If you can help, please donate online at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/frank-miller2>.

There is also a sponsor form at the back of church. Many thanks, Frank Miller.

Preston Orpheus Choir

Their next concert is on **Saturday 29 April**, 7.30pm, St Mary's church, Penwortham, PR1 0AH: Gounod's *Messe Solennelle de Saint Cécile* and Schubert's *Mass in G*. Tickets: Advance: Adults £12, under 18s £5 (booking fee will be applied); <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/preston-orpheus-choir>

On the night: Adults £14, under 18s £5.

Grounds for personal satisfaction? "I could do that."

We are so fortunate to have excellent grounds surrounding our church at Garstang. Soon we'll need to extend the cemetery area and this, in itself, will necessitate additional work to maintain the grounds in good order.

We have a dedicated band who mow the various grassed areas, but numbers have recently been depleted, and we need new volunteers to join one of our four teams. This will involve approximately three hours once each month. "I could do that."

In addition, what of the other areas which require attention? Brushing the pathways and keeping them weed-free? "I could do that." Brushing the pavement at the front of church? "I could attend to that." Tending the small flower borders at the front and side of church? "I could do that."

What of starting a gardening club, or working alongside a "gardening buddy"? Please do not be afraid of saying, "I could do that." You might well achieve a great deal of personal satisfaction in volunteering for one of these.

In the first instance, please contact Peter Brown, either directly or through the parish office. Thank you.

[Peter: you could entitle this item "Grounds for Divorce." Ed.]

Lancaster Singers Summer Concerts

From Boyce to Bernstein and Bacharach. Lancaster Singers, A Musical Mosaic, brings together a sparkling collection of songs which showcase the choir's varied repertoire. A concert guaranteed to send audiences away humming happily into the summer sunshine.

Saturday 20 May, 7.00pm, St James the Less church, Tatham.

Sunday 18 June, 7.30pm, St Martin's chapel, Uni. of Cumbria, Lancaster.

Sunday 25 June, 7.30pm, **SS Mary & Michael's church**, Garstang.

To book tickets please visit: www.lancastersingers.org

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Paul invites you to join him on pilgrimage to Lourdes, **21-28 July**.

Booking forms are available at the back of both our churches, or to download on the diocesan Lourdes website: www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk. Alternatively, contact Joe Walsh Tours, 0161-8208790. More information from Linda Wisdom, operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk.

Garstang parish draw

Congratulations go to Paul Lamoury and Anne Miller who are our April winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Lenten lunches : many thanks

The total from the Lent lunches that will be sent to *Christian Aid* is £1350. In addition, £765 was gift-aided over the five weeks enabling CA to claim a further £191.25. A splendid effort by the combined efforts of all the churches.

Many thanks to all our volunteers; soup makers and servers, all who made a donation, and the prayer chains. May God richly bless us as we continue to do what we can together, demonstrating our unity in diversity. Every blessing, *Revd. Irene*.

Lourdes by coach

To join the Lancaster diocesan pilgrimage, **20-29 July**. For details, see the poster at the back of church. Contact person: Bernadette, appropriately enough! Tel. 07734972897/Email: grannyrazzle@sky.com

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. John Seed (brother of Mary Ibison), Fr Frank Flynn, Fr Michael O'Dowd, Fr Joseph Diskin.

Those who are ill or infirm. Eileen Bevins, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Philippa Haynes, 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, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Joan Preston, Anthony Atherton, Thomas James Horn, Ellen (Nellie) Swarbrick, Anne Fitzgerald, Winifride Nickson, Margaret Towers, William Rawlinson, Fr Gerald Bilsborrow, James (Jim) Walmsley, Ellen Flood, Cecil Clarke, Tom Gorton, Mark Damien Lavelle, William McCall, Jane Ann Wareing, Henry Towers, Harold Rawlinson, Brenda Margaret Richardson, Doris Wade, Edith Ellwood.