

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Third Sunday of Easter

23 April 2023

Sat 22 G 6.00pm **Mass** Terry Murphy *RIP-birthday*

Sun 23 S 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Don Porteous *lately dead* [L]

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sat 29 G 6.00pm **Mass** Brenda Richardson *3rd anniversary*

Sun 30 S 8.30am **Mass** Fr Michael Tully & Parents *RIP*

G 10.30am **Mass** Tony Blunt *lately dead* [B]

Mon 1 --

Tue 2 --

Wed 3 G 6.30pm **Mass** John Bolton *RIP* [D]

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

Thu 4 S 10.00am **Mass** Tom & Betty Kennedy *RIP*

Fri 5 G 10.00am **Mass** David Carr *RIP-birthday*

G 10.30am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat 6 G 6.00pm **Mass** Gordon Johnson *RIP-birthday*

Sun 7 S 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Winifred Fox *1st anniversary* [LB]

This weekend : SVP collection : tea & coffee

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

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. To 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*.

Parishes' SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 25 April**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel, Garstang. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

Day of prayer for Vocations

Next weekend, **29-30 April**, is the annual Day of Prayer for Vocations. There will be a collection for the diocesan training fund for priests and deacons.

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.

Coronation of King Charles : Scorton : Garstang

St Peter's, Scorton. invites you to watch the Coronation of his Majesty King Charles III, **Saturday 6 May**; big screens, a pop-up café & bar available. Doors open, 9.00am. Outdoor celebration on the Playing Field in the afternoon.

St Thomas', Garstang, is hosting events on **Sunday 7 May**, concluding at 6.30pm with a special Choral Evensong, followed by a toast with bubbly.

Garstang parish draw

Congratulations to Paul Lamoury & Anne Miller: our April winners. To know more about our Parish Draw, contact Trish & Kev O'H at the parish office.

Parents and Grandparents

You are welcome to borrow books from the Children's Library at SSMM, if you think they might be useful for reading together.

The library is available on a Sunday, before and after the 10.30am Mass, on the low cupboards at the back of Church in the reception area.

Red Box : thank you

In 2022 the parishes of Ss Mary & Michael, Garstang, and Ss Mary & James Scorton raised £979.29 through our Red Boxes and donations to *Missio* and the *Mill Hill Missionaries*. Thank you.

Our missionary community in both parishes is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of projects such as the Fundong Mission station in Cameroon has enabled Fr Leon, a Mill Hill Missionary, to help children learn in a safe environment and instil values that empower them to turn away from conflict and towards faith in God.

Visit www.missio.org.uk to see how your support changes lives.

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

Armed Forces Day

On **Thursday 22 June**, 10.00am, there will be flag-raising ceremony at Kepple Lane Park to mark Armed Forces Day.

Would anyone like to represent our parishes? Please let me know. Fr G

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.

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. Anthony Monks, John Seed, 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, 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 Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. 23-30 April. Margaret Horn, Isabel Clarke, Monica Stansfield, Fr Joseph Haydon, Thomas Sheridan, Basil Hibbs, Fr Geoffrey Cunliffe (10th anniversary), Jack Swarbrick, Ann Swift, Charles Bisby, Phillip Flood, Maureen Clark, William Colin Swarbrick, Richard Gornall, Richard Pickering, James Ashworth, Fr Bernard Cochrane, Bert Wrennall, Maureen Mary Jennings and Betty Mary Gregson.

30 April - 7 May. Fr Bernard Cochrane, Bert Wrennall, Maureen Mary Jennings, Betty Mary Gregson, Jane Rossall, Sarah Banks, Robert Pegg, Alice Waring, Patricia Ann (Pat) Kennedy (1st anniversary), Fr A. Richardson, Monica Hargreaves, Fr Edward Bilsborrow, Emma Seery. Tom Cassidy, John Davis, Teresa Topping, Fred Garvey, Teresa Garner, James Pedder, Winifred Bilsborrow and William Wignall.