

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

3 May 2026

Sat	2	G	6.00pm	Mass	Terry Murphy <i>RIP</i>
Sun	3	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Peter Walmsley <i>RIP</i> [LB]
Mon	4	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS			
		S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [J]
Tue	5	---			
Wed	6	G	6.30pm	Mass	David Carr <i>RIP-birthday</i>
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	7	S	10.00am	Mass	John Gildert <i>lately dead</i> [LY]
Fri	8	G	10.00am	Mass	Rita Whittaker <i>RIP</i>
			10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sat	9	G	6.00pm	Mass	Gordon Johnson <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun	10	S	8.30am	Mass	Bernadette Brown <i>lately dead</i> [LY]
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes

Fr John Gibson : many thanks ...

... to Fr John, who celebrated the Masses while I was taking my post-Easter break; also, to those who opened church and prepared everything for Mass, and those who kept an eye on the properties and the office. Fr G

Calder Vale bluebell teas

Calder Vale Bluebell Teas will be served in the **Village Hall**. **Sundays 3, 10, 17 & 24 May**, 11.00am-4.00pm. Homemade food, soup of the day, sandwiches, cakes, desserts, jams, bedding plants, Tigermuffin soap etc for sale. Look forward to seeing you.

Lancaster Martyrs Pilgrimage

15 men gave their lives for Christ in the 16th & 17th centuries in the city of Lancaster. **Monday 4 May**, the Feast of the English Martyrs, Bishop Paul will lead our pilgrimage in their honour. Meet at 10.30am outside Lancaster Castle where the martyrs were imprisoned; walk the route the martyrs took to their place of execution; finish with 12.15 Mass in the Cathedral followed by tea, coffee and cake in the cathedral library.

OLCC Lancaster : Uganda project

Our Lady's Catholic College, Lancaster, is hosting a concert to raise money for the Uganda Project, **Friday 8 May**, 7.00-9.30pm, in the school hall.

It will be an evening filled with talent from OLCC students and some special guests too, with plenty of goodies for sale and a raffle.

Tickets are available through Ben O'Flynn at b.oflynn@olcc.lancs.sch.uk, or by phoning the school reception. £6 per adult, £4 per concession (over 65, under 18, or students), and £18 per family (2 adults & 2 children), with each ticket including admission and a glass of wine/juice.

Parish Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended April's coffee morning. It was lovely to see some new faces and a total of **£107.39** was donated to support *Mary's Meals*. The next coffee morning is on **Wednesday 20 May**, 10.00am - 12 noon, in the Plessington Chapel. We will be raising funds for *Fylde Coast Women's Aid*, which supports women and men fleeing abusive relationships. There will be delicious cake and good chat. Do come along if your diary is free. *Coffee Morning Team*.

Shiron Reneghan : Oblate Promise

Our parishioner, Shiron, will make her Oblate Promise at Hying Monastery, Warton, on **Wednesday 27 May**, 12 noon, during the MIDDAY OFFICE.

Shiron writes: "Oblation is an offering that a person makes of themselves to God, to show their desire to prefer nothing to Christ, in prayer, work, and the service of others, at the heart of daily life.

"The Oblate is committed to follow the Spirit of Saint Benedict in personal prayer, *lectio divina*, Mass, and liturgical prayer, in communion with the Order and the whole Church."

Please pray for her during these coming weeks of preparation, and on the day itself. Fr G

Pilgrimage walk

The *John Bradburne Memorial Society* is holding a pilgrimage climb on Cross Fell, Cumbria, **Saturday 13 June**. Bishop Paul will be taking part.

There will be Mass beforehand in St John the Evangelist church, Skirwith CA10 1RQ at 10.00am. Flyers are at the back of church.

For more information visit www.johnbradburne.com, or e-mail Kate at info@johnbradburne.com.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Paul

Our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, will take place **28 September to 1 October**. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is "Mary, cause of our Joy."

During our days in Walsingham, we will consider the causes of John Bradburne, Servant of God, and Ann Fenwick, who is intimately linked with the Catholic mission of Hornby. Also, we will spend some time reflecting on the life of St Carlo Acutis and eucharistic miracles.

The all-inclusive cost is £360.00-£420.00 (dependent on accommodation type). Coach collection/drop off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster, and Preston.

For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner on 07711 345 176 or email charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk. Places are limited.

New e-mail address for the parish

The diocese is rolling out new, standardised e-mail addresses for the parishes. This will enable more secure sharing of documents and also online book-keeping. Please begin using this e-mail address from here on. The current one will, at some point, be discontinued.

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Talks from the days of the Upholland Northern Institute

The Upholland UNITAPE Online Catalogue offers downloads for over 800 recordings of Upholland Northern Institute lectures taped between 1975 and 1988. As a theological resource, these recordings cover a wide spread of topics ranging from scripture to social issues. Speakers include Vincent Nichols, Hugh Lavery, Chris Walsh, Dympna Magee and Raymond E. Brown.

<https://unitape.hope.ac.uk/>

Ways into prayer

Here's an initiative from the Diocese of Southwark:

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer>

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Gerard McMahon (son of May RIP), Joan Brown, Shaun Dunleavy.

Those who are ill or infirm. Christine Rowthorn, Evelyn Steel, John Page, Kathryn Lee, Margaret Gaughan, Mary Evans, Harold Jepson, Celia Lowe, Gerry Marley, Bob Cookson, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Mary Jo Counsell, Caroline Nurse, Yvonne Shaw, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Emma Seery, Tom Cassidy, John Davis, Teresa Topping, Fred Garvey, Teresa Garner, James Pedder, Winifred Bilsborrow, Monica Hargreaves, William Wignall, Stephen Richardson, Henry Banks, Dawn Murphy, Marjorie Ann Condon (5th anniversary), Violet Eydmann, Mary Speight, Lucia Tesseyman.