

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

7 May 2023

Sat	6	G	6.00pm	Mass	Gordon Johnson <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun	7	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Winifred Fox <i>1st anniversary</i> [LB]
Mon	8	S	10.00am	Mass	Joan Pilling <i>RIP</i> [EW]
Tue	9	--			
Wed	10	G	6.30pm	Children's Liturgy of Reconciliation	<i>all welcome</i>
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	11	S	11.30am	Funeral Mass : Barbara Rogerson	
Fri	12	G	10.00am	Mass	Sheila Carroll & family <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sat	13	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun	14	S	8.30am	Mass	Margaret Walmsley <i>RIP-birthday</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	Don Porteous <i>RIP</i> [KP]

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

Prayers for the King. At the back of church are some prayer cards from our bishops. Please take one, and we'll offer these prayers at the conclusion of the General Intercessions at Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Children's Liturgy of the Word : can you help?

Children's Liturgy will take place **this Sunday, 7 May**, at 10.30 Mass.

For this valuable ministry to continue and grow, we need more helpers. Please put your name on the list at the back of Sts Mary and Michael's church if you would be interested in joining the team. Alternatively, contact Nancy Walbank through the parish office.

All volunteers are required to undergo safeguarding checks.

Wednesday this week

On **Wednesday 10 May**, 6.30pm, our candidates for First Holy Communion and their families will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome to take part in this liturgy, which will replace the usual Mass.

Calder Vale Bluebell Teas

These will be served in the village hall PR3 1SJ on three Sundays only in **May: 14, 21, & 28**, 11.00-4.00pm. Cash only. "We are looking forward to seeing everyone again."

Hardy geraniums

The presbytery garden has some hardy geranium plants, adapted to dry shade. If anyone would like some, please ring Edward Bilsborrow, 679614.

Book of Remembrance

At St Mary & St Michael's, our Book of the Names of the Dead is on display in the Lady Chapel. You are welcome to add names to the book. If the sanctuary gate is closed, please open it.

London Marathon

Many, many thanks for your support and encouragement. I completed the marathon in just under 5 hours, which turns out to be "good for age" - so maybe it wasn't my last marathon!

I sort of enjoyed the experience, particularly as I didn't cramp up during the run so it was almost pain free - unlike later that evening! I have done a couple of short runs since but I suspect it will be a while before I am fully recovered. I have almost collected all of the sponsorship and it looks like I will have raised just over £1900 which is mainly down to the generosity of members of the parish, so thank you very much indeed. *Frank Miller.*

Opportunities for faith formation

The Margaret Beaufort Institute (MBIT) invites you to explore *New Horizons*. Deepen your faith and address social, professional, and ecological challenges. This is an opportunity to learn with Cambridge leading scholars as you explore the intersection of faith and issues that matter most to you.

Christian Spirituality in the contemporary world; Mondays, 8 May to 26 June 2.00-4.30pm.

Ethics in the professional context; Mondays, 8 May to 6 June, 5.00-7.00pm.

Catholic Social Thought; Tuesdays 9 May to 14 November, 4.30-6.30pm.

Christian Mysticism East & West; Weds, 10 May to 28 June, 3.30-6pm.

For more information, visit: The Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, <https://www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/>. To register: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-margaret-beaufort-institute-of-theology-33109216441. Or e-mail apply@mbit.cam.ac.uk

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

Many thanks ...

... to **Fr John Gibson**, who presided at the Masses while Fr Geoffrey was on his post-Easter break, to: those in both parishes who opened church and prepared everything for Mass; those who kept an eye on the properties; those who monitored e-mails and phone messages.

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 ...

His Majesty King Charles III, on his coronation.

Those who have died recently. Barbara Rogerson, Anthony Monks.

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. Stephen Richardson, Henry Banks, Marjorie Ann Condon, Violet Eydmann, Lucia Tesseyman, Mary Speight, Peter Nickson, Brenda Lever, Sarah Turner, Elizabeth Wrennall, Joseph Grayston, Cyril Lamoury, Jane Gornall, Ellen O'Brien, Wilfred Swinburne, Ray Wilcock, Tommy Morley, William Gillett and Barry Robinson (1st anniversary).