

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Palm Sunday

10 April 2022

Sat	9	G	6.00pm	Mass	Hugh & André Ferguson <i>RIP</i> [LB]
Sun	10	S	8.30am	Mass	Fr Michael Tully <i>anniversary</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
Mon	11	S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
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Wed	13	G	6.30pm	Mass	Maureen Clark <i>anniversary</i>
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>

The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, 14

G	6.30pm	EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
		Alice & John Towers <i>RIP</i>

Good Friday, 15

S	10.00am	Stations of the Cross
G	11.00am	Stations of the Cross
G	3.00 pm	CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Easter Eve, 16

G	8.000pm	EASTER VIGIL	Mary Winstanley <i>RIP</i>
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Easter Day, 17

S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
G	10.30am	Mass	Sick & housebound parishioners [SVP]

Palm Sunday

This year, we'll celebrate the Palm Sunday Masses in both parishes using the simple form we adopted last year. This will save us having to work out the logistics of processions when we're still unsure of our resources.

Palms will be blessed within all three Masses.

Holy Thursday

Those who have a small bell at home might like to bring it and ring it at the consecration.

Easter flowers at Garstang

Flower arranging will be on **Good Friday, 9.30am**, in the Plessington Chapel. *All welcome*. Any enquiries to Liz Billington, directly or through the office.

Easter Vigil

Those who have a small bell at home might like to bring it and ring it during the Gloria in excelsis Deo and at the consecration.

Easter collection

In our diocese the Easter collection forms a significant portion of the priests' income for the year. Thank you for your support. *Fr Geoffrey*.

Easter Sunrise Service

Fancy a walk to the top of Nicky Nook to watch the sunrise? There will be a short sunrise service of Easter hymns and prayers, **Sunday 17 April**. 5.45am meet at the stile; 6.30am, arrive at the top to see the sunrise over the Bowland Fells; bacon butties back at the Methodist Chapel afterwards.

SVP meetings resume

The members of our St Vincent de Paul group will resume their formal meetings on **Tuesday 26 April**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members or enquirers are always welcome.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Jane Greenwood and Pat Errington for being our March winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation

For the parishes of our Deanery, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral on the feast of Pentecost, **Sunday 5 June**, 2.00pm. Candidates are to be in Year 7 or above.

The preparation sessions will be held in the Cathedral Social Centre, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT, **Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 & 25 May**, 7.00-8.30pm. The final session on **Wednesday 1 June**, 7.00-8.30pm, will be held in the cathedral itself.

An application form will appear on our parish website just as soon as we have received it from the cathedral.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Paul is very much hoping to be able to resume the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, **22-29 July**, from £799 per pilgrim sharing.

Booking forms are available to download on the diocesan Lourdes website: www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk. Alternatively, contact Joe Walsh Tours, 0161-8208790. Deadline for booking, 1 May.

Spiritual opportunities

Retreats £20, unless otherwise stated. To book: contact Donna Worthington: drworthington@live.co.uk; or visit: <https://christianretreats.live>

Ignatian training. For individuals and groups who want to train in Ignatian imaginative guided prayer, **Wednesday 13 April**, 6.00-9.00pm.

The Practice of the Presence of God. Brother Lawrence's wisdom on prayer as part of our daily lives. Three **Thursday evenings, 12, 19, 26 May**, 6.30-9.00pm, £60.

Silence. Starting with Jesus' approach to silence, explore silence in various aspects of the Christian tradition and practise the art of silent Christian prayer along the way, **Saturday 14 May**, 2.00-5.00pm, or **Monday 16 May**, 10.00am-1.00pm.

Chaplaincy Post at H.M.P. Lancaster Farms

There is currently a vacancy for a Catholic chaplain (lay or ordained) at Lancaster Farms for approximately 26 hours per week. Details are at the Ministry of Justice's jobs site: jobs.justice.gov.uk with a reference of 56531. This is a Band 5 permanent post. This will be a very rewarding pastoral care role for the successful candidate. Closing date, **17 April**.

Betty Ball

Robert and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and parishioners for their Prayers, Messages of Sympathy, and all the kindness shown to them at this sad time.

Thank you also for the generous donations in memory of Betty which are going towards the cost of the repairs to the Church Tower. God Bless you all.

Online formation in the faith

Great resources and opportunities here: <https://www.whatgoodnews.org/>

Nursery Manager Vacancy

Hummingbirds Educational Nursery requires a Nursery Manager due to the retirement of Janet Miller, our current manager. This is a fantastic opportunity for an Early Years Professional to elevate their career within a *Good* setting which provides childcare from 9.00am-3.00pm, term time only.

Can you inspire the minds of little ones? Can you nurture their hearts? Are you creative and passionate? Yes? Then we would love to hear from you, visit www.hummingbirds-nursery.com for full details and how to apply. Closing date for applications 12 noon, **Tuesday 19 April**.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Marie Swarbrick, Revd Brian Burns.

Those who are ill or infirm. Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Paula Seager, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, 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: Joseph Nickson, Mary Wellings, John Adamson, John Cunningham, Joseph Davis, Richard Winstanley, Jack Metcalf, James Parker Richardson, Veronica Pickering, Rose Skillen, Bob Miller, Kevin Kavanagh, William Barnes, Bernadette Paton, Joan Preston, Anthony Atherton, Thomas James Horn, Ellen (Nellie) Swarbrick and Anne Fitzgerald.