

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Pentecost

28 May 2023

Sat 27 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** John Seed *lately dead* [MI]

Sun 28 **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** John Bolton *RIP* [V.S]

The end of the Easter Season

Ordinary Time resumes : Week 8 : Weekday readings Year I

Mon 29 --

Tue 30 --

Wed 31 **THE VISIT OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH**

G 6.30pm **Mass** Ints of Peter & Christine Dewhurst [A]

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

Thu 1 **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**

S 10.00am **Mass** Infirm Clergy

Fri 2 **G** 10.00am **Mass** In thanksgiving to Our Lady [HL]

G 10.30am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

G 11.00am **Burial of Ashes : John Isles**

Sat 3 **G** 12.15pm **Baptism : Frederick Anthony Dawson**

The Holy Trinity

Sat 3 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** People of our Parishes

Sun 4 **S** 8.30am **Mass** Sarah A Davies *RIP*

G 10.30am **Mass** Judith Swarbrick *RIP-birthday* [LB]

Calder Vale Bluebell Teas

The final tea will be served in the village hall PR3 1SJ **this Sunday, 28 May** 11.00-4.00pm. Cash only. "Looking forward to seeing you again."

SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend, **3-4 June**, in both our parishes to support the work of our parish St Vincent de Paul society.

Day of renewal

The obedience of Faith. This is the theme of a day of renewal offered at St Clare's Parish Hall, Preston PR2 9HH, **Saturday 17 June**, 10.00am-4.00pm, led by Barbara Mason. Beginning with Mass at 10.00am.

Please take a packed lunch; tea & coffee available. For more information: Christine, 07745-009694; Annette, 07954-429333.

Sustainability? Survival or shutdown

This is the theme of the annual weekend conference of the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN), **21-23 July**, Swanwick, Derbyshire. It will address issues crucial to the common good and the well-being of the natural world. Echoing the words of Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* that all issues are interconnected, it will consider such issues as structural injustice, conflict, migration and environmental challenges.

More information and booking: www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/

Lake District pilgrimage for Young Adults aged 18-35

Join us this autumn for a guided pilgrimage through the Lake District with other young adults, **14-18 September**.

As we move through this beautiful landscape, we will reflect too on our journey through life. The outer journey will take us on a walk of 36 miles over Cumbrian hills and beside lakes over three days. The inner journey will draw on the wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius to help us reflect on how we might navigate life in relationship with God.

We will follow the route of St Bega, a local Cumbrian saint who aligned her compass with the way of Christ.

Cost: £290. Email Elizabeth Harrison for more information: eharrison@jesuit.org.uk.

Garstang foodbank

St Thomas' Garstang Food Bank (STGFB): The people of Garstang generously support the Food Bank both in kind and with monetary donations, for which the Food Bank is really grateful.

Recently we have had requests about making one-off or regular donations of money by direct debit/bank transfer. This is because some people struggle to get to the food donation points or are not able to time their weekly shopping to coincide with the Food Bank's opening times. If this way of supporting the Food Bank is better for you, please use the account details below to make your donation. The reference should be "Food Bank".

National Westminster Bank; Sort code 010333; Account name PCC ST Thomas's Churchwardens; Account Number 04977653.

Thank you, again, for your support which enables the STGFB to support those in need in Garstang.

Radio Maria England

24-hour broadcast including talk shows about life as a Catholic, daily catechesis, live prayer, music etc. There are some copies of the schedule in the porch. For example, *Children's Liturgy*, Sunday 9.45am, 2.30pm; *Bedtime Blessings*, Mon-Sat. 7.00pm; *Childrens Rosary and Children's songs* Sun 6.30pm & Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat 7.05pm; *Questions of Faith*, Fri. 11.00am, 10pm, Mon 8.30pm; *Divine Mercy Chaplet* daily, 3.00am & 3.00pm.

To receive Radio Maria: Smartphone, download the free Radio Maria Play app on App store or Google play; Computer, www.RadioMariaEngland.uk; Smart players, say "Play Radio Maria England"; Podcast, Spotify, Apple podcasts, Anchor, Overcast and www.RadioMariaEngland.uk.

Parish Levy

Each year, the parishes are levied by the diocese to support the central administration. This year, the rate of levy on offertory income remains unchanged at 24.70%, and the rate on rental income, including qualifying hall income, also remains unchanged at 20% of gross rental income received.

This year, for Garstang, it's £13,818.75; for Scorton, it's £3,240.89.

Parish accounts 2022-23

If any parishioner would like an e-copy for your relevant parish, please e-mail. Some paper copies are available at the back of both churches.

Garstang parish property : renewed appeal for help

The grounds and buildings at St Mary & St Michael's are a rich heritage in our care, of which we are rightly proud.

To ensure its continuing care, we need someone who will be our key link between the parish and: the diocesan Property Office, the various tradespeople who come onto the parish estate to carry out repairs and improvements, and our various parishioner-volunteers who help in the grounds or the buildings.

If this is an area of parish life in which you might be able to serve, or know of someone who might be, please have a word with me. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey

Royal Lancaster Infirmary

If you, or a relative, is admitted to RLI, please let the Chaplaincy know about the admission if a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain would be welcome.

When patients are admitted their religion may not always be recorded and, therefore, the Chaplain is unaware of their presence at RLI. Because of data protection restrictions, a Chaplain can no longer walk onto a ward and ask whether there are any RCs.

The direct Chaplaincy telephone number is: 01524 519231. There is an answerphone for messages.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Margaret Collinson, Barbara Rogerson.

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. Richard Redhead, Victor Richmond, John Garret, John Ryan, Jerome Grayston, Margaret Madge Wrennall, Sr Evelyn Wilson CP, Renee Rafferty, Thomas Hezel, Brian Griffin, Wynn Dunn, William Rawlinson, Bernard Holland, Jean Leach, Theresa Bamber, John Dixon, Josephine Barton, George Holt, Alfred Yates and Robert Catterall.