

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, **7 April**. £899.00 pp. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, five nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included.

Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry.

Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com; there's a poster at the back of church.

Pilgrim Way

A pilgrimage walk has been developed from our cathedral in Lancaster to the Syro-Malabar cathedral of St Alphonsa, Preston; formerly St Ignatius' church.

<https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/the-way-of-our-lady-of-fernyhalgh-and-st-alphonsa-is-ready-to-walk>

Parish Priest in Gaza

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/parish-priest-in-gaza-we-have-endured-relentless-calvary-for-months/>

Please pray for ...

Wedding. Catherine Winstanley & Christopher Holt, marrying in Peebles, 6 April.

Those who have died recently. Ted Richardson, Eileen Smith.

Those who are ill or infirm. Pat Stockdale (Carlisle), Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, 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. Fleetwood Carter, Fr Odran Callan, Alice Helme, Marie Calvert, John Ellwood, Mary Horn, Frank Gornall, William Darwen, Shirley Hawes, John Bevins, Aileen Dearn, George Swarbrick and June Ann McLaughlin.

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

St Mary & St Michael : Bonds Lane : Garstang PR3 1ZB

St Mary & St James : Snowhill Lane : Scorton PR3 1AY

Revd Geoffrey Steel : 15 Bonds Lane : Garstang PR3 1ZB : 01995-602164

Revd D'Arcy Ryan : retired deacon

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Easter

31 March 2024

Sat	30	G	8.00pm	EASTER VIGIL	Marcella Varey <i>lately dead</i> [IG]
Sun	31	S	8.30am	Mass	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
Mon	1	S	10.00am	Mass	Tom & Betty Kennedy <i>RIP</i> [ES]
Tue	2	--			
Wed	3	G	6.30pm	Mass	Carmel Hayden & Sr Aidan Mary <i>RIP</i> [JD]
Thu	4	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Michael O'Dowd <i>1st anniversary</i> [GS]
Fri	5	G	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Rachael Mason [SD]
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Second Sunday of Easter

Sat	6	G	6.00pm	Mass	Thomas Ibison <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	7	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Boden & Ferguson families <i>RIP</i> [LB]
		G	2.30pm	Baptism : Maya Roskell	

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 Morning on Nicky Nook

Churches Together in Scorton invite you to walk to the top of Nicky Nook to watch the sunrise on Easter morning. 6.30am, meet at Nicky Nook Stile; 7.00am, arrive at the top to see the sunrise over the Bowland Fells. Join in a short sunrise service of Easter hymns and Prayers led by all the Churches.

Lenten lunches : many thanks ...

... to the seven people who helped make the final lunch such a success. Over the six weeks, with Gift Aid, nearly **£2000** has been raised for *Christian Aid*.

Visit by Blackburn Society of Artists

Parishioners might like to know that *Blackburn Society of Artists* will be working in St Mary & St Michael's, **Thursday 18 April**, 11.15am-3.00pm.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Arlene Rowley and Heather Every, our March winners.

Just a reminder that Subs are due for this year. The purpose of the Parish Draw is to raise funds for SS Mary & Michael's Parish. Last year after prize money was deducted £1200 was handed over to Fr Geoffrey.

If you would like an opportunity to take part in this year's draw, support our church, and have a chance to win in the monthly draw, contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office. Each number costs £20 per year (you can have more than one number) and each month there are two prizes - £80 & £30 and an extra Christmas draw in December which pays out £100 & £35.

Next weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend, **6-7 April**, in both our churches to support the work of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul society.

Parish Safeguarding Representative for Garstang

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Parish Safeguarding Rep for SSMM as soon as possible.

In co-operation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, the work involves processing or renewing DBS applications for parishioners who volunteer with children and/or vulnerable groups. Computer literacy and an attention to detail are key requirements for the work. Any stationery, postage or copying are funded by the Parish.

If you are interested, and would like to know more, please contact Helen Forshaw on 01995 603944.

OLCC Uganda24 Charity Concert

We are holding a charity concert in school, **Friday 19 April**, 7.00pm.

This is an informal event involving an eclectic mix of music, song, and dance performed by students, staff, and friends of OLCC. Tickets are £6 (adults) £4 (concessions) to include a glass of wine or fruit juice. Cakes and crafts will be on sale. Proceeds to be shared between our Ugandan Communities and St John's Hospice. It should be a fun evening so please come along and support.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham : message from Bishop Paul

"I am renewing the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, **September, 2-6**. I invite you to join me! This will be the first pilgrimage since the Pandemic, and we have so much to pray for, so much to give thanks for. Some of you are familiar with Walsingham. For others it will be your first visit.

"In the Middle Ages the Shrine was one of the great ancient Marian places of pilgrimage in the whole of Christendom. It is known as England's very own Nazareth and is a place where the incarnation of Jesus is particularly remembered. Therefore, for the modern pilgrim, it is a place for all who would rejoice with Mary at 'the great joy of the Annunciation'. Like Lourdes in France, it is a place of reconciliation, conversion, peace, and healing.

"Depending on accommodation type, the all-inclusive cost is no more than £500 per person. 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, 07895 742 732 or charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk. The places will be limited, so please book in good time. With my blessing, + Paul"