

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 July 2023

Sat	29	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Sheila Murphy <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	30	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Tony Hall <i>RIP-birthday</i>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>St Ignatius of Loyola</b> <i>priest, religious founder</i>			
		<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Infirm clergy
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Wed	2	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Roger Horn <i>lately dead</i> [LB]
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	3	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families <i>RIP</i>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>St John Mary Vianney</b> <i>priest</i>			
		<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Kathleen & Harold Smith <i>RIP</i> [HF]
			10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	

## The Transfiguration of the Lord

(Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sat	5	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Agnes Gallagher <i>RIP</i>
Sun	6	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Matthew Pearson <i>anniversary</i>
			12.15pm	<b>Baptism : George Cothliff</b>	

### Marriage Care : can you help?

"Marriage Care is looking for people who might consider volunteering with the charity.

"Most pressing now, in order to meet the demand for Marriage Preparation courses, we are looking for new recruits who could give up to three Saturdays a year to present and facilitate our courses to couples. Full training is given, and experienced support is there to begin with, working alongside. Individuals and couples are most welcome to come forward.

"Please consider how your own experience of marriage could help those embarking on their own Catholic marriage.

This weekend at Garstang, **29-30 July**, there will be a presentation on this, and more information is at [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk).

### Revd Keith Borwick

Revd Keith Borwick is leading his final service in Scorton Chapel before retiring (or "Sitting Down" in Methodist parlance). **Sunday 30 July, 10.45am**. All welcome. There will be some food afterwards. Every good wish to Revd Keith and his family.

### Next weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend, **5-6 August**, in both our parishes to support the work of our parish St Vincent de Paul society.

### Memories of a visit to Chivuna

On display in the Plessington Chapel for the next couple of weeks is an album of photographs and memories of a visit to Chivuna in 2007 by our late parishioner, Jean Andrews.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

The catechists who support children's Liturgy of the Word are taking a break over the summer. The next children's liturgy will be on **Sunday 10 September**, then 1 October, 5 November, and 3 December.

An appeal for more catechists to support this ministry will be made in the autumn.

Thank you to all the children and their families who have contributed to their Liturgy of the Word, and enjoy the summer.

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## Things I wish I knew

A new podcast launched by the Jesuits in Britain, *Things I Wish I Knew*, explores issues of faith and decision making, through conversation and storytelling. The podcast is part of *Thinking Faith*, the online journal from the Jesuits in Britain.

It can sometimes be hard to see God at work, or to feel God's presence, particularly in the midst of what can turn out to be a life-changing situation. What if you looked back at an experience, however it turned out, and really tried to see where God was at work? Would it have changed anything if you could see that at the time? Does it change how you think about things now? Each episode of *Things I Wish I Knew* asks those very questions. In often frank and revealing conversations, host Julia Corcoran accompanies a series of guests through major turning points in their lives, asking them what they wished they had known before they went through a formative experience - such as bereavements, career changes, family shake-ups and many more. In finding points of connection with their stories, you can benefit from their reflections on events that transformed them, which might prompt a change in you, too.

The podcast is inspired by the 16th century soldier-turned-saint, Ignatius of Loyola - founder of the Jesuit religious order. He was committed to the idea of finding God in all things - in every sadness and joy, problem, and opportunity. He challenges us to see that God is at work in our lives in every situation.

The first episodes explore: grief at the loss of a parent; the story of someone who was donor-conceived; and the journey of an actor who swapped treading the boards for life in a religious order. Listen to them on Apple Podcasts and on Spotify, and subscribe to hear each new episode as it comes out every week. *Thinking Faith*: [www.thinkingfaith.org/](http://www.thinkingfaith.org/)

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## Catholicism and Contemporary Culture

This course at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, **3-6 August**, will explore the themes of truth, reality & sacramentality, and the differences in the Catholic and secular conceptions of these. It will be of particular support to: RE teachers, catechists, those working with youth & young adults.

For full details, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/>, or see the poster at the back of both churches.

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## John Bolton RIP

Helen Bisby writes: "This summer, in memory of my dad, John Bolton, and to raise vital funds for St John's Hospice, Lancaster, I am walking the perimeter of Morecambe Bay, from Fleetwood to Barrow,\*\* with a couple of cross-bay walks thrown in for good measure!

"The hospice at home team were a great support to dad and our family, and I know many of our fellow parishioners have benefitted from the care and compassion that the hospice provides.

"If you would like to help their work by sponsoring me, I would be extremely grateful. My sponsorship page can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/helen-bisby-1685548647547>

"Alternatively, please see me or Vee. Many thanks for your support."

\*\* I think Helen means Walney Island. Ed.

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## School governors : can you help?

Our diocese needs School Governors, to serve our children, to serve our schools, to serve the mission of the Church. Can you help?

For more information: [hew@lancasterdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hew@lancasterdiocese.org.uk), 01228-841190.

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Mary Williamson (former head at Ss Mary & Michael's).

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Carley Cowburn, Noreen Hargreaves, 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 Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** Fred Oxby, Ronnie Johnson, Elizabeth Wardle, Teresa Tully, Margaret Dickinson, Helen Mary Beale, Beatrice Horn, Robert Berry, Margaret Hine, Matthew John Pearson, Anne Elizabeth Dawson, James Booth, James Birchall, James Rossall, Catherine Elder and Stephen Edmondson.