

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 August 2022

Sat	20	G	6.00pm	Mass	Fr David Elder <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	21	S	8.30am	Mass	People of the Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Betty Carter <i>lately dead</i> [L]
Mon	22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
		S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Evelyn Steel <i>birthday</i>
Tue	23	--			
Wed	24	ST BARTHOLOMEW <i>apostle</i>			
		G	6.30pm	Mass	Sr Anita Morley SSL <i>RIP-birthday</i> [M]
Thu	25	S	10.00am	Mass	Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families <i>RIP</i>
Fri	26	G	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	27	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of the Parishes
Sun	28	S	8.30am	Mass	Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	Betty Ball <i>RIP</i> [V]

Special collection next weekend

The special collection for the Catholic Trust for England & Wales (CaTEW) levy is scheduled to be taken the weekend of 27-28 August.

The Bishops Conference of England & Wales, whose work is funded by the CaTEW levy, has again reduced the amount of levy to recognise the financial impact on parishes across England & Wales of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The amount levied on our parishes has again been reduced on the previous year's levy. This reduction is expected to be only temporary.

The amount of levy due for Garstang is **£1232.92**; for Scorton is **£304.42**

Thank you for your generosity towards our share of the national levy.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are hoping to resume Children's Liturgy of the Word as part of 10.30am Sunday Mass at Garstang, in the Autumn.

In order to do this, we need people willing to be liturgists to lead the children's liturgy sessions. At first, we will begin on one Sunday each month, perhaps the first Sunday. So committing to be a liturgy leader will not be a weekly commitment. Training and support will be given to volunteers.

If you are interested, please contact Nancy Walbank by email nancy282@me.com or 07989128598.

All volunteers for this ministry will, of course, need to undergo DBS checks.

SSMM open for prayer

I've started leaving church open again for personal prayer during the daytime. On those days when I'm going to be around to close in the evening, that will be at 6.00pm or dusk. Some days I might need to close earlier and, usually, church will not be open on Tuesday or Wednesday. Let's see how that works out. Pre-Covid, many folk visited and it's good to be able to restore this opportunity. Fr G.

Tea & coffee after Sunday Mass?

Although we don't have sufficient volunteers to resume serving tea & coffee after Mass in Garstang, you are still welcome to stay behind in church to chat after Mass, in the Plessington Chapel or at the back of church, especially when the weather isn't conducive to gathering outside.

I'll ask again about tea & coffee at the end of September. Fr G.

Works in our parish cemetery

You will see that work is well underway preparing the next section of our parish cemetery for use: installing drainage, paths, and the concrete plinths for the headstones.

The cost of this work is **£20,000**; and having spent £110,000 repairing and renovating the church tower, we are short of funds indeed.

May I appeal to parishioners for funds to pay for the work in the cemetery? I'm all too aware that, with the increase in the cost of living, fuel, and all the rest, this is hardly a good time to be asking folk for significant money.

Perhaps forty parishioners – individuals, couples, families – might be able to donate £500. That would cover the £20,000, and I am willing to be one of these donors myself. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, so much the better. Please read the piece below.

Many thanks for the donations received already: £3,500.

Smaller donations are, of course, very welcome; perhaps in memory of a family member already buried in our cemetery. Please make cheques payable to Ss Mary & Michael Parish Main Account. Any other ideas for fund-raising?

Work has also been carried out this past week on some of the trees in our grounds, ensuring their health and our safety. Many thanks, Fr G.

Gift Aid : many thanks ...

... to everyone who is able to support the parishes with Gift Aid. Scorton has recently been credited with £3197.60, and Garstang with £10612.10.

To all parishioners: If you are a UK tax payer, *please* complete a Gift Aid declaration for the parish. It costs you absolutely nothing. You are giving to your parish anyway; this simply asks the Government to redirect to the Church some of the tax you have paid to the Government. For every £1 you give, the Church can reclaim 25p of tax. Thank you.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Cleator

The annual pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 11 September**. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul. The theme this year is *Our Lady, Help of Christians*, a broad interpretation of this title, acknowledging the needs of our world internationally and locally.

Diocesan Directory 2023

To order a copy of next year's diocesan directory: for *Scorton*, please contact Catherine Pickering; for *Garstang*, please e-mail the parish office, phone and leave a message, or leave a note in the collection plate. Please specify which edition: ring-bound, £6.00; standard, £5.00. **Deadline: Fri. 26 August, noon.**

St Bernadette relic tour

In September and October, the relics of St Bernadette will visit England, Scotland, and Wales for the first time. An opportunity for people to experience the special gifts and charisma of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. The nearest locations for us are Lancaster cathedral and St Ignatius' Preston.

Individuals or groups are warmly invited to register their attendance at their chosen church or cathedral on the website: www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/ A poster and booklet are at the back of church.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Betty Carter, Fr Dermott Donnelly, Fr David Duane.

Those who are ill or infirm. Mary McCann, Fr Robert "Bob" Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, 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: Thomas Jennings, Mary Jean Rossall, Elizabeth Wignall, Bernard Cummins, Jane Billington, Francis Purkis, Gladys Mary Stanley, Margaret Gelderd, Margaret Hogg, Jack Carr, Freda Gidlow (1st anniversary), Mary Bate, Roger Edward Joseph Bevins, Agnes Pyke, William Hall, Jeanette Mears, Sean Jepson, Rev Father David J Elder, Les Lunn, Dorothy Richardson, Michael O'Neill, Robert Woodruff, Dennis Wilkes, Lilian Barnes, Maria Bowker, Robert Horn, Wilfred Garstang, John N. Bamber, Stephen Copple, Alan Bradley, George Armer, Margaret Barton, Brian Eydmann, Allan Bury, John Green, Francis Xavier Andrews, John Cahill, John Andrews and Katherine Piela.