

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 August 2022

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]
Mon 29	The martyrdom of St John the Baptist			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Gerry Steel <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Tue 30	--			
Wed 31	St Aidan <i>bishop, religious, missionary, & the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>			
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Mary Winstanley <i>RIP</i> [PC]
Thu 1	Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Pat Errington [PC]
Fri 2	G	10.00am	Mass	Elaine Stajniak <i>lately dead</i> [HL]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat 3	G	12.15pm	Baptism : Henry Reid	

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Sat 3	G	6.00pm	Mass	Alan Bradley <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 4	S	8.30am	Mass	People of the Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Betty Carter <i>lately dead</i> [M+TP]

Special collection this weekend

The special collection for the Catholic Trust for England & Wales (CaTEW) levy is taken this weekend, **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.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Isaac Hogarth, who will receive his First Holy Communion at Mass on **Wednesday 31 August**, and to his family.

Works in our parish cemetery

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, all the better.

Many thanks for the donations received already: **£11,500**.

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. Many thanks, Fr G.

Marie & Colin Swarbrick RIP

St Mary & St Michael's gratefully acknowledges a donation of £5,000 from David & Michael in memory of their late parents. They've offered the donation to help with the works on our cemetery.

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.

SVP collection : next weekend

Next weekend, **3-4 September**, the Brothers & Sisters of our parish St Vincent de Paul group will be taking a collection. Your donations this month will be given to Sr Eileen, Holy Family, Ingol, to enable her to buy food vouchers for those who seek her help. Thank you for your support.

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.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations to Pat Collins and Frank Miller, our August winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw, contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon, either directly or through the parish office.

Planning application for Castle Lane

Parishioners might wish to take a look and express an opinion on the resubmitted planning application for additional housing on Castle Lane.

It's a simple process and the planning reference is 22/00669/OUT.

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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, **22-23 September**, and St Ignatius' Preston.

A poster, booklet, and details of the events at our cathedral are at the back of church. Please take look.

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.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Angela Isles (formerly Brown, née Garstang), Tony Smith, Mary Daly (sister of Geraldine Russell).

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, 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: John Andrews, Katherine Piela, Raymond Bisby, Anne Lyford, Joe Kendall, Alan Bradley, John "Jack" Mounsey (1st anniversary), Rev Joseph Mary Ilsley, Brian Dickinson, Alfred Evans, David Gornall, Harry Kelly, Sarah Adelaide Darwen, Ronald Park, Rosie Cousins, Wilfrid Hull, Henry (Harry) Richardson, Denis Chapman, Clare Theresa McManmon, Richard Winstanley, Carl Gerard Wilkes, James Parker, Hilda Yates, Peter Thomas Davis and Ken Shaw.