Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 October 2022

Sat	1	G	6.00pm	Mass	Christine Gerrard lately dead [KA]	
Sun	2	S	8.30am	Mass	Alice & John Towers RIP	
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes	
Mon		S	10.00am	Mass	Almond & Sweeney families RIP	
Tue	4					
Wed	5	ANNIVERSARY : DEDICATION OF LANCASTER CATHEDRAL				
		G	6.30pm	Mass	Thomas & Eleanor Bolton RIP	
Thu	6	S	10.00am	Mass	Ints. of Olwen Roberts good health [MB]	
Fri	Our Lady of the Rosary: HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY: Day of Prayer for the Poor & Needy of the World					
		G	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [GJ]	
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation		

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependants

Sat	8	G	6.00pm	Mass	Revd John Horn RIP-birthday
Sun	9	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Doreen Lowe lately dead

Hummingbirds Nursery: AGM

Hummingbirds AGM, **Wednesday 5 October**, 5.00pm, in Hummingbirds. All welcome. Frank Miller, chair of Hummingbirds Management Committee.

Scorton parish meeting

Scorton parishioners are invited to attend our meeting, **Thursday 6 October**, 5.00pm, in the presbytery. Items for the agenda to Kevin Morley, please.

Sixty years after Vatican II

Join Tom O'Loughlin, Dr Alana Harris and Dr Patricia Kelly as they discuss the impact of Vatican II in a webinar. **Tuesday 11 October**, 6.00-7.00pm.

To book tickets: www.thetablet.co.uk/events.

Communion from the chalice

One of the many great gifts of renewal of the Second Vatican Council was reintroducing the option of receiving Holy Communion from the chalice, faithful to our Lord's command at the Last Supper, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it."

Receiving Holy Communion in this way has been common in our country for the last several decades. Until Covid.

We have had no guidance from the bishops regarding the re-introduction of communion from the chalice, and I suspect that it will not be forthcoming.

Beginning the weekend of 15-16 October, whenever possible, and in both parishes, the chalice will be offered to members of the congregation (who will be free to receive from it or not).

Remember, though, that when the rim of the chalice is wiped with a clean purificator after each communicant, the vast majority of bacteria are removed. Wine also has a disinfectant quality, as does the precious metal of the chalices.

At Garstang, also beginning the weekend of 15-16 October, we will resume our pre-Covid distribution of Communion: I and a Minister will stand in front of the main altar, two Ministers will stand before the Lady Altar. You are invited to process to Communion beginning at the front of church and returning to your place via the same aisle. For the first few weeks, our gallant stewards will assist in this. Fr Geoffrey

Day of renewal

"When anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible." (Ephesians 5:13.) This is the theme of a day of renewal offered at St Clare's Parish Hall, Preston PR2 9HH, **Saturday 15 October**, 10.00am-4.00pm, beginning with Mass at 10.00am. Led by Sean Booth, a lay missionary with St Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity.

The Parish? The Now and Future Church

This ACTA National Conference will take place through Zoom, **Saturday 22 October**, 10.30am-4.30pm.

This year's Conference will examine the role and function of the parish in a technological, post-Covid world. How will our sense of parish be shaped by our experience of synodality? What changes are needed for the parish to be the prophetic voice in our communities? How do we manage ministry in a parish in the coming years?

The principal speaker will be Dr Phyllis Zagano, Senior Research Associate-in-Residence, Hofstra University, New York. She was appointed by Pope Francis to the Commission studying the role of women in the diaconate.

Issues of development and formation (of clergy and laity) were raised in the vast majority of diocesan submissions. There will be reports from the Archdiocese of Liverpool, the Diocese of Salford and the Archdiocese of Cardiff on how they plan to take forward some of these key issues.

All Zoom Conference donations will be forwarded to Dr Zagano's chosen charity. Free for everyone under 25 and those on benefits.

Register your interest at: https://www.acalltoaction.org.uk

CAFOD Family Fast Day: World Food Crisis Appeal

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens.

As people of faith, we are called to act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table.

Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for our parish collection or go to <u>cafod.org.uk/fastday.</u>

Fr Aidan: Fr Tom ... many thanks ...

... to those in both parishes who welcomed and looked after Fr Aidan and Fr Tom during their recent visit, and to those who helped prepare and celebrate the funeral of Ella Richmond. Frs Aidan and Tom are very grateful.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Mary & Robert Mason and Gillian Richardson for being our September winners. This month we were able to donate £1400 back to the Parish from the funds raised through the Parish draw. Thank you all for your continued support. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw, contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Online resources for faith formation

The London Jesuit Centre has lots of online study courses, not all Bible study but usually interesting and to a high standard:

https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsuite.com/events/xxyg5fcm

Red Mission boxes

The Autumn magazine is now available from the church porch. If you would like to have your mission box emptied, please either bring it into church next weekend or contact Celia Horn.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Fr John Michael Walsh, Patricia Atkins, HM The Queen, Ella Richmond.

Those who are ill or infirm. Henry Lamoury, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, Oonagh 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: Hannah Wheatley, Mary Gertrude Green, Francis Eastham, William Greenall, Arthur Conlong, Gerald Whittaker, John Towers, Hilda Redhead, Jenny Jackson, Margaret McDonald, Edward Ross, Hugh Ferguson, Gordon Watkins, Alan John Carter, Joan Farnworth, Richard Wrennall and William "Bill" Hollis (1st anniversary).