

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Third Sunday of Easter

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Sat	30	G	6.00pm	Mass	Maureen Clark <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	1	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Brenda Richardson <i>RIP</i>

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sat	7	G	6.00pm	Mass	Gordon Johnson <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun	8	S	8.30am	Mass	Tommie Morley <i>anniversary</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	Catterall & Speight families <i>RIP</i>
Mon	9	--			
Tue	10	--			
Wed	11	G	6.30pm	Mass	Tadgh O'Donnell <i>poorly</i> [PC]
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	12	S	10.00am	Mass	Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families <i>RIP</i>
Fri	13	G	10.00am	Mass	Carmel Hayden & Sr Aidan Mary <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat	14	G	6.00pm	Mass	Jim Berry <i>lately dead</i>
Sun	15	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Betty Ball <i>RIP-birthday</i>

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Fr Geoffrey : 40<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary : many thanks ...

... to everyone for last weekend, not least to those who had engineered the subterfuge. I'm deeply grateful for your presentations, cards, Mass intentions, and personal gifts; and to D'Arcy and Kevin Morley for your gracious and thoughtful words. Let's continue to pray for one another. Fr G

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## Sacrament of Confirmation

For the parishes of our Deanery, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral on the feast of Pentecost, **Sunday 5 June**, 2.00pm. Candidates are to be in Year 7 or above.

The preparation sessions will be held in the Cathedral Social Centre, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT, **Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 & 25 May**, 7.00-8.30pm. The final session on **Wednesday 1 June**, 7.00-8.30pm, will be held in the cathedral. An application form is on our website: About Us/Parish Forms.

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## Calder Vale Bluebell Teas

We are back for two Sundays only: **Sundays 1 & 8 May**, noon to 4.00pm, Calder Vale Village Hall PR3 1SJ. We are playing it safe this year and hope to be back to normal in 2023. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

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## Fr Ted Gannon : welcome back

Fr Ted Gannon will be celebrating the Masses the weekend of 7-8 May, while Fr G is taking a post-Easter breather. Ted is based in Keswick, from where he exercises his ministry of spiritual direction and prayer guidance. You can read Ted's weekly reflections on his website: <https://tedgannon.com/>

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## Day of Prayer for Vocations : special collection

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we pray for all who serve in ordained ministry, and ask that all might discern the call of God in their life.

If the whole Church community listens and responds to God, some will discern that their vocation is to serve as a priest, or deacon, or in consecrated life. We pray for all who are considering a vocation to ordained ministry or religious life, and all who work in their formation.

This weekend is the annual collection for the diocesan training fund for priests & deacons. A second basket will be available at the back of both churches. Thank you.

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## Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations to Carol Larkin and Sheila Hall who were our April 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 £1400 was handed over to the parish. If you would like 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.

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## Spiritual opportunities

Retreats £20, unless otherwise stated. To book: contact Donna Worthington: [drworthington@live.co.uk](mailto:drworthington@live.co.uk); or visit: <https://christianretreats.live>

**The Practice of the Presence of God.** Brother Lawrence's wisdom on prayer as part of daily life. Three **Thursdays, 12, 19, 26 May**, 6.30-9.00pm, £60.

**Silence.** Starting with Jesus' approach to silence, explore silence in various aspects of the Christian tradition and practise the art of silent Christian prayer along the way, **Saturday 14 May**, 2.00-5.00pm, or **Monday 16 May**, 10.00am-1.00pm.

**Ignatian training.** If enough people are interested, it may be possible to arrange a Zoom retreat of about three hours for a small fee. The focus would be Ignatian imaginative guided prayer. If you are interested, please let the parish office know with your name and contact details, and we'll forward them to Donna.

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## Platinum Jubilee Celebration

In honour of Her Majesty, the Queen, there will be a Platinum Jubilee Celebration with Preston Orpheus Choir and the Company of Voyces, **Saturday 21 May**, 7.30pm, St Aidan's church, Station Road, Bamber Bridge PR5 6QL. Programme to include *Zadok the Priest, I Was Glad, Land of Hope and Glory, Mozart's Coronation Mass* and much more. Admission: £11, under 18s free; pay on the door: contactless, card, or cash.

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## Faith & Justice newsletter

The latest newsletter from our diocesan F&J office is on our website, from the Groups/OutReach/Faith & Justice selection on our menu.

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## Gift Aid at Garstang

Many thanks indeed to **Helena Rigby** who, after eight years of faithful service, is handing over her Gift Aid abacus to **Karine Rennie-Bloor**.

We are very grateful to Karine for offering to help the parish in this way.

If **you** are a UK tax-payer, *please* complete a Gift Aid form. Neither of our parishes can afford to forego free money from the Government.

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## Finance matters ... in both parishes

**Diocesan levy.** Each year the diocese levies the parish in order to fund central operations. This year, the rate of levy on offertory income remains unchanged at 24.70%, and the rate on rental income, including qualifying hall income, also remains unchanged at 20% of gross rental income received.

For Garstang, the levy this year is £10987.81, and for Scorton £2667.83.

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## Please pray for ...

### Those who have died recently.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Paula Seager, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, 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:

**1-8 May.** Jane Rossall, Sarah Banks, Robert Pegg, Alice Waring, Father A Richardson, Monica Hargreaves, Fr Edward Bilsborrow, Emma Seery, Tom Cassidy, John Davis, Teresa Topping, Fred Garvey, Teresa Garner, James Pedder, Winifred Bilsborrow, William Wignall, Stephen Richardson, Henry Banks and Marjorie Ann Condon (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary).

**8-15 May.** Violet Eydmann, Lucia Tesseyman, Mary Speight, Peter Nickson, Brenda Lever, Sarah Turner, Elizabeth Wrennall, Joseph Grayston, Cyril Lamoury, Jane Gornall, Ellen O'Brien, Wilfred Swinburne, Ray Wilcock, Tommy Morley, William Gillett, Mary Agnes Mackenzie, Barbara Saul (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.), William Thompson, Leonard Thomas Carter and Fr Charles Moah.