

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Palm Sunday

24 March 2024

Sat 23	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our parishes
Sun 24	S	8.30am	Mass	Brian & Stella McVey <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Caroline Spratt <i>1st anniversary</i> [PR]
Mon 25	S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of a parishioner [H]
Tue 26	--			
Wed 27	G	6.30pm	Mass	Tony Howlet <i>lately dead</i> [HB]

The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, 28 March

G 6.30pm EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Gerry Steel *RIP*

Good Friday, 29 March

S 10.00am Stations of the Cross
G 11.00am Stations of the Cross *led by our children*
G 3.00pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Easter Eve, 30 March

G 8.00pm EASTER VIGIL Marcella Varey *lately dead* [IG]

Easter Day, 31 March

S 8.30am Mass Fr Michael Tully & Parents *RIP*
G 10.30am Mass People of our parishes

Palm Sunday

We'll celebrate Palm Sunday in both parishes using the simpler form we adopted two years ago. Palms will be blessed within all three Masses.

Ecumenical prayer on Palm Sunday

There will be a short time of prayer on **Palm Sunday, 24 March, 10am**, at Moss Lane Park. All are welcome to attend, and if someone is willing to lead a prayer on behalf of our parishes, please let Revd Hutchinson know.

Holy Thursday

Those who have a small bell at home might like to bring it and ring it at the consecration.

Good Friday : Scorton Walk of Witness

Churches Together in Scorton invite you to gather in the Methodist Chapel, **11.00am**, followed by a short walk of witness through the village to the Church Field.

Good Friday : Stations of the Cross : our children

Stations of the Cross at Garstang on Good Friday, **11.00am**, will be led by our children and their liturgy leaders. All welcome.

Easter flowers at Garstang

Flower arranging will be on **Good Friday, 9.30am**, in the Plessington Chapel. *All welcome*. Any enquiries to Liz Billington, directly or through the office.

Easter Vigil : key jobs

We still need people to prepare the Easter fire; help spread the candlelight around the church. Many thanks, Fr Geoffrey

Easter Vigil

Those who have a small bell at home might like to bring it and ring it during the *Gloria in excelsis Deo* and at the consecration.

Easter collection

In our diocese the Easter collection forms a significant portion of the priests' income for the year. Thank you for your support. Fr Geoffrey.

Easter Morning on Nicky Nook

Churches Together in Scorton invite you to walk to the top of Nicky Nook to watch the sunrise on Easter morning. 6.30am, meet at Nicky Nook Stile; 7.00am, arrive at the top to see the sunrise over the Bowland Fells. Join in a short sunrise service of Easter hymns and Prayers led by all the Churches.

Parish Safeguarding Representative for Garstang

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Parish Safeguarding Rep for SSMM as soon as possible.

In co-operation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, the work involves processing or renewing DBS applications for parishioners who volunteer with children and/or vulnerable groups.

Computer literacy and an attention to detail are key requirements for the work. Any stationery, postage or copying are funded by the Parish.

If you are interested, and would like to know more, please contact Helen Forshaw on 01995 603944.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Arlene Rowley and Heather Every for being our March 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 £1200 was handed over to Fr Geoffrey.

If you would like an opportunity 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.

Lenten lunches : many thanks ...

... to the seven people who helped make the final lunch such a success. Over the six weeks, with Gift Aid, nearly **£2000** has been raised for *Christian Aid*.

Red Mission boxes

Please bring boxes into church to be emptied. *Mission* magazines are available at the back of church whether you have a mission box or not.

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, **7 April**. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, five nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included.

Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry.

Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com; there's a poster at the back of church.

Thank you for your generosity to CAFOD

Following on from the Parish CAFOD Lent Fast Day Appeal, and £90 donations taken at the coffee morning in the Plessington Chapel, we will be sending **£1197.93** to CAFOD from our two parishes.

This is in addition to parishioners' online donations and regular donations which members of our parishes already make. (The leaflets on Gifts in Wills to CAFOD are at the back of church.)

Thank you for your continuing wonderful support.

Please pray for ...

Wedding. Catherine Winstanley & Christopher Holt, marrying in Peebles, 6 April.

Those who have died recently. Ted Richardson, Eileen Smith, Aileen Toole, Paul Rigg.

Those who are ill or infirm. Pat Stockdale (Carlisle), Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, 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. John Gillett, Dorothy Rose Kelsall, Francis Bryan, Brian Richardson, Frank Walmsley, Gladys Richardson, Nellie Hodges, Frances Dickinson, James Pooler, James Pedder, Mary Carr, Mary Carter, Joan Wilkes, Fleetwood Carter and Fr Odran Callan.