

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 June 2021

Liturgies for the next two weeks

Sat **G** 10.00am **Mass** People of our Parishes

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** Intentions of LMS

G 10.30am **Mass** Bill Myerscough *RIP-90th birthday*

No Mass during the week

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time : 27 June

Sat **G** 10.00am **Mass** Alice Towers *lately dead* [V]

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** Brian & Stella McVey *RIP*

G 10.30am **Mass** Elizabeth Hogarth *anniversary* [TP]

No Mass on Monday 28 or Tuesday 29 June

St Peter & St Paul *apostles*

Wed **G** 6.30pm **Mass** Fr David Elder *RIP-ordination anniversary*

7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*

Thu **S** 10.00am **Mass** Fr Tom Butler *40th ordination anniversary* [EH]

Fri **G** 11.00am **Burial Liturgy : Austin Walmsley**

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time : 4 July

Sat **G** 10.00am **Mass** Ann Crook *RIP*

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Charles & Evelyn Langley *anniversaries* [V]

First Holy Communion

This Sunday, **20 June**, at the 10.30am Mass, Lewis Rennie-Bloor will make his First Holy Communion. Please keep Lewis and his family in your prayers.

Receiving Holy Communion

When receiving Holy Communion, please:

- Make a bow of reverence before receiving the Sacrament.
- Have your palms open one on top of another, forming a throne.
- Have them as level as possible and relaxed.
- We have resumed the personal dialogue at Communion with each communicant: "The Body of Christ. Amen." Please note that face-coverings are still required.

If you're fairly recently returned to Mass: welcome back; it is good to see you once again. You might wish to take a copy of the *Order of Mass* to enable you to pray the Apostles' Creed and, perhaps, to say the *I confess* as part of your own preparation for Mass. Mark the copy with your name, and retain it for your personal use.

Healing Signs & Wonders

Fire & Light Miracle Healing Service ONLINE with Damian Stayne, **25-26 June**. For more information and booking, visit www.coretlumenchristi.org or email stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org.

Fr Ted Gannon : welcome back

Fr Ted Gannon will be celebrating the Masses the weekend of 26-27 June. 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/>

Celebrating St Peter & St Paul

With the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays remaining suspended, and to avoid having to rearrange Mass times, find stewards, and sanitise the churches, we will celebrate St Peter & St Paul:

Wednesday 30 June, 6.30pm, Garstang.

Thursday 1 July, 10.00am, Scorton.

Prayers for healing

A Jesuit website in the USA has a great collection of prayers for healing: <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/prayers-for-healing>

Musings from my hermitage...

We may be able to predict the weather; and we certainly seem to be able to change it by the way we inhabit the planet; but we can't control the elements. Unlike God: "Come thus far, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break." [1R]

This makes the person of Jesus all the more stunning: "Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him." [G] The disciples had responded, not to an idea, but to Jesus; they'd set off, not to pursue some abstract truth, but to follow Jesus. The gospel invites us to look at ourselves afresh, at our relationship with Jesus, to ask ourselves "Who can this be?"

St Mark brings out the mysterious quality of our Lord's ministry. When people asked Jesus if he's the Messiah he spoke about healing, but went way beyond the physical. People who were 'blind' don't just see, they see the glory of God. People who were 'crippled' are able to walk in God's ways; 'lepers' are cleansed from sin. Those who were 'deaf' can hear the Good News. People who once were 'dead' are raised to life in Christ; and the 'poor' become rich because they have the Gospel. Our Lord restores wholeness, heals everything that's wrong in creation: sickness, death, sin, evil, broken promises, and all the rest.

St Mark allows us glimpses of who Jesus is, for us to discover our Saviour for ourselves. The parables, the healings, calming the storm, all point to the greatest act, the ultimate miracle: the mystery of the cross and resurrection. That's the start of this 'new creation' St Paul wrote about: "And for anyone who is in Christ there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here." [2R] What a gift; what a blessing; what a challenge!

Dr Francis Carter : parish thanks

After a quarter of a century Frank has concluded his service as choirmaster and organist at St Mary & St Michael's, and the parish thanks him most sincerely for his devotion and hundreds of hours of hard work.

We also thank Frank for his leadership of the Liturgy & Spirituality meetings, the Garstang Friends of Chivuna and, with Betty, for his service, dedication, and generosity in all these and many other areas of parish life, often unseen.

Hospital chaplaincy

If you or someone for whom you are responsible are admitted to hospital, ensure that you are registered as a Roman Catholic and that you would welcome a visit from the chaplaincy team.

Data protection restrictions mean that chaplains can no longer simply walk onto a ward and ask whether there are any RCs around.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Austin Walmsley, Rose Mboroga, Peter Houghton.

Those who are ill or infirm. Josie Higham, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Brian Cady, Phyllis Steel, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Ethel Davis, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, Roger Bevins, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Marie Swarbrick, Peter Holland, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep, 20 June - 3 July: Joseph Nugent, William Swarbrick, Mrs Kendrick, Betty Watson Valerie Smith, Anthony Monaghan, Joseph Barton, Veronica Billington, John Towers, Cyril Baines, Michael Parkinson, Mary Doran, Mary McNicholas, Cathie Cadden, Rev John Joseph Blachoe, Mary Lea, Mary Morley, George Kenyon, Mary Wearden, Elizabeth Hogarth, Agnes Garstang, Margaret Simpson, Sr Agnes Weeks, Clare Dias, Anne Blacklock, Veronica Slater, Isobel Swarbrick, John Smith, Augustine Kavanagh, Irene Collinson, Michael Bamber, Freda Nickson, Joseph Norcross, Mary Donovan, Teresa Powell, Angela Murphy, Charles Langley, Canon Frank Cookson (1st anniversary) and Winifred Winstanley.