

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 July 2021

### Liturgies this week

Sat	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Ann Crook <i>RIP</i>
Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Charles & Evelyn Langley <i>anniversaries</i> [v]
Mon	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Dennis & Joan Wilkes <i>RIP</i>
Tue		---	<b>Mass</b>	
Wed	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Mary Winstanley <i>RIP</i> [F+BC]
		7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	In thanksgiving [J]
Fri		---	<b>Mass</b>	Infirm clergy
Sat	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Revd John Horn <i>RIP-ordination anniversary</i>

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for Seafarers

Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Gelder & Carr families <i>RIP</i>
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes

### 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 the other, 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.

### Congratulations ...

... to Shiron Renaghan who, having been received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church, joined us fully in Holy Communion at the table of the Lord at Mass on Wednesday evening, when we celebrated the Apostles Peter & Paul. Please keep Shiron & Jim in your prayers.

Please also remember in prayer two others who are preparing for their reception into Full Communion with us in the Catholic Church.

### Faith & Reason : a Catholic integration

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is offering a course, **Thursday 5 to Sunday 8 August**. There will be lectures and discussion around common themes related to the rationality of the Catholic Faith, dealing with many frequently-asked questions, for example around the relationship of faith and science. Residential and non-residential options are available.

The course will go ahead assuming the lifting of Covid restrictions in July. Any bookings will be fully refunded in the event of an inevitable cancellation. More information and registration at:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

If anyone would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact me to make arrangements. Fr Geoffrey

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## Brenda Richardson : bequest

St Mary & St Michael's gratefully acknowledges a bequest of £10,000 from our late parishioner, Brenda Richardson. We will use her generous gift to help repair the historic cemetery wall.

When preparing or revising your will, please remember your parish. In this way, just as we benefit from the generosity of those who have gone before us, so those who follow after us will benefit from our generosity to them.

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## Musings from my hermitage...

An interesting character, St Paul. We're listening to his second letter to the Church in Corinth, and last week we celebrated him and St Peter. Paul was the adventuring missionary, venturing far and wide around the Mediterranean world.

His letters and the Acts of the Apostles record that St Paul experienced failure and attacks, on his person and on his methods and strategy. Yet he trusts the God who says: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

God works through our weakness to reveal Christ's power within us. What marks us as true Christians, is that that we don't forget our weakness, that we're aware that it's Christ who strengthens and sustains us. Whatever gifts and talents God has given us, are given not to enhance our standing in the eyes of others, but for us to use to serve Christ and his gospel.

Paul believed that in all his suffering, he was reflecting Christ. When Christ was at his weakest on the cross, there especially he manifested the power of God. Paul knew that it was in his very weakness that he was most like the crucified Christ, and that in his weakness God's power shone. Paul was confident in his heart that, despite his limitations and the enormous challenges he faced, Christ would provide the gifts he needed, not despite his weakness, but through it.

Just like Paul, we want rid of our weakness and sin and, just like Paul, we beg God to take them away. And when God seemed not to grant Paul's request, Paul was led deeper into the mystery of God's love for us: "Your grace is sufficient for me, Lord, for your power is made perfect in weakness". That's not the sound of someone who's given up, who feels rejected; it's the prayer of someone strong in hope. The challenge is to let God be God, acknowledge our limitations, our weakness, and know that, somehow, those too are part of God's plan: "For when I am weak, then I am strong."

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## Organ recital at St Walburge's

As part of the concerted fundraising efforts towards the costs of restoring the iconic St Walburge's Church, Preston, an organ recital will be held in the church, **Saturday 21 August**, 6.30-8.30pm.

The programme will be a colourful collection of baroque and early classical works from Germany and Austria, featuring legendary composers, Johann Sebastian Bach and Joseph Haydn. The recital will be by accomplished organist, Sean Maxwell, an American currently based in Austria, and the church will be a magnificent backdrop to enjoy the compositions of such wonderful musicians.

Further information, including ticket prices, online purchase of tickets, etc., can be found at: <http://www.goldengiving.com/e/sw-organ-recital-2021>

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## 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.

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## 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>

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Colin Richmond, Austin Walmsley.

**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.** Charles Langley, Canon Frank Cookson (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Winifred Winstanley, Bill Jennings, Evelyn Langley, Gerard Wearden, May Dilworth, Thomas Edgar Darwen, Ruairi Lambert-Heysham, Henry Wearden, Agnes Bamber and Joseph Bugeja.