

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for Seafarers

11 July 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Revd John Horn <i>RIP-ordination anniversary</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	Gelder & Carr families <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
Mon	S	10.00am	Mass	Brian Winstanley <i>2nd anniversary</i>
Tue		---	Mass	
Wed	G	6.30pm	Mass	Rita Moreland <i>1st anniversary</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu.....				St Bonaventure <i>bishop, religious, doctor of the Church</i>
	S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of the CWL [PC]
Fri		---	Mass	Rena & Edward McGee <i>RIP</i> [JG]
Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Alan & Nicola Parry <i>in thanksgiving</i> [PC]

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Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	John Fleming <i>anniversary</i> [TC]

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell will take place on **Saturday 24 July**, at noon. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's, followed by procession to Ladyewell and Benediction. It will be led by the Bishop. Should the weather be unsuitable then the pilgrimage will take place in St Mary's, Fernyhalgh.

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/>

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>

Family Prayer Resources for Summer

Cafod is offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. This will be available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>.

Garstang parish draw 2021 – lets get going

Thank you to all our members who have paid their subs this year under these difficult times. We are in a position to start this year's draw this month (July). The plan is we will make two draws each month till we have managed to catch up

Monthly draws will start as below:

- July will be April & July draw;
- August will be May & August draw;
- September will be June & September draw.

From October we will be back to one draw each month and two in December which includes our Christmas draw.

Subs have stayed at £20 for this year and we have managed to contact or leave a message for all members. If you know that you have not yet paid your subs for this year and don't want to miss out on any of the monthly draws, please contact Trish & Kev via Fr Geoffrey at church to arrange payment. Any numbers not paid by the end of July will be suspended till next year when they can be resumed.

Musings from my hermitage ...

On Monday the Prime Minister will tell us whether the Government will indeed lift all / most / many / some of the current Covid-related restrictions.

I've been wondering what the implications will be for our churches. Our Bishops will certainly be issuing guidelines and directives, as they have regularly over the past sixteen months. But I expect that there will be some latitude for local circumstances, different sizes of building, relative size of congregation, and so on.

I'm really quite unsure how I feel about all this. From our present practice in church – benches taped off, face-coverings worn, no singing – will we be told that from 20 July we can remove all the tape, fill every seat, dispense with face-coverings, sing at full throttle, and serve tea & coffee afterwards?

That strikes me as all too much at once. What I don't want is for all you lovely people who have been coming to Mass faithfully whenever our churches have been open now to feel ill-at-ease and inclined to stay away. This week, then, let's pray for our Government and our Bishops, that God fill them with wisdom, discernment of the common good, and the courage to act on it.

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.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Brian Cady, Colin Richmond.

Those who are ill or infirm. Tom Rigby, Josie Higham, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, 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 Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Brian Winstanley, Pat Salles, Robert Spencer, Frederick Lyford, Harry Nickson, Agnes Evans, Agnes Bullen, Thomas Wells, Gorge and Mary Pyke, Edwin Seed, Mary Thompson, Christina Bateson, Rita Mary Moreland (1st anniversary), Mary Wrennall, Ann Swift, Patricia Maguire, Agnes Imelda Taylor, Margaret Mary Thompson, Annie Morris, Mary Walmsley, Susan Conway, Phyllis Hull and William Dilworth.