

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 July 2021

### Liturgies this week

Sat	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Alan & Nicola Parry <i>in thanksgiving</i> [PC]
Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	John Fleming <i>anniversary</i> [TC]
Mon.....				<b>Ss John Plessington, John Wall, &amp; companions</b> <i>martyrs of Lancashire</i>
	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Canon Denis Corbishley <i>RIP</i> [HF]
Tue		---	<b>Mass</b>	
Wed	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Ints. of Joyce Bilsborrow <i>successful procedure</i>
		7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu.....				<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b> <i>disciple of the Lord</i>
	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Richard Catterall <i>lately dead</i>
Fri	<b>S</b>	noon	<b>Wedding : Charlotte Burch &amp; Jonny Hale</b>	
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Sat.....				<b>St John Boste, Bl. Christopher Robinson, &amp; companions</b> <i>martyrs of Cumbria</i>
	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Sheila Murphy <i>anniversary</i>
	<b>G</b>	12.15pm	<b>Baptism : Emily Flesher</b>	

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Peter Houghton <i>lately dead</i>

### Mr Alan Parry

Dear Parishioners, thank you for all your kindness, support and friendship over the past 21 years. To have been welcomed into the family of SSMM school and parish has been an unbelievable privilege and lots of fun. You will always remain in our prayers, and we ask for yours.

With very best wishes, *Alan & Nic Parry*

From the parish: On behalf of the parish, our deep gratitude to Alan for his two decades of dedication, hard work and vision, in service not only of our school, but of the parish and the wider community. We wish Alan and Nicola many years of enjoyable (semi-) retirement. Every blessing, *Fr Geoffrey*

### 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/>

### Summer FUNraise for CAFOD

Are you a wannabe Olympian, tennis pro or football star? Take on an active challenge for CAFOD this summer in celebration of the return of international sporting events. Run, cycle, swim, play tennis or football, or anything else you love doing. You can do it on your own or with your family. Sign up at [cafod.org.uk/summer](http://cafod.org.uk/summer). You'll be helping people around the world who are suffering because of the climate crisis, the pandemic and poverty.

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### Chivuna – *appeal for help*

Sr Mutina has e-mailed to say how desperate their situation is because of the Covid pandemic. If you would like to read Sr's e-mail, please ask.

Thanks to your regular monthly donations, our parish Chivuna account balance at 30 June 2021 was £5,115.89. In the dire circumstances the clinic is facing, I am minded to send £5,000. I invite members of the Chivuna group and donors to let me have your thoughts over the weekend, and the parish can then arrange a bank transfer accordingly. Fr Geoffrey

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### Faith & Justice newsletter

The latest edition of the newsletter from our diocesan Faith & Justice Commission can be downloaded at: <https://tinyurl.com/tf952d79>.

Reports and newsletters mentioned in this issue are available at: <http://www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/newsletter/>

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### Musings from my hermitage ...

Jesus taught in whatever circumstances he found himself. And he continues to teach in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. Jesus responded instinctively to the needs of the folk who came to him. He does the same for us. His word and sacrament are his response to our deepest needs, even if we think we need something else.

St Mark wants us to discover our Saviour for ourselves.

“Who can this be?” That’s the question he wants us to ponder. The parables, the healing, calming the storm; the miraculous feeding we’ll hear about next Sunday, all point to the greatest act, the ultimate miracle: the mystery of the cross and resurrection. After all the wondering – “Who can this be?” – in Mark’s gospel it’s only the centurion at the foot of the cross who can truly proclaim Jesus as the Holy One of God. And the healing, renewal, the miracle each of us needs comes through the suffering and death that Jesus endured out of love for us.

**Covid restrictions.** I’m grateful to parishioners who spoke to or e-mailed me about my musings last weekend, concerning the Government’s proposed lifting of current restrictions. Certainly no one seems in any rush to rip off the tape in church and cast aside our face-coverings. I’m expecting directives from the Bishops this coming week and I’ll write again next weekend. We won’t be making sudden changes without giving you chance to comment.

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### Garstang parish draw 2021 – *let’s 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.

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### 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>.

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### Please pray for ...

**Those being baptised.** Emily Flesher.

**Those marrying.** Charlotte Burch & Jonny Hale.

**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 Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** William Dilworth, John Fleming, Winifred Keefe, Marion Waddingham, Edna Reid, John Murphy, Dr Martin Thomson and George Grayston.