Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Ss John Plessington, John Wall, & companions

Martyrs of Lancashire

(Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

20 July 2025

Sat	19	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Deacon D'Arcy Ryan *lately dead* [L]
Sun	20	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	Val Readman *lately dead*
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes
Mon	21	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Special Intention
Tue	22	---			
Wed	**23**	**ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN** *married woman, religious founder, a patron of Europe*			
		G	6.30pm	**Mass**	Fr James Hennessy *RIP*
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	**24**	**St John Boste, Bl. Christopher Robinson, & companions** *martyrs of Cumbria*			
		S	10.00am	**Mass**	In thanksgiving [J]
Fri	**25**	**ST JAMES** *apostle*			
		G	10.00am	**Mass**	Deacon D'Arcy Ryan *lately dead*
		G	10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	
Sat	**26**	**S**	**12 noon**	**Wedding of Michael McCullough & Sarah Lord**	

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	26	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Sheila Murphy *anniversary*
Sun	27	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Betty Carter *3rd anniversary*

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 22 July**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

Pilgrimage walk

The *John Bradburne Memorial Society* is holding a pilgrimage climb on Melmerby Fell, Cumbria, **Saturday 6 September**.

There will be Mass beforehand in St John the Evangelist church, Skirwith CA10 1RQ at 10.00am.

Flyers are at the back of church. For more information visit www.johnbradburne.com, or e-mail Kate at info@johnbradburne.com.

Diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady, Cleator

This year's diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 7 September.** The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul. Tea and coffee will be provided; you are welcome to take a packed lunch. This is a special year for the Diocese as we celebrate our centenary.

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The diocesan pilgrimage to St Mary's Fernyhalgh & Ladyewell shrine will be on **Saturday 20 September**, 11.00am, led by Bishop Paul.

In this, our diocesan centenary year, **Bishop Paul invites all altar servers** to be part of this occasion and join in the procession: young and not-so-young, male and female. Afterwards, there will be a barbecue for all servers, prepared by the Catholic Scouts of Preston.

Attending servers are to meet at St Mary's, Fernyhalgh at 10.30am, and take with them their cassock & cotta / alb, and St Stephen's medal, as applicable.

If you plan to attend, please let me know **by 31 August**.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham

From Bishop Paul: "In this Jubilee Year our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place **20-24 October**. I invite you to join me." For details and booking details: Charlie Conner, 07895-742732 or charlie.conner@lrdc.org.uk

Sponsored climb up Croagh Patrick

Our parishioner, Shiron Renaghan, is seeking sponsorship for a climb up Croagh Patrick in September, in aid of funds for St Mary & St Michael's.

Croagh Patrick, meaning (St) Patrick's Stack, is 764m high and is also known as "The Reek". The mountain overlooks Clew Bay in County Mayo, Ireland. The summit is reputed to be where St Patrick fasted for 40 days and nights and at the summit is a church which has stood there since the 5th century.

On Reek Sunday each year, the last Sunday in July, there is a pilgrimage in Mayo to the top of Croagh Patrick. It is a challenging trek, but many of the pilgrims do the climb in their bare feet. Shiron will not be in bare feet.

Please show your support via the sponsorship forms at the back of St Mary and Saint Michael's church or via Shiron's *Just Giving* page. **All funds raised go to the church.**

History of our diocese in one hundred objects

As part of our Diocesan Centenary celebrations, Bishop Paul would like to create a collection of 100 items that together tell the story of our Diocese.

He is looking for items that hold particular significance in the history of our parishes or the Diocese as a whole. For instance: historical documents, liturgical or religious objects, stories or memorabilia connected to key individuals in the parish, school, or the wider community

No item will be permanently removed from the parish. Instead, Bishop Paul's team will document and photograph each item for inclusion in the project.

Any ideas about what we might suggest from either of our parishes? Fr G

Sanitising station at St Mary & St Michael's

The table at the back of church with the sanitising units on is going to be removed. This will help keep that exit route from church clear in case of any emergency. The sanitising unit on the wall by the toilet will remain.

Parish accounts 2024-25

If any parishioner would like an e-copy for your relevant parish, please e-mail. Some paper copies are available at the back of both churches. Fr G.

Many thanks to all those parishioners involved in our parishes' finances: book-keepers, Alejandra, and the now-retired Barry; our external auditors, Matt and Mick; our counters, Catherine, Helen, Jo, Marie, Michael, Ruth & Phil; and Karine, who takes care of the Gift Aid. I am very grateful. Fr G.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Catherine Eastham and Carol Larkin for being our June winners. We have some free numbers available for this year if anyone would like to join in with our Monthly draw or have more than one number please contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Diocesan Directory 2026

To order a copy of next year's diocesan directory: for *Scorton*, please contact Catherine Pickering; for *Garstang*, please e-mail the parish office, phone and leave a message, or leave a note in the collection plate.

Please specify which edition: ring-bound, £7.50; standard, £6.50. **Deadline for orders: 31 July**.

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Adelene Lackey, Gwen Roskell, Val Readman.

Those who are ill or infirm. Mary Evans, Pat & Harold Jepson, Celia & Bert Lowe, Gerry & Rita Marley, Liz Boden, Bob Tomlinson, Fr Tony Walsh, Steve Masterman, Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Margaret Brocklehurst, Mary Jo Counsell, Caroline Nurse, Yvonne Shaw, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. John Fleming, Winifrid Keefe, Margaret Heyes, Marion Waddingham, Edna Reid, John Murphy, Dr Martin Thomson, George Grayston, Bill Williams, Betty (Theresa) Carter, William Billington, Robert Bilsborrow, Thomas Davis, and Sheila Murphy.