

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 July 2020

### Liturgies this week

Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
Sun	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	John Fleming <i>RIP-birthday</i> [TC]
Mon	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Sheila Murphy <i>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i> [HF]
Tue				
Wed				<b>St Martha</b> <i>disciple of the Lord</i>
	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	In thanksgiving for a successful operation [B]
		7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	
Thu	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Julie Rawlings [ES]
	<b>G</b>	noon	<b>Burial Liturgy : Rita Moreland</b>	
Fri				<b>St Ignatius of Loyola</b> <i>priest, religious founder</i>
			<b>Mass</b>	Mrs White <i>lately dead</i> [AP]
Sat				<b>St Alphonsus Mary Liguori</b> <i>bishop, religious founder, doctor of the Church</i>
	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Canon Frank Cookson <i>lately dead</i> [LB]

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### Mass on ... Sunday-ish

As you know, our obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains suspended.

If you wish and feel ready to come to Mass, you are welcome to do so whenever and wherever it is celebrated publicly. I hope this will spread our parishioners across the week, rather than concentrate you all on Sunday.

To encourage this, at the Saturday 10.00am Mass in SSMM and for the time being, we'll be using the scripture readings and prayers for the Sunday.

### Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes ... now underway, virtually

The programme for our diocesan pilgrimage, 24 July - 1 August, is being replicated on-line this year, with Mass and devotions being live-streamed from around the diocese.

The details of the programme are on our parish website, and you can visit: [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk)

### An update on our on-line cemetery records

For over a year we have been documenting our cemetery plots with the intention of making their details available on our website.

All burial plots have now been documented and are viewable by clicking the Cemetery menu option from our Home page. This will display an aerial view of our church and cemetery from where any one of seven documents may be clicked to open up the details of the associated burial plots.

There are three documents that detail the plots of the *old* cemetery (containing Fr Hickey's Monument), a further three detailing the plots in the *new* cemetery, and one document that details the plots of the Infant graves.

Please read the narrative on the aerial view page, to understand how each plot is documented. An index to all the burial plots is also available from this page. These documents will be maintained to reflect the burials that take place. Please notify the parish office of any anomalies you find.

### Faith & Justice newsletter

The latest edition of the newsletter from our diocesan Faith & Justice Commission can be downloaded at: <https://tinyurl.com/yaryctc5>.

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

## Filing cabinet?

Free to a good home – actually, free to anywhere – a five-drawer, 5 foot metal filing cabinet. You will be doing Fr Geoffrey a favour.

## Musings from my hermitage ... Fr Geoffrey

“Have you understood all this? ‘Yes’, they said.”

What’s our response, I wonder? Have we understood “all this” — our Lord’s intriguing parables about the kingdom of heaven?

St Matthew uses these parables to address the puzzle his own community faced: why do some people accept the gospel and others not? We might feel not much has changed. Yet the parables speak of patience and tolerance: it is for God to judge, and for God to choose the time.

So. Have we understood “all this”?

I’m inclined to be more cautious than the disciples. Saying ‘yes’ to Jesus has consequences. “Have you understood all this?” Oh yes. “Right then: what difference is it making to you?”

With our Lord’s parables, there’s always this personal challenge. What quality of ‘earth’ does my life provide for the seed that is the word of God? Am I leavened all through with the transforming yeast of God’s kingdom?

We can puzzle away about the decline of church membership in our country. And yes, we need a robust vision for our parishes and our diocese. But the temptation — for me at least — is to plough my energies into the challenge “out there,” and neglect the one thing — the *one* thing — that I can do something about: my own response to the kingdom; my daily, ordinary, and faithful living out of my response to Jesus.

The challenge and the struggle “out there” is truly important. But our response to it must be grounded “in here”, in my heart, in my life.

What is God’s purpose for me, for us, our parishes?

Oh, for the wisdom of Solomon! But notice what Solomon actually requested: “Give your servant an understanding mind to govern your people.” Solomon prayed for the gift he needed to fulfil the task God had entrusted to him.

Let that be our prayer. Pray for the gifts we need the better to serve God; God who has shown us “great and steadfast love,” who has blessed us with the unsurpassed worth of knowing Jesus.

## Garstang Parish Draw

Due to the Covid-19 lockdown we suspended the monthly draws from March. As things are starting to assume the ‘new normal’ we are going to restart the draw from August. We will start to make two draws each month on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month starting in August until we are up to date with the monthly draws, then revert back to one monthly draw each month (with the additional Christmas draw). If you have any queries or questions, please give Trish & Kev O’Hanlon a call on 01995-604292.

We will ensure we are adhering to the social distance guidelines during the draws and delivery of winnings.

## Red Mission boxes

At this time of the pandemic the missions need our help more than ever. It is not possible to empty mission boxes but if you would like to donate your money you can, by either sending a cheque made payable to *Missio – Mill Hill*, and posting to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU, by text to REDBOX 5 to give £5 or REDBOX 10 to give £10, by phone on 020 7821 9755 or by bank transfer Account name *Missio*, Sort Code 16-00-16, Account Number 10824230, Ref. RB + your postcode. Thank you.

## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Rita Moreland, Pat Hickey, Canon Frank Cookson (retired priest of the diocese).

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Jean Andrews, Roger Bevins, Joyce Bilsborrow, Vin Cahill, Paul Cain, Eileen Cartner, John Cookson, Martina Copple, Bob Cross, Simon Crossley, Dorothy Evans, Louise Gornall, Michael Hendry, Peter Holland, Jessica Holmes & Phoebe, Kevin Horan, Janet Howarth, Keith Jones, Mavis Lee, Nigel Lord, Graham Markham (Australia), Seamus Martin, Ian Moran, Pat Nickson, Caroline Nurse, Matthew Pearson, Margaret Pendleton, Sarah Preston, Francisca Rainford, Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Wendy Seed, Revd Andrew Shaw, a Sick Parishioner, Teresa Smith, Tony Smith, Colin & Marie Swarbrick, Alice Towers, Austin Walmsley, Andrew Whipp, Ann Wicks, Louise Williams, Mary Winstanley, Ewan, Kathryn, Lucy & family.

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** Bill Williams, William Billington, Robert Bilsborrow, Thomas Davis, Benjamin Gelit, Fred Oxby, Ronnie Johnson, Elizabeth Wardle, Teresa Tully, Margaret Dickinson, Helen Mary Beale, Beatrice Horn, Robert Berry and Margaret Hine.