

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 July 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Sheila Murphy <i>anniversary</i>
		12.15pm	Baptism	Emily Flesher
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Peter Houghton <i>lately dead</i>
Mon.....				St Joachim and St Anne <i>parents of the Virgin Mary</i>
	S	10.00am	Mass	Almond & Sweeney families <i>RIP</i>
Tue		---	Mass	
Wed	G	6.30pm	Mass	John Cadden <i>RIP [NW]</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu.....				St Martha <i>disciple of the Lord</i>
	S	10.00am	Mass	Cathie Davidson <i>lately dead [G.MCL]</i>
Fri		---	Mass	Canon Michael McCoy <i>RIP [JBW]</i>
Sat.....				St Ignatius of Loyola <i>priest, religious founder</i>
	G	10.00am	Mass	Carmel Hayden <i>RIP [JD]</i>
	G	12.15pm	Baptism	Frederick Dobson

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Intentions of Frank & Betty Carter <i>In thanksgiving [PC]</i>

Covid restrictions

Our Bishops' Conference has issued revised guidelines and directives: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/05/CBCEW-COVID-Step-4-Guidance-150721b.pdf>, and Bishop Paul has given some guidance for our own diocese.

I've been through these with the Health & Safety leads for our two parishes and this is what we propose from Wednesday 28 July:

Hand sanitiser. We will continue our present practice.

Face coverings. Our bishops ask that all those coming into church continue to wear a face covering unless exempt; we owe it to others to be prudent.

Track & trace QR code or paper slip. Our bishops ask that we continue this.

Toilets. Our toilets are once again in use.

Seating. We will continue only to use every other row, but with some small adjustment. *At Garstang*, on the side aisle we'll remove the tape from the benches that block off a seat. *At Scorton*, we'll remove the tape running down the middle of the long benches in the centre aisle. This will allow couples a little more space and enable families to use these benches.

Please continue to respect people's personal space, and do not crowd.

Communion. We will continue our present practice.

Congregational singing. This is now permitted but, as Bishop Paul points out, singing hymns while wearing a face covering is not really feasible. From Wednesday 28, you are invited to join me in singing the Alleluias before the gospel, and the Great Amen to conclude the eucharistic prayer.

Friday Mass. Beginning on 6 August, the Feast of the Transfiguration, there will be a public celebration of Mass at Garstang, Fridays, 10.00am.

Readers at Scorton. I'd like to resume having Readers at Scorton, on Sundays and weekdays. If you're willing to take a turn, please let me know.

Stewards. Heartfelt thanks to our stewards in both churches, whose service has enabled us to open our churches for public Mass. We will continue to have stewards, not least as a welcoming presence as we enter church.

More stewards would be very helpful. If you're willing to take a turn, for Garstang contact Frank Miller, for Scorton contact Kevin Morley.

Thank you everyone, for your understanding and good will over these past challenging sixteen months. Fr Geoffrey

Chivuna – *appeal for help*

Sr Mutinta 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.

The parish will transfer £5,000 to the clinic. If anyone would like to make a donation, please write a cheque payable to "Ss Mary & Michael Parish Garstang – Friends of Chivuna Account."

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/>

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>.

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. You'll be helping people around the world who are suffering because of the climate crisis, the pandemic and poverty.

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>

Garstang parish draw – *winners*

Congratulations go to Carol & Steve Taylor and Margaret & John Walmsley for being our April winners.

Congratulations go to Bill Bateson and Joan Woodhead for being our July winners.

If you would like an opportunity to join this year's draw and support our church contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the church. Each number cost £20 per year (you can have more than one number) and each month we draw two numbers: 1st Prize £80, 2nd Prize £30 and an extra Christmas draw in December which pays out 1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize £35.

All profits made each year are donated back to our Parish.

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/>

Please pray for ...

Those being baptised. Emily Flesher, Frederick Dobson.

Those who have died recently. Tom Rigby, Mary Cowburn, Brian Cady, Colin Richmond.

Those who are ill or infirm. Monica Sanderson, 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. Bill Williams, William Billington, Robert Bilsborrow, Thomas Davis, Benjamin Gelit, Joan Anne Baines (1st anniversary), Fred Oxby, Ronnie Johnson, Elizabeth Wardle, Teresa Tully, Margaret Dickinson, Helen Mary Beale and Beatrice Horn.