

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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The Transfiguration of the Lord

(Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

6 August 2023

Sat	5	G	6.00pm	Mass	Agnes Gallagher <i>RIP</i>
Sun	6	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Matthew Pearson <i>anniversary</i>
			12.15pm	Baptism	George Cothliff
Mon	7	Ss Edmund Arrowsmith, Ambrose Barlow, & companions <i>Lancaster martyrs</i>			
		S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Tue	8	--			
Wed	9	ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (Edith Stein) <i>virgin, martyr, a patron of Europe</i>			
		G	6.30pm	Mass	Ella Richmond <i>RIP</i>
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	10	ST LAWRENCE <i>deacon, martyr</i>			
		S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [J]
Fri	11	St Clare <i>virgin, religious founder</i>			
		G	10.00am	Mass	Ball Family (Nateby) <i>RIP</i>
			10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat	12	G	12.15pm	Baptism	Max Sharples

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 12 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Terry Murphy *anniversary*

Sun 13 **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Fr Joe Duggan SJ *RIP* [D'A.R.]

12 noon **Blessing of Headstone** : **Celia Hume**

This weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection this weekend, **5-6 August**, in both our parishes to support the work of our parish St Vincent de Paul society.

John Bolton RIP

Helen Bisby writes: "This summer, in memory of my dad, John Bolton, and to raise vital funds for St John's Hospice, Lancaster, I am walking the perimeter of Morecambe Bay, from Fleetwood to Barrow,** with a couple of cross-bay walks thrown in for good measure!

"The hospice at home team were a great support to dad and our family, and I know many of our fellow parishioners have benefitted from the care and compassion that the hospice provides.

"If you would like to help their work by sponsoring me, I would be extremely grateful. My sponsorship page can found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/helen-bisby-1685548647547>

"Alternatively, please see me or Vee. Many thanks for your support."

** I think Helen means Walney Island. Ed.

Memories of a visit to Chivuna

On display in the Plessington Chapel is an album of photographs and memories of a visit to Chivuna in 2007 by our late parishioner, Jean Andrews.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The catechists who support children's Liturgy of the Word are taking a break over the summer. The next children's liturgy will be on **Sunday 10 September**, then 1 October, 5 November, and 3 December.

An appeal for more catechists to support this ministry will be made in the autumn. Thank you to all the children and their families who have contributed to their Liturgy of the Word, and enjoy the summer.

Things I wish I knew

A new podcast launched by the Jesuits in Britain, *Things I Wish I Knew*, explores issues of faith and decision making, through conversation and storytelling. The podcast is part of *Thinking Faith*, the online journal from the Jesuits in Britain.

It can sometimes be hard to see God at work, or to feel God's presence, particularly in the midst of what can turn out to be a life-changing situation. What if you looked back at an experience, however it turned out, and really tried to see where God was at work? Would it have changed anything if you could see that at the time? Does it change how you think about things now? Each episode of *Things I Wish I Knew* asks those very questions. In often frank and revealing conversations, host Julia Corcoran accompanies a series of guests through major turning points in their lives, asking them what they wished they had known before they went through a formative experience - such as bereavements, career changes, family shake-ups and many more. In finding points of connection with their stories, you can benefit from their reflections on events that transformed them, which might prompt a change in you, too.

The podcast is inspired by the 16th century soldier-turned-saint, Ignatius of Loyola - founder of the Jesuit religious order. He was committed to the idea of finding God in all things - in every sadness and joy, problem, and opportunity. He challenges us to see that God is at work in our lives in every situation.

The first episodes explore: grief at the loss of a parent; the story of someone who was donor-conceived; and the journey of an actor who swapped treading the boards for life in a religious order. Listen to them on Apple Podcasts and on Spotify, and subscribe to hear each new episode as it comes out every week. *Thinking Faith*: www.thinkingfaith.org/

Diocesan pilgrimage to Cleator

The annual pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 10 September**. Mass & Blessing of the Sick, 3.00pm. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul.

The theme this year is *Our Lady, star of the Sea, Guide of the Wanderer here below*. Tea & coffee will be provided; people are welcome to bring a packed lunch. Further details: 01946-810324; stmandstj@gmail.com.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations to Darnar Davis and Alison Dodd for being our July winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Diocesan Directory 2024

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, £7.00; standard, £6.00.

Deadline for orders: Friday 25 August, noon.

Paid telephone staff wanted

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is looking for paid temporary & part-time telephone staff at their Preston Office, Lockside Office Park. Contact ellabear@spuc.org.uk or 07714-992274.

School governors : can you help?

Our diocese needs School Governors, to serve our children, to serve our schools, to serve the mission of the Church. Can you help?

For more information: hew@lancastercdioocese.org.uk, 01228-841190.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Fr John Dobson (retired priest of the diocese), Mary Williamson (former head at Ss Mary & Michael's).

Those who are ill or infirm. Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Carley Cowburn, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. James Rossall, Catherine Elder, Stephen Edmondson, Helen Beale, Bert Maddock, Mary Spencer, Gerald James Derbyshire, James Greenall, Elizabeth Keefe, John Cross, Geoffrey Smith, Terry Murphy, Gerald Rawlinson and Jack Pinnington.