

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 August 2024

Sat	3	G	6.00pm	Mass	Diane Pattinson <i>RIP-birthday</i> & Neal Walmsley <i>RIP</i>
Sun	4	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Matthew Pearson <i>4th anniversary</i>
Mon	5	S	10.00am	Mass	Bob Finlayson <i>RIP</i>
Tue	6	--			
Wed	7				Ss Edmund Arrowsmith, Ambrose Barlow, & companions <i>Lancaster martyrs</i>
		G	6.30pm	Mass	Sr Elizabeth Cahill <i>lately dead</i>
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	8				St Dominic <i>priest, religious founder</i>
		S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Fri	9				ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (Edith Stein) <i>religious, martyr, a patron of Europe</i>
		G	10.00am	Mass	Martha & John Bashall <i>RIP</i> [HF]
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time					
Sat	10	G	6.00pm	Mass	Terry Murphy <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	11	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Josh Hardman <i>lately dead</i> & his family [BP]

This weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection this weekend, **3-4 August**, in both our churches to support the work of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul society.

Hummingbirds and the Parish Centre, Castle Lane

You may have heard of possible changes at *Hummingbirds*. These have now been finalised.

It became clear a while ago that the Parish Centre was in need of major repairs and refurbishment, as well as more income to make it viable. After months of negotiation, we are pleased to announce that *Evergreen Futures Ltd* is to take on the lease of the Centre and also take over the ownership of *Hummingbirds*. We are delighted that the current staff are to remain with the nursery and continue the good work they have been doing.

Evergreen already runs two very successful nurseries in Fulwood, one at Ladywell in diocesan premises. They have the expertise and experience to develop the nursery which our management committee doesn't have. So from September the nursery will be called *Evergreen Early Years – Garstang*.

On behalf of the management committee, I would like to thank all our parishioners who have supported us over the last 30 years to build from scratch a very successful and popular nursery, a venture we should all be proud of! *Frank Miller*

Fr G adds: On behalf of parishioners and the wider community, I thank all those who have generously served on the Management Committee over the years, helped with fund-raising, decorating, and all the rest. In particular, and very specially, I would like to thank Frank Miller personally for leading the Management Committee over the last few challenging years, and through the negotiations with the diocese and with *Evergreen*. I am very grateful.

Participants needed for early diagnosis of diseases and cancers

Researchers from UCLan are calling for members of the public to help with a ground-breaking project investigating early detection of cancers and diseases. Participants need to be males aged between 40 and 65 years old. They will be asked to complete a short questionnaire and provide blood and urine samples. Testing will be carried out at UCLan on **16-17 September**. If you wish to participate, please fill in the questionnaire: <https://redcap.link>, or email FCDR@uclan.ac.uk.

Book-keeper for Scorton parish : can you help?

After eight years, our book-keeper for Scorton parish, Barry Fitzgibbon, will retire at the end of the current financial year, April 2025, and we're looking for someone to replace him.

Barry says: "The work takes up a few hours a week and requires basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel, printer scanning, and computer filing. If not, then very easy to learn. Accounting procedures include bill paying with the banking app, and recording income and expense details in the Parish spreadsheet which automatically produces end of year accounts with each entry. Scorton accounts are paperless."

If you'd like to know more, please contact Barry directly, or through the parish office. Thank you, Fr G.

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 8 September**. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul.

The theme is *Our Lady, Guide of the Wanderer*. So many in our world are on the move seeking safety, peace, economic security. So many in our world are wandering and rootless in their moral and religious lives. We seek the intercession of Our Lady who gave us Jesus: the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Tea and coffee will be provided; you are welcome to take a packed lunch.

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The diocesan pilgrimage to St Mary's Fernyhalgh & Ladyewell shrine will be on **Saturday 21 September**, 11.00am, led by Bishop Paul.

Apartment for rent in Scorton presbytery

The upper floor of the presbytery in Scorton has now been converted into a three-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment, and is available for rent:

<https://preview.mypropertyloop.com/agent?id=29948&hash=829140328&type=2>

Aid to the Church in Need : many thanks ...

... from our speaker, Rachel Buckley, for our welcome and support of the work of ACN across the world. People in our parishes donated **£839.23**, for which she is very grateful.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Fiona Brooks and Charlie Price for being our July winners. We would like to thank all our winners who have kindly donated their winnings back to the Parish.

If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Parish Coffee Morning

Thank you to all those who attended the recent Coffee Morning and for your continuing generosity. As a result, £107 was donated to Dementia UK.

There will be NO Coffee Morning in August. However, never fear, it will be back on **Wednesday 18 September**, 10.00am-12 noon, when we will raise funds for a Toybox project which helps street children in developing countries.

Meanwhile, we wish everyone a peaceful, pleasant summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

Best wishes and thank you for your support over the past year.

The Coffee Morning Team.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Sr Elizabeth Cahill (sister of Vin), Joan Dean, Alice Oxby-Wood, Eddie Smith.

Those who are ill or infirm. Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, 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 Booth, James Birchall, James Rossall, Catherine Elder, Stephen Edmondson, Helen Beale, Bert Maddock, Mary Spencer, Gerald James Derbyshire, James Greenall and Elizabeth Keefe.