Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 August 2025

Sat	9	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Terry Murphy *anniversary*
Sun	10	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Deacon D'Arcy Ryan *lately dead* [MC.C]
Mon	11	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Anthony Korris *lately dead*
Tue	12	---			
Wed	13	**G**	6.30pm	**Mass**	Deacon D'Arcy Ryan *lately dead* [EH]
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	14	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families *RIP*

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven

Holyday of Obligation

Thu	14	**G**	6.30 pm	**Mass**	Bob Tomlinson *lately dead* [JT]
Fri	15	**S**	1o.00am	**Mass**	Anne Gelderd *RIP*

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	16	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Intentions of Bea & Keith Robertson *50th wedding anniversary*
Sun	17	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	John Bolton *RIP*

Building work at our school

Beginning on **Monday 11 August**, our school is having the final roofing work carried out, and the builders will be using the section of our car park alongside the Old Cemetery for their cabin and plant.

Also, a safeguarding fence is being erected around the playground, but the gates will still be open during weekends so that parishioners are able to park.

Parish coffee morning

At the last event **£127** was donated to MSF (Medecins Sans Frontieres). Thank you all for your generosity, with special thanks to the ladies who bake the delicious cakes we all enjoy.

The next coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday, 13 August,** 10.00am - 12 noon, Plessington Chapel, Garstang. This is a week earlier than normal to accommodate staff leave! We will raise funds for a very local charity: Croston House/Cancer Care. We very much look forward to seeing you there. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

Diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady, Cleator

This year's 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.

Sponsored climb up Croagh Patrick

Our parishioner, Shiron Renaghan, is seeking sponsorship for a climb up Croagh Patrick, **12 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.**

Martyr-Saints of the North-West

The Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, is offering a weekend of study on some of the Reformation-era martyrs of the North-West, **12–14 September**.

Part-retreat, part-biographical, the weekend will be led by Mgr John Allen of Salford Diocese, who has recently published a history of the diocese with a foreword by Eamon Duffy.

Posters are at the back of church. For more information and to book: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/

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**. Fr G

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 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

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Trish Cowell and Evelyn Steel 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.

Monthly parish collections : June

Collections for June: **Garstang**, £2,251.71, plus £2,170.00 Standing Orders; **Scorton**, £381.41, plus £677.67 Standing Orders. *Thank you*.

CAFOD : thank you …

… for contributions received through the cardboard collection boxes at the back of Church. Going forward, once counted and submitted to CAFOD, a note of the amount and (if known) initials of donor will be added to the list on the noticeboard by the church door.

Ways into prayer

Here's an initiative from the Diocese of Southwark:

https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Marilyn Gregory (friend of Eileen Davies), Bob Tomlinson.

Those who are ill or infirm. Mary Evans, Pat & Harold Jepson, Celia & Bert Lowe, Gerry & Rita Marley, Liz Boden, 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. Bert Maddock, Mary Spencer, Gerald James Derbyshire, James Greenall, Elizabeth Keefe, John Cross, Geoffrey Smith, Terry Murphy, Adrian Darbyshire, Gerard Rawlinson, Jack Pinnington, Frances & Gerard Wearden, Joan Swarbrick, Ethel Davis, Thomas Jennings, Mary Jean Rossall, Elizabeth Wignall, Bernard Cummins, Jane Billington, Francis Purkis, Gladys Mary Stanley, Margaret Gelderd, Margaret Hogg, Jack Carr, and Freda Gidlow.