

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

15 August 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Terry Murphy <i>10th anniversary</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	Betty Gornall <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
Mon	S	10.00am	Mass	Mark Yates <i>poorly</i> [MC]
Tue		---	Mass	Moira Doyle <i>RIP</i> [ES]
Wed	G	6.30pm	Mass	Janet Pearson <i>RIP</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of the SVP [PC]
Fri.....				St Bernard <i>abbot, doctor of the Church</i>
	G	10.00am	Mass	Fr David Elder <i>2nd anniversary</i> [LB]
		10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat.....				St Pius X <i>pope</i>
	G	10.00am	Mass	Helen Dowley <i>RIP</i> [MC]

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Lowe and Fitzpatrick families <i>RIP</i>

Reception into Full Communion

This Sunday, 15 August, at the 10.30am Mass, **Mark Brackley** and **Peter McEvitt** will be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Please keep Mark and Peter and their sponsors in your prayers.

Sunday – *it is our day*

The Bishops' Conference recently issued a statement on the central importance of celebrating Sunday, The Lord's Day. Many thanks to everyone for your reflections and comments regarding the time of our Saturday Mass.

Beginning on 4 September, our Mass on Saturday will be at 6.00pm, as the Vigil Mass for Sunday.

We're still in need of additional Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion and stewards / welcomers at Garstang, to help share the load. If you're willing to take a turn, please let me know. *Fr Geoffrey*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After 10.00am Mass on Fridays at Garstang, I will be available in church until 11.00am to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For the time being we will celebrate the Sacrament in the Lady Chapel, which has good ventilation. You are welcome to kneel at the altar rail where you will see the screen, or enter the chapel to sit; the chairs will be a suitable distance apart.

If you see that someone is already making their Confession, please remain towards the back of the church until they have finished. *Fr Geoffrey*

Organ recital at St Walburge's

As part of the concerted fundraising efforts towards the costs of restoring the iconic St Walburge's Church, Preston, an organ recital will be held in the church, **Saturday 21 August**, 6.30-8.30pm.

The programme will be a colourful collection of baroque and early classical works from Germany and Austria, featuring legendary composers, Johann Sebastian Bach and Joseph Haydn. The recital will be by accomplished organist, Sean Maxwell, an American currently based in Austria.

Further information, including ticket prices, online purchase of tickets, etc., can be found at: <http://www.goldengiving.com/e/sw-organ-recital-2021>

Mary's Meals

Until 31 August, new regular donors to this excellent charity will have their first three donations tripled, thanks to a group of generous supporters. Details are on the charity's homepage: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Bequest : Scorton

Recently Ss Mary & James received a bequest of £10,000 from Sarah A Davies. Please pray for Sarah in grateful acknowledgment.

From her godson, Chris Acton: "Auntie Sarah lived in Manor Road, Cabus, and was involved with the *Cabus Players* for quite a long time. I remember she was very generous. She was a nice lady with a bubbly personality."

From Wendy Carmichael: "I remembered that Sarah was also in the Scorton dramatics group many years ago. She was a parishioner at Ss Mary & James about seventy years ago and sang in the choir. She then lived at Woodacre railway crossing cottage; her father worked on the railway at that time. She sometimes went into the Art Centre for coffee."

Bequests. When preparing or revising your will, please remember your parish. In this way, just as we benefit from the generosity of those who have gone before us, so those who follow after us will benefit from our generosity to them.

Musings from my hermitage

The feast of the Assumption began in Jerusalem, sometime before the fifth century. It was called the "Falling Asleep of the Mother of God," the "Dormition"; and that's how it's called still by Christians of the Eastern traditions. The feast focused on Mary's death as her sharing in Christ's victory over death, the paschal mystery. Later reflection made Mary's entrance into God's kingdom explicit; images were drawn from the Bible to point to Mary being "lifted up" into heaven. It was in Rome, during the eighth century, that the feast became known as "the Assumption."

We celebrate Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world to the glory of her risen Son: and that's the destiny of all who model themselves on Christ. When we look to the fullness of God's gift, to the vision God sees for all who believe in Jesus, there is Mary — with Christ now in the glory of heaven. Mary said 'yes' to God out of love, and in a spirit of service. Pope Paul VI called her "the first and most perfect of Christ's disciples". Mary's discipleship is the pattern for our own. "Pray for us sinners now, and"

Diocesan pilgrimage to Cleator

Our Lady, Help of the Sick, Pray for us. Sunday 12 September, Mass & Blessing of the Sick, 3.00pm; principal celebrant & preacher: Bishop Paul.

"Everyone is invited who feels safe to come along. Our hope is that the weather will allow us to celebrate mass outside. And we expect that infection levels etc will not cause us to cancel the Pilgrimage. But if we feel constrained to do so, for whatever reason, we will give as much notice as possible." Fr Paul Johnstone, parish priest.

For further details: St Mary's Priory, Cleator CA23 3AB; 01946-810324; stmandstj@gmail.com.

Austin Walmsley RIP

Garstang parish gratefully acknowledges donations of £270, given in memory of Austin. May he and Margaret rest together in peace.

We will use the donations to help repair the historic cemetery wall.

Diocesan Directory 2022

To order a copy of next year's diocesan directory: for *Scorton*, please contact Catherine Pickering; for *Garstang*, please e-mail the parish office, or phone and leave a message. Please specify which edition: ring-bound, £5.25; standard, £4.50. *Deadline for orders: Friday 27 August, noon.*

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Paul Harrison (cousin of Anne Cahill), JoAnn Casey (cousin of Martina Copple), Tom Rigby, Mary Cowburn.

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. Thomas Jennings, Elizabeth Wignall, Bernard Cummins, Jane Billington, Francis Purkis, Gladys Mary Stanley, Margaret Gelderd, Margaret Hogg, Jack Carr, Mary Bate, Agnes Pyke, William Hall, Jeanette Mears, Sean Jepson, Rev Father David J Elder, Les Lunn and Dorothy Richardson.