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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 August 2025

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*
Mon	18	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Infirm clergy
Tue	19	---			
Wed	**20**	**St Bernard** *abbot, doctor of the Church*			
		G	6.30pm	**Mass**	Fr David Elder *anniversary*
			7.00pm	**Rosary**	*in our homes*
Thu	**21**	**St Pius X** *pope*			
		S	10.00am	**Mass**	Marilyn Gregory *lately dead* [ED]
Fri	**22**	**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**			
		G	10.00am	**Mass**	Intentions of Evelyn Steel *birthday*
			10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	23	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	People of our parishes
Sun	24	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	Anne Devince *RIP* [DR]
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Intentions of the Ryan Family

From our Rome correspondent

Will Metcalf writes: “Last week I had the great joy and privilege of attending the recent Jubilee of Youth in Rome. It was truly breathtaking to be a part of one million young people of different cultures and nationalities, joining together to celebrate our faith.

“At the vigil on Saturday evening, Pope Leo XIV answered a series of questions before leading in Eucharistic Adoration.

“On Sunday Pope Leo XIV celebrated mass, delivering this message in his homily, ‘*We feel a great and burning thirst, so great that no drink of this world can quench it. Faced with this thirst, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to quench it with ineffective substitutes! Let us listen to it, instead! Let us make it a stool on which we can climb, so that we can look out, like children, on tiptoe, at the window of our encounter with God. We will find ourselves before Him, who awaits us, or rather, who knocks gently on the window of our soul (cf. Rev 3:20).*’ ”

If you would like to read more about Pope Leo’s message:

Pope Leo’s message to young people at Tor Vergata: “Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are”

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 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.

Monthly parish collections : July

Collections for June: **Garstang**, £1,378.18, plus £2,142.00 Standing Orders; **Scorton**, £228.70, plus £677.67 Standing Orders. *Thank you*.

From our Midlands correspondent

Marie Pearson writes: "The first ever *WeBelieve* festival was held in the beautiful grounds at Oscott College, providing a great space amongst a traditional setting, for a festival of Catholic Life and Faith.

"It brought together every aspect of the Church, aiming to enrich our 'ever ancient, ever new' faith in Jesus, in this Jubilee Year of Hope. There was a wonderful family feel with many young families present, being able to enjoy space made especially for youngsters along with religious, clergy and lay faithful. There was a breadth of speakers on a wide range of topics on all aspects of Catholic life and even a priest doing stand-up comedy. There was plenty of time for prayer, adoration, social interaction, and enormous gatherings to celebrate Mass together.

"Many people camped on site giving it a truly festival feel and enabling friendships in faith to form and grow, even if sleep was somewhat lacking. If this event be repeated in the future, it is well worth considering going."

See EWTN: https://ewtn.co.uk/article-we-believe-festival-a-sign-of-hope/

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.**

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 to book: Charlie Conner, 07895-742732 or charlie.conner@lrdc.org.uk

Parish Coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who supported this month's event which raised **£100** for Cancer Help/Croston House. We return to our 'usual' Wednesday next month when the Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday **17 September,** 10.00am - 12 noon. We will be taking part in the national appeal to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Do come along, if you're free. These mornings are good ways to catch up with friends, drink tea/coffee and eat cake! What's not to like? Hope to see you there. *Coffee Morning Team.*

Building work at our school

Our school is having the final roofing work carried out, and the builders are 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.

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.

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Marilyn Gregory, 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. Jane Billington, Francis Purkis, Gladys Mary Stanley, Margaret Gelderd, Margaret Hogg, Jack Carr, Freda Gidlow, Mary Bate, Roger Edward Joseph Bevins, Agnes Pyke, William Hall, Jeanette Mears, Sean Jepson, Fr David J Elder, Les Lunn, Dorothy Richardson, Michael O'Neill, Robert Woodruff, Dennis Wilkes, Lilian Barnes, Angela Isles, Michele Flynn, and Maria Bowker.