

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 August 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Helen Dowley <i>RIP</i> [MC]
		12.15pm	Baptism	Maisey, Ann Marie & Jaxx Fowler
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Lowe & Fitzpatrick families <i>RIP</i>
		11.45am	Baptism	Gene Varlet
Mon	S	10.00am	Mass	Caroline Rigby <i>poorly</i> [TC]
Tue		---	Mass	Sheila Traynor <i>lately dead</i> [ES]
Wed	G	6.30pm	Mass	Intentions of MH
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	S	10.00am	Mass	Ethel Davis <i>lately dead</i> [AH]
Fri	G	10.00am	Burial of Ashes : Mary Cowburn	
		11.00am	Mass	Anthony Finnerty <i>RIP</i> [NW]
		11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Langley family <i>RIP</i> [V]

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	John Cadden <i>RIP</i>

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*

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/>

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.

Chivuna update

"Greetings Fr Geoffrey, I hope and trust that you are doing well. We are well and the cases of COVID are reducing though people are still reluctant to get vaccinated.

"We are very grateful for the donation. The money has been received. We will ensure that the money is used for the intended purpose and will send receipts at the end of the expenditure and a comprehensive report at the end of the year.

"Blessing to you and all in Garstang. *Sr Mutinta*"

CAFOD : responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm.

In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Musings from my hermitage

In chapter six of John's gospel, Jesus has been revealing who he is, why he came into the world. Yet his words and actions, his very presence, haven't been enough: people mis-understood. And, when they did understand, they were scandalised: "This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?" Many gave up on Jesus: not just anonymous folk in the crowd, but many of his disciples.

Jesus spoke of himself as the bread come down from heaven; the One sent by God. What people found intolerable was the claim of this human being to be the revelation of God. But some accepted his claim: the Twelve; and this part of the gospel concludes with St Peter's confession of faith.

Throughout the gospel, we find decisive moments like this, where people accept Jesus as the life-giving revelation of God. And, for these people, the decision changed their lives. Peter confessed faith in Jesus as the Holy One of God, and that his words give eternal life. These words endure; they're alive, active, and they challenge us, each day, with a choice. Jesus is the Holy One of God. Yes? or No? And, if yes, what difference do I allow him to make to me? How is he calling me to grow, to change, to be?

Jesus' words give life because in his words reside spirit and truth; in his words we find God's vision of things, God's vision for us. Spirit and truth: the very energy of God, to be lived.

Cafod matters

If you're interested in becoming a Cafod volunteer, or are interested in supporting Cafod generally, there are online sessions in **September** which can be booked via our local Cafod office: lancaster@cafod.org.uk ; or Patrick, 07920-565454, or Emma, 07769-931373.

The meeting dates will be on Zoom and last an hour: Wed 1 Sept, 7.00pm, Thu 2, 2.00pm, Sat 4, 10.00am, Wed 8, 7.00pm, Thu 9 Sept, 7.00pm.

Boarbank : Laudato si

An opportunity to join one of the next ZOOM meetings, **3-6 September & 15-18 October**, led by Sr Margaret Atkins. More information here: <http://www.boarbankhall.org.uk/index.php/whats-on/called-to-work/285-living-laudato-si-your-parish-and-your-planet>

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 being baptised: Maisey, Ann Marie & Jaxx Fowler; Gene Varlet.

Those who have died recently. Roger Bevins, Freda Gidlow, Mary Jean Rossall, Ethel Davis (mother of Annette Higham), Paul Harrison, JoAnn Casey.

Those who are ill or infirm. Bill Hollis, Caroline Rigby (niece of Theresa Cole), Monica Sanderson, Josie Higham, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Phyllis Steel, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, 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. Michael O'Neill, Robert Woodruff, Dennis Wilkes, Lilian Barnes, Maria Bowker, Robert Horn, Wilfred Garstang, John N Bamber, Stephen Copple, George Armer, Margaret Barton, Brian Eydmann, Allan Bury, John Green, Francis Xavier Andrews, John Cahill, John Andrews, Katherine Piela, Raymond Bisby, Anne Lyford, Joe Kendall and Alan Bradley.