

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 September 2023

Sat	2	G	6.00pm	Mass	Alan Bradley <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	3	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	George Holden <i>lately dead</i> [MG]
			12.15pm	Baptism	Ada Sienna Walmsley
Mon	4				St Cuthbert <i>priest, religious, patron of the diocese</i>
		S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [J]
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Wed	6	G	6.30pm	Mass	Roger Horn <i>RIP</i> [AM.L]
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	7	S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Fri	8				THE BIRTH OF THE VIRGIN MARY
		G	10.00am	Mass with the school	<i>all welcome</i>
					Intentions of Alan Rawlinson [MB]
			10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

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Sat	9	G	6.00pm	Mass	Members & work of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre [RM]
Sun	10	S	8.30am	Mass	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	Members & work of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre [RM]

Significant anniversary

Saturday 2 September 2023, is the 300th anniversary of the death of Revd Christopher Jenkinson, priest of the Garstang & Wyresdale Mission.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Cleator

The annual pilgrimage to the diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 10 September**. Mass & Blessing of the Sick, 3.00pm. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul.

The theme this year is *Our Lady, star of the Sea, Guide of the Wanderer here below*. Tea & coffee will be provided; people are welcome to bring a packed lunch. Further details: 01946-810324; stmandstj@gmail.com.

St Mary's Pilgrims Way – sponsored walk

Two trustees of the Rwanda Group Trust, Mark and Michael, are walking the 67 miles of St Mary's Way from Lancaster Cathedral to St Mary's shrine at Cleator. They are scheduled to arrive for the diocesan pilgrimage there on **Sunday 10 September**.

They would be very grateful for sponsors as the needs are very great and funds are somewhat depleted – every penny raised goes direct to Rwanda as the charity has no overheads.

If you feel able to donate, please see our website www.rwandagrouptrust.org or telephone Michael Donlan, 07864-990941.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The catechists who support children's Liturgy of the Word are taking a break over the summer. The next children's liturgy will be on **Sunday 10 September**, then 1 October, 5 November, and 3 December.

An appeal for more catechists to support this ministry will be made. Thank you to all the children and their families who have contributed to their Liturgy of the Word, and enjoy the summer.

A synodal Church needs accountability

Join Christopher Lamb, The Tablet's Rome correspondent as he asks a panel of distinguished guests how the synod process will be able to move forward collegially on a path of accountability and responsibility. **13 September**, 5.00-6.00pm. The event is free to join; to register: www.thetablet.co.uk/events.

Lake District pilgrimage for Young Adults aged 18-35

Join us this autumn for a guided pilgrimage through the Lake District with other young adults, **14-18 September**.

As we move through this beautiful landscape, we will reflect too on our journey through life. The outer journey will take us on a walk of 36 miles over Cumbrian hills and beside lakes over three days. The inner journey will draw on the wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius to help us reflect on how we might navigate life in relationship with God.

We will follow the route of St Bega, a local Cumbrian saint who aligned her compass with the way of Christ. Cost: £290. Email Elizabeth Harrison for more information: eharrison@jesuit.org.uk.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Shelagh Cooney and Bob Dixon for being our August winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Christians attacked in Pakistan

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is asking for your help after hundreds of families lost everything in the worst act of persecution against Christians Pakistan has ever witnessed. The families from Jaranwala, near Faisalabad, narrowly escaped a mob of hundreds who attacked and torched nearly 25 churches and hundreds of homes, as well as desecrating Christian graves, Bibles, statues, and crosses. Working closely with Bishop Indrias of Faisalabad and other project partners, ACN will be sending out aid where the need is greatest. Please pray for those who suffered horrific acts of violence simply because of their Faith.

- To read more, please visit: www.acnuk.org/news/pakistan-1000-frightened-and-homeless-christians-forced-to-sleep-rough/
- To donate to ACN's work in Pakistan, please visit: www.acnuk.org/get-involved/donate/

Jumble Trail : many thanks ...

... to everyone who donated time, items, cash or paid over the odds for what they bought! Despite the afternoon being rather quiet we managed to raise £250 for Hummingbirds! *Anne and Frank Miller*

SPUC Pro-Life Evening

You are warmly invited to an information evening organised by the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* (SPUC) which will be held at the SPUC Preston Office, Unit 10, Lockside Office Park, Lockside Road, Preston PR2 2YS, **Friday 8 September**, 7.00pm.

Hear about SPUC's current campaign on coerced abortion and to find out about the wide-ranging work that SPUC is involved in to protect women and unborn children from the tragedy of abortion. It is hoped that this meeting will encourage local pro-lifers to form a new Preston SPUC Branch.

For further information, contact SPUC Northern Development Officer, Terry Graham, on 07549-068226 or terrygraham@spuc.org.uk.

Tea & coffee ...

... will be served after 10.30am Mass next Sunday, **10 September**.

Need a wheelchair?

There are two wheelchairs in the old porch at Garstang, under the tower. These are available for people to borrow on short loan. Just take one, letting the SVP have your name. SVP: 07535-736975.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Adrian Darbyshire, Joan Swarbrick, Celia Smith, Mother Elvira Petrozzi.

Those who are ill or infirm. Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Carley Cowburn, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Rita Whittaker, 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. Wilfrid Hull, Henry (Harry) Richardson, Dennis Chapman, Clare Theresa McManmon, Richard Winstanley, Carl Gerard Wilkes, James Parker, Hilda Yates, Peter Thomas Davis, Ken Shaw, Matthew Maguire, Agnes James, Malcolm Mayo, Richard Pawlowski, Ellen Elizabeth (Ella) Richmond (1st anniversary), Michael Sheridan, Nora Jacques, Dorothy Towers, Moira Adamson, Benedict Joseph Johnson, Bernard Francis Clive Burton, Robert Horn and Harvey Snaith.