

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 September 2020

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| Sun | <b>S</b> | 8.30am  | <b>Mass</b> | Bob & Agnes Thompson <i>RIP</i>                                  |
| Sun | <b>G</b> | 10.30am | <b>Mass</b> | People of our Parishes   |
| Sat | <b>G</b> | 10.00am | <b>Mass</b> | Liz & John Billington <i>40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary</i> |

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 September 2020

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| Sun | <b>S</b> | 8.30am  | <b>Mass</b> | People of our Parishes                    |
| Sun | <b>G</b> | 10.30am | <b>Mass</b> | Matthew Pearson <i>lately dead</i> [P+JL] |
| Sat | <b>G</b> | 10.00am | <b>Mass</b> | Intentions of John Skillen                |

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 September 2020

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| Sun | <b>S</b> | 8.30am  | <b>Mass</b>                            | Brian Winstanley <i>RIP</i>                                 |
| Sun | <b>G</b> | 10.30am | <b>Mass</b>                            | People of our Parishes                                      |
| Wed | <b>G</b> | 6.30pm  | <b>Mass</b>                            | Ann & John Waite <i>50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary</i> |
| Thu | <b>S</b> | 10.00am | <b>Mass</b>                            | Revd John Horn <i>RIP-birthday</i>                          |
| Fri | <b>G</b> | 1.00pm  | <b>Burial Liturgy : Clare McManmon</b> |   |
|     | <b>G</b> | ---     | <b>Mass</b>                            | Infirm clergy   |
| Sat | <b>G</b> | 10.00am | <b>Mass</b>                            | William & Ellen Greenall <i>RIP</i>                         |

### Welcome to our visiting priests

**Fr Peter Verity** will be celebrating the Masses on Sunday 13 and Saturday 19 September. Peter is Spiritual Director at the Beda college in Rome.

**Fr Ted Gannon** will be celebrating the Masses on Sunday 20, and the weekend of 26-27 September. Ted is based in Keswick, from where he exercises his ministry of spiritual direction and prayer guidance. You can read Ted's weekly reflections on his website: <https://tedgannon.com/>

### Receiving Holy Communion at Mass

If you would like to return to Mass but are unable to walk to the altar to receive Holy Communion, when you arrive at church please speak to the stewards and they will make arrangements with you.

### London Marathon comes to Garstang

On Sunday 4 October, Frank Miller will be running (or walking) 26 miles out and about locally to raise funds for *Mary's Meals*, a charity providing school meals for children in Africa.

To support Frank:

- Go online at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/FrankMiller>;
- Leave donations in an envelope in the labelled basket at the back of either church, or post through the presbytery letter box.

If you wish to add Gift Aid, please include your name and full address with postcode.

"Many thanks for your support. I suspect from all the aches and pains this may well be my last marathon." *Frank Miller.*

### Saints, scholars, and spiritual masters

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is offering a series of online talks over the next few months. Exploring some of the great figures of Western spirituality with well-known experts, the series is free to attend online. Thursdays, 7.30pm, until 10 December.

Simply register to receive a link, either online at <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/> or by email: [events@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:events@christianheritagecentre.com).

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## Mrs Cathryn Wilkinson

From Paul McCann, *Chair of Governors* at our parish primary school:

“Mrs Wilkinson has decided that her future career lies elsewhere and she will not be returning to school. I would like to thank her for all of her hard work, commitment and dedication to the school over the last 15 years.

“Despite the setbacks of the last couple of years, under her guidance and management the school has blossomed and grown and is a very different school to the one she joined. I’m sure you will all join me in wishing her every success for the future.

“When we are able to, we will invite her back to school to say goodbye properly.”

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## The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation runs each year from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi).

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationship with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

We give thanks for all that God has made, repent the damage we have caused, and commit to helping to protect the earth, our common home.

This year we have been made acutely aware of how interconnected we all are, and we come together in hope that we can rebuild and heal our world.

A beautiful presentation of a Novena to St Francis can be found on CAFOD’s website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation>.

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## A retreat for the Season of Creation

*Living Laudato Si’: Your Parish and Your Planet*, is the title of a Zoom Retreat, led from Boarbank Hall, **16-19 October**. No fee, but voluntary donations welcome. Guest speakers and lots of practical advice.

To apply, email Sr Margaret Atkins on [margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk).

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## Praying the Rosary with other parishioners

You are invited to pray the Rosary in your home, **Wednesdays**, 7.00pm, with your fellow parishioners.

If you’d like to pray with others on *Zoom*, please contact Liz Billington.

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## Stewarding at Garstang – *can you help?*

If you are coming to Mass at Ss Mary & Michael’s please consider volunteering to help with the stewarding, an essential requirement for us to be able to open the church.

Currently we have eight stewards who are on a rota covering all three masses each week. Because we aim to have three stewards at each Mass, that is a lot of commitment for each of them.

If you are able to take a turn, please contact Frank Miller. Thank you.

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Clare McManmon, Pdraig O’Donnell.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Anne Hunt, John Skillen, Joyce Bilsborrow, Alice Towers, Caroline Nurse, Jean Andrews, Keith Jones, Tony Smith, Sarah Preston, Roger Bevins, Margaret Pendleton, Janet Howarth, Austin Walmsley, Eileen Cartner, Andrew Whipp, Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Simon Crossley, Mary Winstanley, Kevin Horan, Paul Cain, Jean Dunne, Louise Williams, Teresa Smith, John Cookson, Revd Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Colin & Marie Swarbrick, Pat Nickson, Seamus Martin, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Vin Cahill, Bob Cross, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Ewan, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Ann Wicks, Jessica Holmes & Phoebe.

## Those whose anniversary we keep:

**13 - 20 September:** Julie Beatty, Teresa Swarbrick, Winnie Taylor, Michael Dias, Henry (Harry) Heyes, Mary McKeivitt, Edward Brennan, Norman Turton and William Eastham.

**20 - 27 September:** Anne Birchall, Brian Campbell, James Coyne, John Billington, Arnold Hargreaves, William (Bill) Acton, Mary Watson, Thomas Swarbrick, Doreen Cummins, Anne Lister, Barbara Barton, Eric Fishwick, Mary Agnes Edwards and William Gerard Richmond.

**27 September - 5 October:** Bernard Joseph Swarbrick, Thomas Taylor, Jack Delaney, Richard Hall Gelderd, Eleanor Woodhams, Joseph Speight, Gerard Rigby, Hannah Wheatley, Mary Gertrude Green, Francis Eastham, William Greenall, Arthur Conlong, Gerald Whittaker, John Towers, Hilda Redhead and Jenny Jackson.