

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants

10 October 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Arnold & Monica Hargreaves *RIP* [T]

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** Alice & John Towers *RIP*

G 10.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

Mon..... **St John XXIII** *pope*

S 10.00am **Mass** Revd John Horn *RIP-birthday*

S 12.30pm **Burial : Pamela Elletson** *in St Peter's churchyard*

Tue --- **Mass**

Wed..... **St Edward the Confessor** *married man, king*

G 6.30pm **Mass** Brian Winstanley *RIP*

7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*

Thu **S** 12 noon **Wedding : Louise Brown & Luke Crichton**

Fri **S** 11.00am **Funeral Mass : Bernard Gornall**

Sat **G** 12.15pm **Baptism : Ryan**

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Brenda Richardson *RIP*

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Ellen & Ken Dwerryhurst *anniversary* [sc]

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants

If you would like to make a donation to the *Prison Advice and Care Trust*, there are envelopes at the back of church, or visit www.prisonweek.org.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day : 1 October

There's a basket at the back of church for any further donations to Cafod's Harvest Appeal. Many thanks.

Finance matters

Parish accounts. If anyone would like to read an e-copy of the accounts for your respective parish, please e-mail the parish office.

National Levy: each year every parish is levied in order to support the work of the Bishops' Conference headquarters and the work of various national commissions. This year our levies are: Scorton £440.47, Garstang, £1682.90.

Gift Aid: sincere thanks to every parishioner who supports our parishes through Gift Aid. We have received from HMRC: Scorton, £2394.64, and Garstang, £8108.40.

If you are a UK tax payer, *please* complete a Gift Aid declaration for the parish. It costs you absolutely nothing. You are giving to your parish anyway; this simply asks the Government to redirect to the Church some of the tax you have paid to the Government. For every £1 you give, the Church can reclaim 25p of tax. Standing Order forms and Gift Aid declarations are available at the back of both churches; alternatively, download them for either parish from our website, or e-mail or phone the parish office.

Sincere thanks to the parishioners who give so generously of their time and talents to matters financial. Tony Blunt has now handed over Fr Hickey's abacus to Alejandra Banchemo, and we thank him for his years of faithful service. Barry Fitzgibbon balances the books at Scorton. Barbara Bracegirdle and Helena Rigby look after the Gift Aid, and Deacon D'Arcy and Catherine Pickering take care of the banking. Thank you all.

Tom Rigby RIP : many thanks

Garstang parish is very grateful to Helena and her family for donations of £450 in memory of Tom. It will be used to help repair the paths in the cemetery and the historic wall.

Boarbank : Laudato si

An opportunity to take part in ZOOM meetings, **15-18 October**, led by Sr Margaret Atkins. Speakers include Cardinal Vincent Nicolls and Bishop Paul.

More information here:

<http://www.boarbankhall.org.uk/index.php/whats-on/called-to-work/285-living-laudato-si-your-parish-and-your-planet>

Preston Orpheus Choir

An English Musical Renaissance including music by Sullivan, Parry, Stanford, Elgar, with the main piece being Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*. **Saturday 30 October**, 7.30pm, St Leonard's, Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA. Admission £10, under 18s free; just turn up and pay on door.

Home is a Feeling, Not a Place

This book has been produced by the Jesuit Refugee Service and written by some of their refugee friends. It is available to purchase at <https://www.jrsuk.net/refugeegifts>.

If you would like to support the valuable and very relevant work of JRS, other virtual gifts are available too, such as *Phone Credit for a Refugee*, *Emergency Food Parcel*, and *Post-detention Support*.

Pope Francis and synodality

According to Pope Francis, "Synodality is a style, it is walking together, and it is what the Lord expects of the Church in the third millennium." As Pope Francis says again, it is "journeying together – laity, pastors and the Bishop of Rome."

What is unique about this Synod?

When Pope Paul VI introduced the Synod, the idea was to continue the collegial experience of the Vatican Council II. Pope Francis is now taking it to a new level, decentralising the Synod with the active participation of the entire People of God in every diocese.

Bishop Paul is preparing a Pastoral Letter for us for 17-18 October. In the meantime, you might like to look at the documentation that's already online:

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Are you a Catholic working in health care?

If so, please contact Cath Morgan, Bishop Paul's healthcare advisor, on bha@lancasterrcdioocese.org.uk This is to see whether there is any interest in establishing a branch of the Catholic Medical Association in the diocese. The aim of the CMA is to meet fellow professionals and to keep updated.

Garstang parish draw

Garstang Parish Draw: Congratulations go to Helen & Tim Forshaw and Kath & Alan Armstrong for being our June winners. Congratulations go to Heather Every and Arlene Rowley for being our September winners. As of October, we are back on track with the draws and will revert back to one draw each month plus the extra Christmas draw in December. Thank you all for your understanding during these last few months. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Prayers for healing

A Jesuit website in the USA has a great collection of prayers for healing:

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/prayers-for-healing>

Please pray for ...

Those who are marrying: Louise Brown & Luke Crichton, at Scorton on 14 October.

Those who have died recently. Frank Purkis, Monica Sanderson, Edmond Lowe, Bernard Gornall.

Those who are ill or infirm. Caroline Nurse, Roger Boden, Bill Hollis, Caroline Rigby, 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: Barry Speak, Rose Ellen Shorrocks, Margaret Horn, Kathleen Barnacle, Cecily Gornall, Florence McHale, Edward Pyke, Charles MacKenzie, Robert Richmond, Bill Backhouse, Mary Constance (Connie) Acton, John Simpson, Elizabeth Peddar, Joseph Speight and John Waring.