

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Canonisation of St John Plessington

25 October 2020

Liturgies this week

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| Sat | G | 10.00am | Mass | Val Earnshaw <i>lately dead</i> [LB] |
| Sun | S | 8.30am | Mass | People of our Parishes |
| | G | 10.30am | Mass | Janet <i>RIP</i> & David Pearson <i>40th wedding anniv.</i> |
| Mon | S | 10.00am | Mass | Infirm clergy |
| Tue | | --- | | |
| Wed | | | | SS SIMON & JUDE <i>apostles</i> |
| | G | 6.30pm | Mass | Cahill & Gornall families <i>RIP</i> |
| | | 7.00pm | Rosary | <i>in our homes</i> |
| Thu | S | 10.00am | Mass | Mary & Bernard Ripley <i>anniversary</i> [TC] |
| Fri | | --- | Mass | Someone who is ill [VB] |
| Sat | G | 10.00am | Mass | Neal Walmsley <i>1st anniversary</i> |

All Saints

(Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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| Sun | S | 8.30am | Mass | Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i> |
| | G | 10.30am | Mass | People of our Parishes |

Order of Mass booklets

At the back of both churches are copies of the *Order of Mass*, giving the responses, directions, and a description of the various parts of the Mass.

You are welcome to take one, write on it your name, and keep it for your own use, in church or at home when you follow Mass on-line.

Pray the *I confess* and the *Credo* as part of your own preparation for Mass.

First Holy Communions 2020

Over the coming weeks our young parishioners are making their First Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Saturday 24 October: Julia Jesziorek, Nathaniel Billingsley.

Sunday 25 October: Grace Hogarth.

Wed 28 October: Pennie Shimmel, Connie Shimmel, William Moxham.

Sat 31 October: Olly Baxendale, Sam Nelson, Ralph Rowlandson.

Saturday 7 November: Zachary Murphy, Ava Kadir, Francesca Ramos.

Mary's Meals : a big thank you from Frank Miller

"Just to let everyone know, I managed to raise £2281.55; made up to £2652.03 including Gift Aid. A big thank you. I did very much appreciate the support and good wishes from everyone." *Frank*

Castle Lane Community Centre

The Community Centre is a charitable body in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lancaster. It has operated under a Scheme authorised and approved by The Charity Commission for England and Wales on 11 August 2008. The Scheme outlines how the Charity is governed.

We now need to provide a transparent system of how the Charity is run, governed and organised at a parish level and therefore we are seeking an individual who can assist in this.

The Parish is willing to provide any reasonable help and assistance that may be required. It would also be beneficial to the parish if the individual was able to sit on Garstang parish's Finance and Property Committee.

Please let me know if you can help, are interested, or require any further information. Thank you, *Fr Geoffrey*.

Data protection compliance

We still require someone to ensure that all the data collected and held by the Parish complies with current legal and diocesan requirements.

We envisage that initially the person would review all systems and procedures regarding Parish data to note where compliance is adequate and where it is not; then to suggest ways of strengthening any weak systems.

This process could be done in stages and you do not need to commit to the whole process. One person could initially start and seek additional help as necessary. If you are interested please contact Winifride Adamson to discuss.

Musings from my hermitage ... Fr Geoffrey

Time and again St Matthew shows Jesus escaping the traps the religious leaders set for him. He contrasts their hypocrisy with our Lord's integrity. This Sunday's episode shows Jesus turn an attempt to trap him into a challenge to his hearers, and to us.

Last Sunday, our Lord warned us to be diligent about our obligations to God: "Give back to God what belongs to God." By the time of Jesus, the religious Law of the Old Testament had expanded way beyond the ten commandments: the total stood at 613. Ordinary folk weren't expected to know all six hundred; they sought advice from respected teachers like Jesus. They'd ask: what's the heart of the Law? what's really important?

Our Lord's reply is perfectly traditional and orthodox. Neatly and clearly, he summarises the two great statements of the Law in the Old Testament. One's in the book of Exodus (our first reading), the other's in the book of Deuteronomy. But Matthew has his own particular angle.

Jesus gives two commandments: love of God isn't the same as love of neighbour, but love of neighbour is equally important as love of God. Love of God and love of neighbour go hand in hand, the two have equal weight. These two commandments together are the foundation of our life of faith and discipleship. Every other aspect of Christian living hangs on them.

To be diligent about "the things that belong to God" is to love God with our whole heart, and love our neighbour as ourself.

Worship of God and service of neighbour together show Christ to be alive and active in the world. Allow one aspect to slip, Christ is diminished. So: how might I allow God to help me find the balance Jesus demands of us? The balance that will make us eloquent and convincing servants of the Gospel.

Traidcraft

This year, because of the COVID restrictions, we will not be taking orders for Traidcraft, but encourage you to take a look at the website www.traidcraftshop.co.uk.

There is a great range of fair-trade food, crafts, fashion, gifts and Christmas items including cards, sales of which support some of the world's poorest producers who are struggling more than ever in the pandemic.

Free postage is available if your order reaches a certain amount.

Please consider supporting Traidcraft and perhaps stock up on some of your groceries from their fair-trade range.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to our October winners: Celia Lowe, Margaret Rigby, Janet Worthington & Mick Pearson.

If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw, contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Sister Cecilia (Carmelite Community, Fulwood), Janet Pearson (mother of Marie), Winnie Kennedy (sister of Theresa Cole).

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, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Ann Wicks, Jessica Holmes & Phoebe.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Frank Newsham, Conrad Christian Maule, Ellen Ormerod, Mary Pemberton, Violet Walmsley, Ann Helena Grayston, Agnes Dixon, Ann Harwood, Tony Moreland, Peggy Hodgson, John McNulty, Neal John Walmsley (1st anniversary) and Ignatius Bullen.