

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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All Saints

(Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)

1 November 2020

Liturgies this week

Sat **G** 10.00am **Mass** Neal Walmsley *1st anniversary*

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** Fr Michael Tully & Parents *RIP*

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

Mon..... **ALL SOULS:**

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

S 10.00am **Mass** Carl Gerard Wilkes *RIP*

Tue ---

Wed..... **St Charles Borromeo** *bishop*

G 6.30pm **Mass** George Singleton *anniversary*

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

Thu **S** 10.00am **Mass** Tony Murtagh *very poorly*

Fri --- **Mass** Private intention [BC]

Sat **G** 10.00am **Mass** Intentions of Michael Heys

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday

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

G 10.30am **Mass** Matthew Pearson *lately dead* [VB]

Stewarding at Garstang – we really need your help

If you are coming to Mass at St Mary & St Michael's *please* consider volunteering to help with the stewarding.

We are currently operating with fewer stewards than hitherto, increasing the commitment of the others.

Please be aware that, if we cannot provide the legally required number of stewards for a particular Mass, we will be obliged to cancel it.

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

All Saints & All Souls

Accompanying the newsletter this week are some prayer prompts to help us reflect on All Saints & All Souls. These are also available on our parish website: Liturgical Seasons / Ordinary Time.

In St Mary & Michael's church, throughout the month of November our *Book of Remembrance* will be placed under the altar.

On *Remembrance Sunday*, Fr Geoffrey will offer prayers in our cemetery. Alas, this cannot be a public liturgy this year.

First Holy Communions 2020

This weekend and next our young parishioners are making their First Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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

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

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 *I believe* as part of your own preparation for Mass.

Peter's Pence : special collection next weekend

Another of the annual collections that had to be transferred out of lockdown, Peter's Pence supports the Pope's charitable work throughout the world.

Garstang Finance & Property Committee

This Committee considers a range of issues which need attention to the Parish estate in Garstang. The work is both varied and interesting and is likely to appeal to people of various backgrounds.

We have reached the stage where we are seeking one or two new members to join this team who can bring their own individual skills and experience to assist it in managing this ongoing workload.

Please speak to me if you, or someone you know, may be interested or would just like to know more. Thank you, *Fr Geoffrey*.

Musings from my hermitage ... Fr Geoffrey

All Saints and All Souls both celebrate the communion of all who are baptised, the unity of all whom Christ has named his brothers and sisters. All *Saints* celebrates those men and women now in glory with Christ. All *Souls* commemorates all the faithful departed who “died in their imperfection”.

The Church teaches very little about this second group, but over the centuries human imagination filled the vacuum. This is what the current Catechism says: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” (1030)

The Second Vatican Council put it like this: “When the Lord comes in his majesty and all the angels with him, death will be destroyed Meanwhile some of his disciples are in exile on earth. Some have finished with this life and are being purified. Others are in glory ‘beholding clearly God ... as [God] is’. But ...we all partake in the same love for God and neighbour, and all sing the same hymn of glory to our God; for all who belong to Christ ... form one church and cleave together in him. Therefore the union of the wayfarers with the brethren who have fallen asleep in Christ is not in the least interrupted.” (*Lumen gentium*, 49, 40.)

I think that’s wonderful. So we pray for the faithful departed as we would for anyone in need of our prayers. The church assures us of our continued union with our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died.

What a powerful consolation. And yet, and yet. It’s not the same as a phone call, a visit, or a hug. “Those we have loved long since, and lost awhile.” (St John Henry Newman.) Pray for them; pray for one another, fellow wayfarers.

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*

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.

Please pray for ...

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

Those who are ill or infirm. Ethel Davis, 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 Copple, 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. Neal John Walmsley (1st anniversary), Ignatius Bullen, William Stopforth, Lawrence Lord, Zona Rigby, Dorothy Robertson, Cath Morris, Thomas Wilding, Alfred Leigh, Jessie Horn, Mary (Molly) Taylor, May Dilworth, Rose Parker, Edwin Ball, William Critchley, John Carter, Alice Jennings and James McDonald.