

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Third Sunday of Lent

7 March 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat		Mass	Neal Walmsley <i>RIP</i>
Sun		Mass	In thanksgiving : Fr Robert Horn [F+BC]
Mon		Mass	Brenda Richardson <i>RIP</i> [H+TF]
Tue		Mass	Berney Murphy <i>lately dead</i>
Wed	G	6.30pm Mass	Christopher Pearson <i>lately dead</i>
		7.00pm Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	S	10.00am Mass	Bill Campbell <i>RIP</i>
Fri		---	Mass Intentions of David Cowburn [A]
Sat	G	10.00am Mass	Diane Pattinson <i>RIP</i>

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sun	S	8.30am Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am Mass	Jane Fleming, Agnes & John Coote <i>RIP</i> [TC]

Reopening our churches

Our Health & Safety leads in Garstang and in Scorton and I have kept abreast of the latest guidance from the Government and the from the Public Health Officers for Lancashire. Our churches will reopen for public worship beginning Wednesday 10 March at Garstang and Thursday 11 at Scorton.

Please be aware that, as previously, if we cannot ensure the required number of stewards for a particular Mass, we will be obliged to cancel it. If you are able to take a turn serving as a steward, please contact Frank Miller for Garstang and Kevin Morley for Scorton. Thank you in anticipation.

Please be particularly attentive:

Inside church:

- Avoid walking around or going to speak to people not in your household or social bubble, even with social distance, and no matter how important.
- Maintain social distance going to Holy Communion and when leaving.
- If you remain in church after Mass, take special care that you do not socialise with – even hang around for a quick catch up with – people from different households.

Outside church:

- Keep the exit clear so that others can leave safely and without anxiety.
- In the church grounds, take special care that you do not socialise with – even hang around to have a quick catch up with – people from different households, even with social distance and no matter how tempting.

Thank you for all your support and understanding over the twelve months. Please continue to pray for everyone involved in helping to roll out the vaccine; and let's all of us play our part in keeping ourselves and others safe. God bless, *Fr Geoffrey*.

Novena to St Joseph

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place **10-18 March** at St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead, led by the Mill Hill Missionaries. The intentions will include those of all contributors in our parishes. The Masses will be online at stjosephsparish.co.uk and at www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet.

Send any petitions and/or requests for a printed Novena prayer leaflet to: Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool L37 1LW, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

Garstang Parish Draw yearly subs

We are still in challenging times and would like to do things a little differently this year to help us all stay safe.

Yearly subs will stay at £20 for the year. At present the intention is to recommence the draw later in the year and make two draws each month until we have caught up any missing months.

Below are ways you can pay this year's subs:

- If you already have a yearly standing order in place, no action is required.
- By setting up a yearly standing order; on-line or direct with your bank;
- By making a one-off BACS payment for this year's subs;
- Place a cheque or cash in an envelope enclosing your full name, address and contact number. Label the envelope Parish Draw and drop it off at the presbytery.

BACS payments to be set up by 31 March 2021.

Parish of SS Mary & Michael, Garstang – Draw Account (*on-line setup select – add Business*); account no: 01589091; sort code: 40-27-02.

Please use your full name as the reference so we can match the payment against our list of members.

Cheques made payable to: SS Mary & Michael Parish Draw.

If you have any problems with any of the above payment methods this year please contact Trish & Kevin via the Parish office and we will contact you.

Please pass this information to anyone who might not see it in the bulletin.

Musings from my hermitage

The new worship of which Jesus speaks is about living; it's the worship of serving God and our neighbour, making ourselves "a living sacrifice in Christ," "an eternal offering" to God.

The focus of who we are, the identity of the Christian people, is Jesus, and Jesus crucified and risen. The cross seems folly, looks like weakness; the cross is total lack of power. But the cross is our badge, our identity. We are signed with the cross at our baptism, and we sign ourselves with the cross every time we gather to worship.

The cross of Jesus is the place where we begin to respond to the challenges we face – in our personal life, in the world at large, in our Church. The cross calls for a deeply personal response, actively nurturing God's grace, to become the people God has created us to be.

Students in Lower Sixth

The Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, is offering a *Christian Leadership Formation programme* in partnership with St Mary's University, Twickenham and the Catholic Union of Great Britain. Open to students in Lower Sixth committed to their faith and aspiring to some form of public life. Details and application forms: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/clf/>

Job advertisement : Faith & Justice worker in the diocese

The Diocese is looking for a part-time Faith & Justice worker to work throughout the Diocese to engage with parishes, schools, and other institutions: an informed and enthusiastic person is needed with good communication skills. Salary c. £8300 p.a. **Applications by 22 March.**

For further details: Margaret McSherry, lfjcm@gmail.com, 07864-012385.

RISE // Online Youth Group

Castlerigg Manor has launched an online Youth Group. It's free of charge and open to anyone in Years 7 to 9. Every other Thursday, 7.00-8.00pm. www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/riseonline

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Teresa Smith, Maureen Hall, Christopher Pearson, Margaret Walmsley, Berney Murphy.

Those who are ill or infirm. Joan Wilkes, Doug Willoughby, James Costain jr, Barry Robinson, Viktoria Nurse, Elaine Stajniack, Jimmy O'Neill, Austin Walmsley, Ethel Davis, Anne Hunt, John Skillen, Jean Andrews, Keith Jones, Tony Smith, Sarah Preston, Roger Bevins, Andrew Whipp, Charlie Robinson (4 years old), Simon Crossley, Kevin Horan, Jean Dunne, John Cookson, Revd Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Colin & Marie Swarbrick, Seamus Martin, Peter Holland, Bob Cross, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes & Phoebe.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Alice Ann Lydiate, Dorothy Nugent, Ellen Moxham, The Cookson and Hine Families, Edward Hodgson, Joan McCall, Richard Hogarth, Leo Wells, Constance Mary Rogers, Marie Kelly, Annie Lillian Henderson, Thomas Bolton, Alice Rustidge, Jane Fleming, Sue Tomlinson, Ellen Ryan, John Smith, Alice Wright, Winifrede Ainsworth, John Grayston, James Thomas Slater, Agnes Horn, Eddie Walmsley, John Hindle Law and Thomas Gornall.