

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

25 April 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Diane Pattinson <i>RIP</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Maureen Clark <i>anniversary</i>
Mon	S	10.00am	Mass	John & Alice Towers <i>RIP 69th wedding anniv.</i>
	G	11.30am	Burial of Ashes : Tess Rogerson	
Tue		---	Mass	
Wed	G	6.30pm	Mass	Maureen Clark <i>anniversary</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu.....			ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	
				<i>virgin, doctor of the Church, a patron of Europe</i>
	S	10.00am	Mass	Dennis & Joan Wilkes <i>RIP</i>
Fri	G	2.00pm	Burial of Ashes : Barbara Crone	
		---	Mass	Intentions of Mary McLaughlin [A]
Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of E.H. [CH]

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	Margaret Walmsley
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes

Easter Offerings : *many thanks* ...

... to everyone for your Easter Offerings which, in this diocese forms a major part of the priests' annual salary. Thank you for your support, and for your cards, wishes, and personal gifts. I am very grateful. Fr *Geoffrey*

Red Box 2020 : *thank you!*

In 2020 our two parishes raised £416.41 through your red box and donations to *Missio* and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Communities around the world are so grateful that we are supporting them through prayer and your generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19.

They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. You can find out more at www.missio.org.uk.

Red Boxes cannot be emptied at the moment. However, you can make a donation by sending a cheque payable to *Missio-Mill Hill* to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU; or make a bank transfer to www.missio.org.uk/redbox; or call 020-7821-9755 to donate with a card.

Encountering the risen Jesus

A series of reflections on *Zoom*, **Mondays**, 7.00-8.00pm. Led by Fr Mark Jarmuz, these reflections will explore the responses to the resurrection by:

- The Doubting Disciples, 26 April;
- The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus, 10 May;
- The Beloved Disciple, 17 May.

Details and Zoom invitation: gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Your local *Age UK Lancashire* shop needs you

Pop into your local *Age UK Lancashire* shop, 16 High Street, Garstang PR3 1FA, or call Barbara on 01995-606075 to find out about different volunteering roles in the shop. You can have fun while working with a friendly team, gain experience, and even learn new skills; the kettle is always on. (COVID-19 measures are strictly adhered to, to ensure a safe environment for staff, volunteers, and customers.)

100% of all monies received stays in Lancashire and helps support much needed local services for older people in our county. Come and play your part in supporting your community and stay [#loyaltolancashire](https://www.facebook.com/loyaltolancashire).

The Logos & Literature : Elaborating the Divine

A series of online evening talks exploring some of the great themes of Catholic Christianity in writings old and new, with Catholic scholars and contemporary authors. Every second Thursday, 7.30pm from **29 April**.

For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/logos-and-literature/>

Food bank in Garstang : can you help?

Our parishes and school support the foodbank run from St Thomas' church, Garstang. In the coming weeks they are starting up a Food Club which will enable users to come into their hall and choose their own food. For this they need the help of volunteers.

If you would like to help or to receive a weekly "best to buy" email recommending items to buy for the food bank please contact Kathryn Sperring: kathrynjsperring@gmail.com, or 01995-606288. Thank you.

Support for Rwanda

The Rwanda Group Trust is a registered Catholic charity based in Preston which raises funds for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. The situation there is very serious due to Covid 19, lack of vaccine, and serious food shortages.

Families are having to sell their precious goats in order to buy food. The Charity has launched an appeal in which every penny raised will enable families to replace their goats and purchase food. Goats cost £30 in Rwanda. The charity has no paid employees or overheads.

For more information, to make a donation or help a Rwandan family buy a goat, please contact: www.rwandagrouptrust.blogspot.com or e-mail rwandagrouptrust.org@gamil.com, or phone Michael Donlan, Trustee, 07864-990941.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

If anyone would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact me to make arrangements. Fr Geoffrey

Musings from ~~my~~ the Bishop's hermitage

Bishop Paul has sent a Pastoral Letter to the parishes to mark this World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

It's included with the printed newsletters and available on our website.

Garstang : bequest : donation : thanks

Donations. Our sincere thanks to the families of the late Bill Myerscough, Maureen Hall, and John Towers, for inviting donations to the parish.

Bequest. The parish gratefully acknowledges the receipt of **£500** from the estate of our late parishioner, Pat Nickson.

When preparing or revising your will, please remember your parish. In this way, just as we benefit from the generosity of those who have gone before us, so those who follow after us will benefit from our generosity to them.

These funeral donations and the bequest will go towards repairing the stone wall in the cemetery.

New mower. The parish also gratefully acknowledges a donation of £2600 from a parishioner towards the cost of a new mower for the church and cemetery grounds. *Thank you.*

Folk for whom we are praying : can you help?

There are several people in the list of those for whom we are praying who I've not yet been able to identify. Can you help? Please let me know. Fr G.

Keith Jones, Revd Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Martin, Phoebe.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Charlie Robinson (5 years old), June McLaughlin, Doug Willoughby, Joan Wilkes.

Those who are ill or infirm. O Murphy, Yvonne Shaw, Sue Ratelitte, James Costain jr, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Austin Walmsley, Ethel Davis, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Keith Jones, Tony Smith, Roger Bevins, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Revd Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, 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. Fr Joseph Haydon, Thomas Sheridan, Basil Hibbs, Fr Geoffrey Cunliffe, Jack Swarbrick, Ann Swift, Charles Bisby, Phillip Flood, Maureen Clark, Richard Gornall, Richard Pickering, James Ashworth, Fr Bernard Cochrane, Bert Wrennall, Maureen Mary Jennings, Betty Mary Gregson (1st anniversary), Jane Rossall, Sarah Banks, Robert Pegg, Alice Waring, Fr A Richardson, Monica Hargreaves, Fr Edward Bilsborrow.