

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Racial Justice

5 February 2023

Sat	4	G	6.00pm	Mass	David Pyke <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	5	S	8.30am	Mass	Margaret Walmsley <i>2nd anniversary</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
Mon	6	G	10.30am	Funeral Mass : Mary Swarbrick	
Tue	7	--			
Wed	8	Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking			
		G	6.30pm	Mass	Berney Murphy Smith <i>2nd anniversary</i>
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	9	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass : Jean Andrews	
Fri	10	St Scholastica <i>virgin, religious</i>			
		G	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
			10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	11	G	6.00pm	Mass	Kathleen Myerscough <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	12	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Betty Ball <i>1st anniversary</i>

Many thanks ...

... to **Fr John Gibson**, who presided at the Masses while Fr Geoffrey was on his post-Christmas break, and to all those in both parishes who opened church and prepared everything for Mass.

First Holy Communion 2023

If your child was born before September 2015 and you'd like to help them prepare for their First Holy Communion, please request an application form from our parish school office, see our website, or e-mail the presbytery.

Please return your completed application form to the presbytery by the evening of **Sunday 19 February**. Thank you. *Fr Geoffrey*.

Lenten Lunches 2023

These ecumenical lunches will again be held in Garstang United Reformed Church Hall from 12 noon to 1.00pm. We have been asked to cater with soup, bread and cheese on **Wednesday 29 March**.

The only payment requested from those attending is a donation to Christian Aid. If you are able to help by donating food or a couple of hours to serve, please contact Philippa Catterall on 01995 238331 *by 20 February*.

Events at Hying monastery

Hying Monastery has released a programme of events for the coming months: <https://www.bernardine.org/hying-programme>

In particular, Sr Elizabeth Mary is offering a Zoom Retreat Day on the theme Living the Paschal Mystery today. **Saturday 20 & Wednesday 24 February**.

Report from Chivuna

Copies of Sr Mutinta's report are available at the back of both churches.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Paul invites you to join him on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, **21-28 July**.

Booking forms are available at the back of both our churches, or to download on the diocesan Lourdes website: www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk. Alternatively, contact Joe Walsh Tours, 0161-8208790. More information from Linda Wisdom, operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk.

Taking Liturgy seriously : *online formation*

The Society of St Gregory is offering a modular study course that starts in February and will take place via Zoom. Each module will comprise three one-hour sessions.

As a response to Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Desiderio Desideravi*, the course will focus on all aspects of Eucharist.

Modules include Eucharist, Word of Prayer, Word of God, Symbol, Music in the Mass, and Environment, and the course is aimed at all who wish to develop a deeper knowledge of liturgy.

All information, together with online booking, is on our website at <https://www.ssg.org.uk/taking-liturgy-seriously-2-ssg-study-course/>

The Catenian Association

The Catenians are a network of Catholic men who meet regularly to enjoy each other's company and to help and support each other. Local Circles meet monthly and arrange activities both for their members and their families: meals together, visits to the theatre and sporting events are all popular. Catenian membership (which is restricted to Catholic men) offers deep and lasting friendship and support to Catholic men at all stages of their lives, whether married or single. This friendship is based on the firm foundation of a shared faith and is enjoyed by their wives (whether Catholic or not).

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Catenian Association, Garstang Catenian Circle is holding a Valentine's meal for men and their wives, **Thursday 16 February**, 8.15pm, at Garstang Country Hotel where there will be an opportunity to talk with current Catenians.

For further information please contact the secretary Kevin O'Hanlon on 07968469756 by *Sunday 12 February*.

Lent : Stations of the Cross

The Season of Lent is approaching. Once again, I want very much to encourage parishioners from either parish to lead the Stations of the Cross, Fridays of Lent, 6.30pm at Garstang: individuals, couples, friends, parish groups. You would be shown how to do it, and you might have ideas of your own.

If you're willing to take a turn, please let me know, **by Ash Wednesday, 22 February**. Thank you, *Fr Geoffrey*

Spiritual help on the www

The Jesuits in Britain produce various resources to help nourish and develop our personal prayer:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/> and <https://www.thinkingfaith.org/>

Fr Richard Rohr offers his daily meditations here: www.cacradicalgrace.org

The Jesuit Creighton University offers many resources for prayer and reflection. Search for 'onlineministries' and click on the link to www.creighton.edu.

Donna Worthington offers various reflections and opportunities for making a Retreat: <https://christianretreats.live/>

For an alternative reflection on the Scripture Readings, take a look at: <https://www.catholicwomenpreach.org/>

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Jean Andrews, Mary Swarbrick, Anne Hunt.

Those who are ill or infirm. Mary Purkis, Teresa Walmsley, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep:

Others for 23 - 27 January. Thomas F. McNicholas, Jim Bamber, Ben Kelsall, Belle Metcalf, Thomas Bamber, Hugh Grimbaldeston, John "Jack" Hornby, John Thomas Graham, Teresa Rogerson, Richard Hargreaves, John McArdle, Edwin Curwen, Jeanie Richmond.

4 - 11 February. Hannah Marie Swarbrick, James Carter, Bill Jennings, Mary Whiteside, Angela Mary O'Regan, Eric Bayman, Alice Wells, Nora Bernadette (Berney) Murphy Smith, Martha Horn, Stephen Turton, Winifride Swarbrick, Elizabeth Swarbrick, Ted Lydiate, Fred Dagger, John Bailey, Harry McNamara, Mary Bilsborrow, Elizabeth (Betty) Ball and William Roland Price-Jones.