

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

15 May 2022

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| Sat | 14 | G | 6.00pm | Mass | Jim Berry <i>lately dead</i> |
| Sun | 15 | S | 8.30am | Mass | People of our Parishes |
| | | G | 10.30am | Mass | Betty Ball <i>RIP-birthday</i> |
| Mon | 16 | S | 10.00am | Mass | In thanksgiving [J] |
| Tue | 17 | -- | | | |
| Wed | 18 | G | 6.30pm | Mass | In thanksgiving [V+AC] |
| | | | 7.00pm | Rosary | <i>in our homes</i> |
| Thu | 19 | S | 10.00am | Mass | Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i> |
| Fri | 20 | S | 11.00am | Funeral Mass | : Pat Kennedy |
| Sat | 21 | G | 12.15pm | Baptism | : Meghan Bethany Thompson |

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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| Sat | 21 | G | 6.00pm | Mass | Intentions of Joan & Bob Tomlinson <i>60th wedding anniversary</i> |
| Sun | 22 | S | 8.30am | Mass | People of our Parishes |
| | | G | 10.30am | Mass & Reception into Full Communion | Intentions of LB [CL] |

SVP meeting

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul group in our parishes will be on **Tuesday 17 May**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel at Garstang. New members or enquirers are always welcome.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration

In honour of Her Majesty, the Queen, there will be a Platinum Jubilee Celebration with Preston Orpheus Choir and the Company of Voyces, **Saturday 21 May**, 7.30pm, St Aidan's church, Station Road, Bamber Bridge PR5 6QL. Programme to include *Zadok the Priest, I Was Glad, Land of Hope and Glory*, Mozart's *Coronation Mass* and much more. Admission: £11, under 18s free; pay on the door: contactless, card, or cash.

Reception into Full Communion

On **Sunday 22 May**, 10.30am Mass, Teresa Moore will be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. During this week of final preparation, please pray for Teresa, and for her Sponsor, Helen Crone.

Finding Jesus in the Eucharist, the Poor, and Creation

Fr Eamonn Mulcahy will be the keynote speaker on this day organised by our diocesan Faith & Justice Commission, **Saturday 4 June**, St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston. To book the event please use this link: [Book via - Eventbrite - Finding Jesus in the Eucharist](#). Alternatively, through the Lancashire Faith & Justice website: <http://www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/>.

Pentecost retreat

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26) **Sunday 5 June, 2.00-5.00pm**. On the beautiful feast of Pentecost, this retreat is an invitation to let go and open our eyes to the creative Spirit of Christ praying within us, in ways beyond words; in the depths of our needs. We attend to Scripture and, through creative prayer, attend to the symbols that the Spirit may offer us in our prayer-dream world. We also ponder our gifts and the concept of virtues.

Retreats £20, unless otherwise stated. To book: contact Donna Worthington: drworthington@live.co.uk; or visit: <https://christianretreats.live>

First Holy Communion

In preparation for their First Holy Communion, our young parishioners have now celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please continue to remember the children and their families in your prayers.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please pray for our candidates whose preparations are underway, and who will be confirmed by Bishop Paul at the cathedral on Pentecost, 5 June.

John Bradburne's 101st birthday pilgrimage climb

You are invited to join Bishop Paul on the JBMS climb Cross Fell in Cumbria, **Saturday 18 June**, 11.00am, in honour of John Bradburne's 101st birthday in his birthplace of Skirwith. Prayers will be offered by Bishop Paul at the summit.

This is a difficult climb, so only those with good fitness should attempt this walk. It will take approximately seven hours to complete. To reserve your place and make a donation: info@johnbradburne.com or call 07979 187498.

The Society of Catholic Artists

Encouraging Christian fellowship among artists, the SCA was founded in 1929 as part of the centenary celebrations for Catholic emancipation in Britain. It exists for those engaged as professional or amateurs in the various disciplines of the Visual Arts, and for all those who recognize the value of the artist as an evangelist assisting in the pastoral work of the church.

SCA encourages Christian fellowship amongst artists as well as being available to advise prospective patrons and to recommend suitable artists for commissions.

A varied programme of meetings and outings is arranged each year, together with exhibitions and workshops. In addition, members receive the society's magazine, the 'Bulletin', to which they are encouraged to contribute. Regional groups are now being formed; 'Northern Star', is the group of members in the North. Membership cost is easily affordable to all.

For more information contact; Anthony Abbott-Millar OFS; antabbmill@hotmail.com. For more information and membership contact: maryjeandonaghey5@gmail.com. Would you like to join them?

Fr Ted Gannon : many thanks ...

... to Fr Ted for celebrating the Masses last weekend, and to everyone who looked after him in the house and assisted him preparing and celebrating the Masses. Visiting priests are always grateful for your welcome and assistance.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations to Teresa Carter and Manus Adamson, our May winners.

Thanks to everyone who has already paid their subs or set up a standing order. If you have not yet paid, please do so by the end of May for your numbers to be included in this year's monthly draws. Any numbers not paid for will be withdrawn.

If you would like to discuss payment of your subs contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Faith & Justice newsletter

The latest newsletter from our diocesan F&J office is on our website, from the Groups/OutReach/Faith & Justice selection on our menu.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Winifred Fox (mother of Liz Billington), Pat Kennedy, Revd Frank Cole (retired deacon of the diocese), Fr Tom Shufflebotham SJ.

Those who are ill or infirm. Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Paula Seager, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, 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: Mary Agnes Mackenzie, Barbara Saul (1st anniversary), William Thompson, Leonard Thomas Carter, Fr Charles Moah, Winifred Cross, John Barnacle, Dick Helme, Samuel Carr, Celene Elizabeth McLaughlin, Dick Edge, Eddie Finnegan, Frank Eastham, Jessica Pinnington, Roger Marsden, Jane Delaney and Peter William Houghton (1st anniversary).