

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

26 March 2023

Sat	25	G	6.00pm	Mass	John Bolton <i>RIP</i> [FJ]
Sun	26	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Judith Swarbrick <i>RIP-birthday</i> [LB]
Mon	27	S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Elizabeth Horn [CH]
Tue	28	--			
Wed	29	G	6.30pm	Mass	Livesey & Duckworth families <i>RIP</i>
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	30	S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Fri	31	G	10.00am	Mass	<i>with the school; all welcome</i>
					Maureen & Bernard Bowen & family <i>RIP</i>
		G	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Sat	1	G	6.00pm	Mass	Kathleen Myerscough <i>RIP-wedding anniv.</i>
Sun	2	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	John Bolton <i>RIP</i> [M+TP]
		G	5.00pm	Funeral Vigil	Tony Clark

Holy Week singers?

We're looking for a couple of folk to help as Cantors for the Holy Week liturgies, please. If you'd like to be involved, please let me know this weekend. Many thanks, Fr Geoffrey

Scorton Readers : Holy Week

If any of our Scorton Readers would like to be involved in the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, please let me know this weekend. Fr G

Ministries and jobs in Holy Week

If you can help in these or any other ways during this busy week, please let me know. Many thanks, Fr Geoffrey We need people to ...

Holy Thursday, 6 April, 6.30pm. Take part in the washing of feet; prepare an altar of repose; remove everything from the altar at the end of Mass.

Good Friday, 7 April, 3.00pm. Prepare the altar for the Rite of Holy Communion, and remove everything from the altar at the end.

Easter Vigil, Saturday 8 April, 8.00pm. Prepare the Easter fire; help spread the candlelight around the church.

Evenings of Conversation – Reflection – Prayer

The Scottish Laity Network is offering a series of reflections for Lent on *The Common Good*, **Thursdays**, 7.00-8.30pm. <http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk>.

30 March, Liturgy and the Common Good; Tom O'Loughlin. To register: <https://forms.gle/uwnKfFp8pjJVPuEq7>

Tea & Coffee after 10.30am Mass

Starting **this Sunday, 26 March**, tea & coffee will be served after 10.30am Mass, once a month. Please come along and enjoy a brew and a chat.

We may be able to do it more regularly if we have more volunteers. If you'd be happy to take a turn, please contact Marie Pearson via the parish office.

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 28 March**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

Lenten Lunches 2023

The last Lenten Lunch at URC Hall will be on **Wednesday 29 March**, 12 noon-1.00pm. PLEASE come for your lunch, in aid of *Christian Aid*.

Ecumenical Prayer for Schools' Group

This will meet at SSMM, in the Plessington Chapel, **Friday 31 March**, 2.00-3.00pm. All very welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word : can you help?

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30 Mass: **next Sunday, 2 April and 7 May**. For this important ministry to continue and grow, we need more helpers. Please put your name on the list at the back of SSMM church, or contact Nancy Walbank through the parish office. All volunteers are required to undergo safeguarding checks.

Offertory Collection and Gift Aid option

Offertory Envelope Boxes for the coming year (April 23-April 24) are at the back of church ready for collection. If any boxes are missing, please contact Karine Rennie-Bloor, either directly or through the parish office

If any other parishioners would like to sign a gift aid form, and make your contribution using these offertory envelopes, this would boost the parish funds. For every pound donated, our parish will receive an additional 25p from the Government.

You can join the gift aid scheme if you are a UK tax payer. Gift aid forms can be found at the back of church and can be completed at any time (please place the completed form in the offertory basket). The envelope scheme does not commit you to a set amount each week and can be used flexibly.

If you are looking to commit to a regular contribution, in the easiest possible way, please do consider setting up a standing order. Again, gift aid forms can be filled out which means per pound you give, we get 25p from the Government. Setting up a standing order means you do not need to remember to bring your offering every Sunday. Forms are also at the back of church.

If you have any questions, please contact Karine. *Thank you*.

Gift Aid donors: if you have changed address in the last twelve months, please let Karine know, either directly or through the parish office.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Jim & Olive Sweetman and Celia Horn for being our March winners. Just a reminder that Subs are due for this year. The purpose of the Parish Draw is to raise funds for SS Mary & Michael's Parish. Last year after prize money was deducted £1400 was handed over.

If you would like an opportunity to take part in this year's draw, support our church and have a chance to win in the monthly draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office. Each number costs £20 per year (you can have more than one number) and each month there are two prizes: £80 & £30 and an extra Christmas draw in December which pays out £100 & £35.

London Marathon

I have a place in the London Marathon on **Sunday 23 April**, and am raising funds for a charity called *Toy Box* that works with street children around the world. One of their most important services is to help these children get a birth certificate, giving them access to education, health care and lots more. If you can help, please donate online at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/frank-miller2>.

I will put a sponsor form at the back of church for those who would prefer. Many thanks, *Frank Miller*.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Tony Clark, Tony Blunt, Yvonne Stewart, Dorothy Relton.

Those who are ill or infirm. Fr Michael O'Dowd, Evelyn Steel, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, 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. Frank Walmsley, Gladys Richardson, Nellie Hodges, Frances Dickinson, James Pooler, James Pedder, Mary Carr, Mary Carter, Joan Wilkes, Fleetwood Carter, Fr Odran Callan, Alice Helme, Marie Calvert, John Ellwood, Mary Horn, Frank Gornall and William Darwen.