

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

3 April 2022

Sat	2	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
Sun	3	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Gertrude <i>lately dead</i>
Mon	4	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Jenn McGuigan
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Wed	6	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Janet Pearson <i>RIP-birthday</i>
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	7	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Charlotte McAleer <i>anniversary</i>
Fri	8	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	May Brock <i>lately dead</i> [v]
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
		<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	

## Palm Sunday

Sat	9	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Hugh & André Ferguson <i>RIP</i> [LB]
Sun	10	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Michael Tully <i>anniversary</i>
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes

## Ministries and jobs in Holy Week

This year, thanks be to God, we're able to restore more of the Holy Week liturgies. It will be three Easters since we've been able to celebrate the Church's ancient liturgies without let or hindrance.

Back before Covid, various folk would have done various jobs and exercised different ministries. Three years on, you might no longer be able to, or be available. For this reason, I'm inviting all parishioners to become involved. We need people to ...

**Holy Thursday, 14 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, 15 April 3.00pm.** prepare the altar for the Rite of Holy Communion, and remove everything from the altar at the end.

**Easter Vigil, Saturday 16 April, 8.00pm.** prepare the Easter fire; help spread the candlelight around the church.

If you can help in these or any other ways during this busy week, please let me know, by the evening of **Wednesday 6 April**. Many thanks, Fr Geoffrey

## Palm Sunday

This year, we'll celebrate the Palm Sunday Masses in both parishes using the simple form we adopted last year. This will save us having to work out the logistics of processions when we're still unsure of our resources.

## Easter flowers at Garstang

Flower arranging will be on **Good Friday, 9.30am**, in the Pleasington Chapel. *All welcome*. Any enquiries to Liz Billington, directly or through the office.

## Nursery Manager Vacancy

Hummingbirds Educational Nursery requires a Nursery Manager due to the retirement of Janet Miller, our current manager. This is a fantastic opportunity for an Early Years Professional to elevate their career within a *Good* setting which provides childcare from 9.00am-3.00pm, term time only.

Can you inspire the minds of little ones? Can you nurture their hearts? Are you creative and passionate? Yes? Then we would love to hear from you, visit [www.hummingbirds-nursery.com](http://www.hummingbirds-nursery.com) for full details and how to apply. Closing date for applications 12 noon, **Tuesday 19 April**.

### Offertory envelopes (gift-aided) 2022-2023

The Gift Aid Offertory envelopes for the next financial year are now ready for collection at the back of both churches. Thank you for your support.

### Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Jane Greenwood and Pat Errington for being our March winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

### Easter retreat at Castlerigg

Our diocesan residential youth centre, Castlerigg Manor, Keswick, is once again able to offer its Easter retreat for young people, **14-17 April**. For details, [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk).

### Easter Sunrise Service

Fancy a walk to the top of Nicky Nook to watch the sunrise? There will be a short sunrise service of Easter hymns and prayers, **Sunday 17 April**. 5.45am meet at the stile; 6.30am, arrive at the top to see the sunrise over the Bowland Fells; bacon butties back at the Methodist Chapel afterwards.

### Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Paul is very much hoping to be able to resume the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, **22-29 July**, from £799 per pilgrim sharing.

Booking forms are available to download on the diocesan Lourdes website: [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk). Alternatively, contact Joe Walsh Tours, 0161-8208790. Deadline for booking, 1 May.

### Spiritual opportunities

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

**The Cave, the Blackbird & the Monster.** A journey with the Christian contemplative, Saint Kevin. **Saturday 2 April** 2.00-5.00pm or **Monday 4 April**, 10.00am-1.00pm.

**Lent Retreat.** Explore this compelling journey into the wilderness with Christ, **Saturday 9 April**, 2.00-5.00pm.

**Ignatian training.** For individuals and groups who want to train in Ignatian imaginative guided prayer, **Wednesday 13 April**, 6.00-9.00pm.

### Ukrainian / Russian speakers?

Local charity, Refugee Advocacy, Information and Support (RAIS), is looking for Russian or Ukrainian speakers who might be willing to act as interpreters locally due to the imminent arrivals from the conflict in Ukraine. If you can speak either language and are willing to help, or if you know someone who may be able to assist, please contact [coordinator@rais.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@rais.org.uk)

### Refugees from Ukraine

The Government's *Homes for Ukraine* scheme gives individuals the opportunity to host Ukrainian refugees within their home or another property they have available.

If you are interested, the first step is to register on this matching portal <https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk/>. The second step is to register with the Government: <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>

This will allow safety checks on prospective hosts and their accommodation. Sponsors will provide accommodation for a minimum of six months and currently a maximum of 12 months. The Government is offering an optional 'thank you' payment of £350 per month.

You will be encouraged to know that the diocese is looking into ways that diocesan property might be used to help the situation.

### Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Marie Swarbrick, Revd Brian Burns.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Rita Whittaker, Paula Seager, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, 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:** Shirley Hawes, John Bevins, Aileen Dearn, George Swarbrick, June Ann McLaughlin (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Mary Bowles, Canon Alban Cochrane, Charlotte McAleer, Mgr Michael Tully, Joe Walmsley, Joseph Nickson, Mary Wellings, John Adamson and John Cunningham.