

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Easter

9 April 2023

Easter Eve, 8 April

G 8.00pm **EASTER VIGIL** People of our Parishes

Easter Day, 9 April

S 8.30am **Mass** Fr Michael Tully & Parents *RIP*

G 10.30am **Mass** Tony Blunt *lately dead* [V]

Mon 10 **S 10.00am** **Mass** John Bolton *RIP* [GMC.A]

Tue 11 --

Wed 12 **G 6.30pm** **Mass** Tony Blunt *lately dead* [L]

7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*

Thu 13 **S 10.00am** **Mass** Almond & Sweeney families *RIP*

Fri 14 **G 10.00am** **Mass** Charlotte McAleer *anniversary*

G 10.30am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sat 15 **G 12 noon** **Baptism : Marty David Richard Danyi-Carr**

Second Sunday of Easter

Sat 15 **G 6.00pm** **Mass** Amy Whalley *lately dead* [B]

Sun 16 **S 8.30am** **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Tony Hall *lately dead* [M+TP]

Easter Vigil

Those who have a small bell at home might like to bring it and ring it during the *Gloria in excelsis Deo* and at the consecration.

Easter collection

In our diocese the Easter collection forms a significant portion of the priests' income for the year. Thank you for your support. Fr Geoffrey.

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 9 April**. 7.00am; 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.

The Pope's Easter blessing

The Pope's Easter Blessing *Urbi et orbi* – to the city and to the world – will be broadcast on BBC1, Easter Sunday, 11.00am. If you'll still be at Mass, you can always record it, ... or watch later on the i-Player or the Vatican website:

<http://www.news.va/en>

Children's Easter events at Scorton

Woodcroft Crafts, Scorton, is hosting events for children: **Holy Saturday, Easter Monday, Easter Egg Hunt**.

To reserve a place: woodcroftcrafts@gmail.com. More information and prices at www.woodcroftcrafts.co.uk.

Preston Orpheus Choir

Their next concert is on **Saturday 29 April**, 7.30pm, in St Mary's church, Penwortham, PR1 0AH, when they will be performing Gounod's *Messe Solennelle de Saint Cécile* and Schubert's *Mass in G*.

Tickets: Advance: Adults £12, under 18s £5 (booking fee will be applied); <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/preston-orpheus-choir>

On the night: Adults £14, under 18s £5.

Book of Remembrance

At St Mary & St Michael's, our *Book of the Names of the Dead* is on display in the Lady Chapel. You are welcome to add names to the book.

Cafod special collection and Fast Day

The total collected at Garstang for CAFOD, including cheques made out to CAFOD, was a fantastic £3056.91. Plus £114.00 sent from Scorton, and online donations from both parishes. Thank you, everyone.

Lenten lunches : many thanks

The total from the Lent lunches that will be sent to *Christian Aid* is £1350. In addition, £765 was gift-aided over the five weeks enabling CA to claim a further £191.25. A splendid effort by the combined efforts of all the churches.

Many thanks to all our volunteers; soup makers and servers, all who made a donation, and the prayer chains. May God richly bless us as we continue to do what we can together, demonstrating our unity in diversity. Every blessing, Revd. Irene.

Offertory Collection and Gift Aid option

Offertory Envelope Boxes for the coming year (April 2023 - April 2024) 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're looking to commit to a regular contribution in the easiest way, please consider 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 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.

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.*

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 to take part, 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.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. John Seed (brother of Mary Ibison), Fr Frank Flynn (retired priest of the diocese), Fr Michael O'Dowd (Liverpool diocese, friend of Fr G), Fr Joseph Diskin (retired priest of the diocese), Tony Clark.

Those who are ill or infirm. Eileen Bevins, 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 Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Joe Walmsley, Joseph Nickson, Mary Wellings, John Adamson, John Cunningham, Joseph Davis, Richard Winstanley, Jack Metcalf, James Parker Richardson, Veronica Pickering, Rose Skillen, Bob Miller, Kevin Kavanagh, William Barnes, Bernadette Paton and Joan Preston.