

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Third Sunday of Easter

26 April 2020

### Mass intentions this week

Sunday	People of our Parishes
Monday	Almond & Sweeney families <i>RIP</i>
Tuesday	Infirm clergy
Wednesday.....	<b>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA</b> <i>virgin, doctor of the Church, a patron of Europe</i> Maureen Clark <i>anniversary</i>
Thursday	Terry Murphy <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Friday.....	<b>St Joseph the Worker</b> <b>Day of Prayer for Human Work</b> Intentions of Pat Nickson <i>90<sup>th</sup> birthday</i>
Saturday.....	<b>St Athanasius</b> <i>bishop, doctor of the Church</i> Mary Prentice <i>lately dead</i> [GS]

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday	People of our Parishes
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### What inspires you?

It has been suggested that we might set up a sharing space on the parish website for parishioners to contribute poems, thoughts, etc that have been, or are, meaningful to them.

If you'd like to share something in this way, please e-mail it to Fr Geoffrey. Please remember to acknowledge the author and any copyright details.

Each offering will come down when another has been received.

### Mass for the NHS

Our Bishops recognise that this time of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting everyone. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable.

In order to show a spiritual solidarity, each Thursday, 7.00pm, a Bishop will celebrate in their Cathedral a Mass which will be live-streamed.

30 April, Bishop Richard Moth, Arundel Cathedral.

7 May, Bishop Marcus Stock, Leeds Cathedral.

14 May, Bishop Robert Byrne, Newcastle Cathedral.

21 May, Bishop Mark Davies, Shrewsbury Cathedral.

28 May, Bishop Terence Draine, Middlesbrough Cathedral.

Visit each cathedral's or the Bishops' Conference webpage, [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk), for links to the live-streaming of these Masses.

**Message from our own Bishop:** "I will be celebrating Mass each Thursday evening at 7.00pm in the cathedral. Unfortunately, it is not possible to live-stream, but it's important perhaps for people across the diocese to know it will be taking place. I'll then be back home in time to join the clap for the NHS at 8.00pm. God bless, +Paul."

### Do you need practical help?

If you are elderly or vulnerable or self-isolating and need assistance or support, please contact our St Vincent de Paul group on their dedicated mobile number: 07535-736975.

If you know of someone who might need help, please speak to them first and then contact our SVP on their dedicated number.

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## Praying the Rosary during May

Liz Billington is organising a group to pray the Rosary during May, **Wednesdays, 7.00pm**, beginning 6 May. She invites you to use the Zoom app, which enables participants to see and hear one another. Alternatively, simply pray the Rosary at the same time in your own home.

Download Zoom to your smart device, and register (free of charge).

If you are interested, and after you've registered, please send your e-mail address to Liz who will then invite you to join the group meeting: [stubbinsfarm@outlook.com](mailto:stubbinsfarm@outlook.com); 07918-662711.

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## The Pope on silence

At Mass on 21 April, the Pope prayed that all of us might grow in our capacity to listen: "In this time, there is so much silence. You can even hear the silence. May this silence, which is a bit new to our habits, teach us to listen, to increase in us the capacity to listen. Let us pray for this."

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## Carmel Hayden RIP

SSMM parish gratefully acknowledges donations of £306.00, given in memory of our late parishioner, Carmel Hayden. May she rest in peace.

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## Musings from my hermitage ... Fr Geoffrey

Emmaus. It was the first Easter Sunday, late afternoon. Two disciples were on their way home after being in Jerusalem for the Passover. Jesus had been crucified. Had they heard any rumours of the tomb being empty? They felt their hopes had been dashed; ... as they explained to the stranger, ... whoever he was. ... Perhaps they didn't recognise Jesus because the setting sun was in their eyes; perhaps they'd never seen him close up.

Whatever was going on in their hearts, Jesus walked with them, accompanied them as they nursed their shattered hopes. As they walked, Jesus unfolded the scriptures for them, pointed out this and that.

So simple; so profound. You and I might be walking through life despondent, our faces downcast. It can be difficult to piece things together, or look forward in hope. But if we allow Jesus to be with us, he will make sense of our life. When the disciples made space and time for him, they recognised him right at the heart of their companionship: when they shared.

We're walking, not towards the setting sun but in the light of the Risen Son.

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## Cenacolo Community

For many years our parishes have financially supported this Community where the "lads" are recovering from drug abuse.

The lads rely on God's Providence for all their needs. Providence comes to them from many sources, and our parishes have been very generous. The money we give provides fresh food, delivered to them every few weeks.

At the present time, because many of us are in lockdown, an alternative arrangement has had to be made to have the food delivered to them. This has been done, and we continue to provide the necessary finance.

So thank you to one and all for your continued generosity.

God bless, *Pat & Jim Costain*.

Thank you, parishioners, for your generous response already to this. *Fr G.*

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Brenda Richardson, David Winstanley (brother of Brian RIP), Aileen Seward (Aunt of Fr Geoffrey's mother), Ellen Worsley (friend of Pat Costain), Michaela Pickervance, Pat & George Pearce (sister and parents of Trisha Bilsborrow, daughter-in-law of Joyce & Edward); Margaret Gigli.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Jean Andrews, Roger Bevins, Vin Cahill, Paul Cain, Eileen Cartner, Christine Cobane, John Cookson, Martina Copple, Bob Cross, Simon Crossley, Jean Dunne, Dorothy Evans, Louise Gornall, Michael Hendry, Pat Hickey, Peter Holland, Jessica Holmes & Phoebe, Kevin Horan, Janet Howarth, Keith Jones, Nigel Lord, Graham Markham (Australia), Seamus Martin, Ian Moran, Pat Nickson, Matthew Pearson, Margaret Pendleton, Sarah Preston, Francisca Rainford, Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Wendy Seed, Revd Andrew Shaw, a Sick Parishioner, Teresa Smith, Tony Smith, Colin & Marie Swarbrick, Austin Walmsley, Andrew Whipp, Ann Wicks, Louise Williams, Mary Winstanley, Ewan, Kathryn, Lucy & family.

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** Thomas Sheridan, Basil Hibbs, Fr Geoff Cunliffe, Jack Swarbrick, Ann Swift, Charles Bisby, Phillip Flood, Maureen Clark, Richard Gornall, Richard Pickering, James Ashworth, Fr Bernard Cochrane, Bert Wrennall, Maureen Mary Jennings, Jane Rossall, Sarah Banks, Robert Pegg, Alice Waring, Fr A. Richardson, Monica Hargreaves, Fr Edward Bilsorrow, Emma Seery, Tom Cassidy, and John Davis.