

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

21 May 2023

Sat 20 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Bill Hansall *2nd anniversary* [CN]

Sun 21 **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Jean Andrews

Mon 22 **S** 10.00am **Mass** Sr Moira Lever *RIP* [ES]

Tue 23 --

Wed 24 **G** 6.30pm **Mass** Theresa Cole *RIP-birthday*

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

Thu 25 **St Bede** *priest, religious, doctor of the Church*

S 10.00am **Mass** Gerry Steel *anniversary*

Fri 26 **G** 10.00am **Mass** Agnes Gallagher *RIP-birthday*

G 10.30am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Pentecost

Sat 27 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** John Seed *lately dead* [MI]

Sun 28 **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** John Bolton *RIP* [V.S]

Tea and coffee

After 10.30am Mass at Garstang **this Sunday, 21 May**. All welcome.

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 23 May**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

Lancaster Singers' Summer Concerts

From Boyce to Bernstein and Bacharach. Lancaster Singers, *A Musical Mosaic*, brings together a sparkling collection of songs which showcase the choir's varied repertoire. A concert guaranteed to send audiences away humming happily into the summer sunshine.

Saturday 20 May, 7.00pm, St James the Less church, Tatham.

Sunday 18 June, 7.30pm, St Martin's chapel, Uni. of Cumbria, Lancaster.

Sunday 25 June, 7.30pm, **SS Mary & Michael's church**, Garstang.

To book tickets please visit: www.lancastersingers.org

Opportunities for faith formation

The Margaret Beaufort Institute (MBIT) invites you to explore *New Horizons*. Deepen your faith and address social, professional, and ecological challenges. This is an opportunity to learn with Cambridge leading scholars as you explore the intersection of faith and issues that matter most to you.

Christian Spirituality in the contemporary world; Mondays to 26 June 2.00-4.30pm.

Ethics in the professional context; Mondays to 6 June, 5.00-7.00pm.

Catholic Social Thought; Tuesdays to 14 November, 4.30-6.30pm.

Christian Mysticism East & West; Wednesdays to 28 June, 3.30-6pm.

For more information, visit: The Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, <https://www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/>. To register: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-margaret-beaufort-institute-of-theology-33109216441. Or e-mail apply@mbit.cam.ac.uk

Frank Miller sponsorship

The grand total Frank raised through running the London marathon is £2077. Well done, Frank; and well done all his sponsors.

Calder Vale Bluebell Teas

These will be served in the village hall PR3 1SJ on Sundays **21, & 28 May** 11.00-4.00pm. Cash only. "Looking forward to seeing you again."

Garstang Catenians : Pilling Jubilee Silver Band

Garstang Catenians are hosting an evening of music featuring Pilling Jubilee Silver Band, **Friday 26 May**, 7.30pm, Garstang Country Hotel, Bowgreave Drive, Bowgreave, Garstang, PR3 1YE. Doors open, 7.00pm. Tickets £10 per person, at the door or contact Garstang Catenian secretary on 07968469756. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to *Macmillan Cancer care*.

Armed Forces Day

On **Thursday 22 June**, 10.00am, there will be a flag-raising ceremony at Kepple Lane Park to mark Armed Forces Day.

Would anyone like to represent our parishes? Please let me know. Fr G

Sustainability? Survival or shutdown

This is the theme of the annual weekend conference of the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN), **21-23 July**, Swanwick, Derbyshire. It will address issues crucial to the common good and the well-being of the natural world. Echoing the words of Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* that all issues are interconnected, it will consider such issues as structural injustice, conflict, migration and environmental challenges.

More information and booking: www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/

Lake District pilgrimage for Young Adults aged 18-35

Join us this autumn for a guided pilgrimage through the Lake District with other young adults, **14-18 September**. As we move through this beautiful landscape, we will reflect too on our journey through life. The outer journey will take us on a walk of 36 miles over Cumbrian hills and beside lakes over three days. The inner journey will draw on the wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius to help us reflect on how we might navigate life in relationship with God. We will follow the route of St Bega, a local Cumbrian saint who aligned her compass with the way of Christ.

Cost: £290. Email Elizabeth Harrison for more information: eharrison@jesuit.org.uk.

Garstang parish property : renewed appeal for help

The grounds and buildings at St Mary & St Michael's are a rich heritage in our care, of which we are rightly proud.

To ensure its continuing care, we need someone who will be our key link between the parish and: the diocesan Property Office, the various tradespeople who come onto the parish estate to carry out repairs and improvements, and our various parishioner-volunteers who help in the grounds or the buildings.

If this is an area of parish life in which you might be able to serve, or know of someone who might be, please have a word with me. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey

Parish Levy

Each year, the parishes are levied by the diocese to support the central administration. This year, the rate of levy on offertory income remains unchanged at 24.70%, and the rate on rental income, including qualifying hall income, also remains unchanged at 20% of gross rental income received.

This year, for Garstang, it's £13,818.75; for Scorton, it's £3,240.89.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Margaret Collinson, Barbara Rogerson, Anthony Monks.

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, 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. Jane Delaney, Peter Michael Houghton, Joseph Hodgson, Raymond Fitzgerald, Ann Mary Swarbrick, Thomas Richardson, Mary Agnes Gornall, Alice Bilsborrow, Timothy John Richardson, Dennis Oxby, Barbara Walters, William Francis (Bill) Campbell, Richard Redhead, Victor Richmond and John Garret.