

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 5 April 2020

Mass intentions this week

Sunday	People of our Parishes
Monday	In thanksgiving [J]
Tuesday	Intentions of Elizabeth Vergese
Wednesday	Charlotte McAleer <i>anniversary</i>

The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday..... **EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Fr Michael Tully *1st anniversary*

Good Friday..... **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

Easter Eve..... **Blessing of the Easter Candle & Baptismal Water**

Easter Day..... **MASS**

People of our Parishes

The end of the Easter Triduum

Holy Week Liturgies

Simplified liturgies will take privately at Garstang. Palms will be blessed and will be available for collection when the restriction on movement has been lifted, as will the Easter Baptismal Water.

Our cathedral will be recording the liturgies celebrated by the Bishop, and will upload them to their *YouTube* channel shortly afterwards. Visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp4kh6EOcC8T1MaMjywHp1Q>

Holy Week prayer and liturgies for our homes

Leaflets to help us pray and reflect on the Scriptures of the special days of Holy Week are on our website: see Liturgical Seasons / Holy Week. Printed copies of these leaflets are included within the newsletters, available in a clear plastic wallet, under a stone at the church side door.

Simple liturgies for us to celebrate in our homes during Holy Week, prepared by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, are on their website. Some printed copies will be available at the church side door:

To read on-screen:

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/PaH-PalmSunday.pdf>

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/PaH-MaundyThursday.pdf>

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/PaH-GoodFriday.pdf>

To print at home:

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/PaH-PalmSundayA4.pdf>

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/PaH-MaundyThursdayA4.pdf>

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/PaH-GoodFridayA4.pdf>

Resources for our young families:

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/WayCross-Families.pdf>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Links to live-steamed Masses in our diocese

Barrow: Fr Manny Gribben ... Chopin, his dog, usually gets a mention.

<https://ourladyoffurness.org.uk/live-streaming/>

Workington: Canon John Watson.

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/christ-the-good-shepherd>

Mass intentions

Fr Geoffrey continues to celebrate Mass in private, and the intentions are listed in the newsletter. Please continue to request Mass intentions: place your intention and offering in an envelope and post through the presbytery letterbox, or e-mail or phone with your request.

Catholicism DVDs

If anyone would like to borrow the DVDs to watch at home, please contact Elizabeth Horn, 07940-471617, to make arrangements to borrow them.

Reconciliation

A simple Liturgy of Penance to celebrate in our homes, prepared by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, is on their website:

To read on-screen:

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/PaH-EndLent.pdf>

To print at home:

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/PaH-EndLentA4.pdf>

During this time when we are all urged to stay at home, it is inappropriate for priest and penitent to meet for Confession. Pope Francis has said: "It is very clear: If you cannot find a priest to confess to, speak directly to God, your Father, and tell him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart." He urges us in these circumstances to say an Act of Contrition or the *I confess* from the Mass, and promise to confess individually as soon as we are able.

The Vatican Penitentiary has clarified that Confessions cannot be done at a distance, meaning over the phone or through Skype, but that if a priest is inaccessible, sincere penance and request for God's forgiveness is enough.

Spiritual help on the www

The Jesuits in Britain have produced a new audio resource for those experiencing isolation and uncertainty during this difficult time.

You can find this on the *Pray As You Go* website <https://pray-as-you-go.org/retreat/pray-as-you-stay>. Or you can listen on *Pathways to God*: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/resources/pray-you-stay>.

St Vincent de Paul Society – can you help?

If you'd like to assist the members of our parish SVP, perhaps delivering/dropping off shopping for example, please contact Helen Forshaw: hm.forshaw@btinternet.com or 01995-603944.

If you are elderly and vulnerable and need assistance, please contact our SVP 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.

If you'd like to help generally around Garstang and Scorton, please check out the *Your Garstang* Facebook group.

Thank you to all who are helping in whatever way at this difficult time.

Weekly Church Offerings

Thank you to everyone who has a Standing Order for our parishes. If other parishioners are able to support the parishes with a Standing Order, please e-mail or phone the parish and ask for one, or download one for either parish from our website.

If you give weekly through the collection, please set your donations aside at home and, once we are back to public celebrations, please make a cheque payable to the parish. This is to avoid people having to count money and visit the bank.

Please continue your regular donations to Cafod and other charities.

Red Mission Boxes : Garstang

A total of £298.41 has been banked. In the last year, Red Box holders and contributors in our parish have raised £885.78. Our sisters and brothers around the world continue to need our prayers and financial support. If you would like a box for your home, please contact Celia Horn, 01995-602341.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Frances Dickinson; Margaret Gigli (sister of Tom Ibison & Mary Purkis).

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, Brenda Richardson, 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, David Winstanley, Mary Winstanley, Ellen Worsley, Ewan, Kathryn, Lucy & family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Aileen Dearn, George Swarbrick, Mary Bowles, Canon Alban Cochrane, Charlotte McAleer, Mgr Michael Tully, Joe Walmsley, Joseph Nickson, Mary Wellings, John Adamson, John Cunningham, Joseph Davis, Richard Winstanley, Jack Metcalf, James Parker Richardson, Veronica Pickering.