

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Passion (Palm) Sunday

2 April 2023

Sat	1	G	6.00pm	Mass	Kathleen Myerscough <i>RIP-wedding anniv.</i>
Sun	2	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	John Bolton <i>RIP [M+TP]</i>
		G	5.00pm	Funeral Vigil	Tony Clark
Mon	3	G	10.30am	Funeral Mass	Tony Clark
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Wed	5	G	6.30pm	Mass	For a successful operation [HL]
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>

The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, 6 April

G 6.30pm EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Agnes Gallagher *RIP*

Good Friday, 7 April

S 10.00am Stations of the Cross

G 11.00am Stations of the Cross led by our children

G 3.00 pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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]*

Palm Sunday

We'll celebrate Palm Sunday in both parishes using the simpler form we adopted two years ago. Palms will be blessed within all three Masses.

Holy Thursday

Those who have a small bell at home might like to bring it and ring it at the consecration.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross : our children

Stations of the Cross at Garstang on Good Friday, 11.00am, will be led by our children and their liturgy leaders. All welcome.

Easter flowers at Garstang

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

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*.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word : can you help?

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30 Mass: **this Sunday, 2 April and 7 May**. For this important ministry to continue and grow, we need more helpers. Please put your name on the list at the back of SSMM church, or contact Nancy Walbank through the parish office. All volunteers are required to undergo safeguarding checks.

Children's Easter events at Scorton

Woodcroft Crafts, Scorton, is hosting Easter events for children.

Thursday 6 April, *Make an Easter Garden* in the outdoor craft area.

Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Monday, *Easter Egg Hunt*.

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

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.

Lenten lunch

A huge thank you to all involved in serving our meal. It was much appreciated; most people had at least two helpings! The total raised this year will be announced later. *Philippa Catterall.*

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.

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. Fr Michael O'Dowd (Liverpool diocese, friend of Fr G), Fr Joseph Diskin (retired priest of the diocese), Tony Clark, Tony Blunt.

Those who are ill or infirm. Fr Frank Flynn (retired priest of the diocese), 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. Mary Horn, Frank Gornall, William Darwen, Shirley Hawes, John Bevins, Aileen Dearn, George Swarbrick, June Ann McLaughlin, Mary Bowles, Canon Alban Cochrane, Charlotte McAleer, Mgr Michael Tully and Joe Walmsley.