

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Pentecost

31 May 2020

Mass intentions this week

Sunday People of our Parishes

The end of the Season of Easter

The Season of Ordinary Time resumes : Week 9

Sundays Year A : Weekdays Year 2 : Liturgy of the Hours Week 1

Monday..... **Mary, Mother of the Church**

Fr John Conway *anniversary*

Tuesday

Marion Hoyle *15th anniversary*

Wednesday..... **Ss Charles Lwanga catechist, martyr**

& his companions martyrs of Uganda

Mary Beesley *anniversary* [LR]

Thursday..... **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**

Frances Dickinson *lately dead* [BMF]

Friday..... **St Boniface bishop, religious, missionary, martyr**

Judith Swarbrick *13th anniversary* [LB]

Saturday

Arnold & Monica Hargreaves *RIP* [T]

The Holy Trinity

Sunday People of our Parishes

Prayerful reflection for Pentecost

Accompanying the newsletter this week is a reflection for Pentecost. These are also available on our parish website: Liturgical Seasons / Easter.

Next week, there will be a reflection for The Holy Trinity.

Pentecost Rosary rally

Following the request of Pope Francis, on Pentecost, **Sunday 31 May**, there will be a Rosary rally across England, Scotland, and Wales, 9.00am-9.00pm.

We are invited to pray especially for deliverance from Covid-19.

In Lancaster diocese, we are asked to pray a Rosary Hour at 5.00pm.

Praying the Rosary with other parishioners

You are invited to pray the Rosary in your home, **Wednesdays**, 7.00pm, with your fellow parishioners. If you'd like to pray with others on Zoom, please contact Liz Billington stubbinsfarm@outlook.com; 07918-662711.

Also contact Liz if you have any intentions for prayer. If you are requesting prayers for someone other than yourself, please ensure you have their permission for them to be named. If not, you can always petition for e.g. 'a private intention' or 'someone suffering from ... '

Coronavirus – Cafod – Preston 5K

Please consider supporting Cafod's urgent appeal:

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus>

Here you can find links to light a prayer candle, home learning materials for children and young people, what Cafod is doing and what you can do to help.

As long time Cafod supporter TV and radio presenter Dermot O'Leary said, "Millions of people in developing countries face devastation from coronavirus and will be able to do nothing to stop it.

"They need all the help they can get.

"That is why I am backing Cafod's fundraising appeal, so that people already living on the brink get some of the care and support we would want our own families to receive." Thank you.

Members of Saint Anthony's Preston have committed to a 5K fundraising event on 11 July. Full details next week. In the meantime, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/549868239250525/>

Clap for carers

Annemarie Plas, who originated the “clap for carers” called for last Thursday’s show of support – week ten – to be the last. She had growing concerns that the event is becoming politicised and thinks it better to stop while it’s at its peak.

Many thanks to all parishioners who expressed their support, and especially to Bill Bateson who rang the bell at SSMM each week. There is a video clip of Bill in full swing on our parish website.

Please continue to hold in your prayer all who work in the NHS and care homes in whatever capacity.

Musings from my hermitage ... Fr Geoffrey

The stirring in the disciples of the Spirit of God crowned the events of Easter in which they’d been caught up. And yet, for all its importance, the scriptures present us with two markedly different descriptions.

St John locates this outpouring of the Spirit on the very day Jesus rose from the dead: the first day of the week, the day God first released the energy of creation.

St Luke has it on the day of Pentecost, the ancient Jewish festival that closed the harvest season. It was a day of thanksgiving for the gift of life.

Luke and John both tell us that the experience of Easter turned the disciples outwards: from fear to mission; from the locked upper room, to the open road and the high seas.

The gift of the Holy Spirit sustained their communion with the Risen Lord beyond his Ascension into heaven. The Spirit’s deep presence within them impelled them to proclaim the good news.

That one Spirit is poured out afresh on all who are called into communion with Christ through baptism.

We’re given the Spirit to serve Christ’s mission of gathering into one “all [God’s] children scattered throughout the world” (EP III); to draw people together, build community, help people find a sense of belonging.

What Jesus asks of us is what he asked of his disciples in his own day: to pray, to challenge that which is wrong, and to care.

I cannot believe that the Holy Spirit is any less active today than two thousand years ago.

Do you need practical help or support?

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.

Traidcraft

Thanks to all who ordered from the Traidcraft catalogue. From the proceeds, we are able to forward £294.20 to the *Friends of Chivuna* for the clinic.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Bill Campbell (Bowgreave Rise), Christine Cobane (sister-in-law of Tony Clark), Terry Horan (brother-in-law of Tony Clark), Celene Elizabeth McLaughlin, Margaret Docherty (mother of Fr Michael), Carmel Cusack (friend of Noel & Christine Birch), John Francis Birch (brother of Noel), John & Mary Turner (brother & sister-in-law of Fr Aidan).

Those who are ill or infirm. Bishop Paul, Jean Andrews, Roger Bevins, Vin Cahill, Paul Cain, Eileen Cartner, John Cookson, Martina Copple, Bob Cross, Simon Crossley, 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, Caroline Nurse, 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. Renee Rafferty, Thomas Hezel, Brian Griffin, Wynn Dunn, William Rawlinson, Bernard Holland, Jean Leach, Theresa Bamber, John Dixon, Josephine Barton, George Holt, Alfred Yates, Robert Catterall, Julia Cowburn, Judith Swarbrick, Winifred McNulty, John Blacklock, Cyril Swarbrick, Rev. Peter Firth C.F., Jennifer Robinson, Anthony James Stephenson, and Charles Hamer.

Please e-mail the parish with the name of anyone you would like to be remembered in this way.