Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Pentecost

8 June 2025

Sat	7	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Muriel Metcalfe *RIP*
Sun	8	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	Fr Michael Tully & Parents *RIP*
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes

The end of the Season of Easter

Ordinary Time resumes : Weekday Cycle I : Week 10

Mon	**9**	**Mary, Mother of the Church**			
		S	10.00am	**Mass**	Paul Wright *lately dead* [GS]
Tue	10	---			
Wed	**11**	**St Barnabas** *apostle*			
		G	6.30pm	**Mass**	In thanksgiving [J]
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	**12**	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**			
		S	10.00am	**Mass**	Mary & Tommie Morley *RIP*
Fri	**13**	**G**	**11.00am**	**Funeral Mass : Vin Cahill**	

The Holy Trinity

Sat	14	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Vin Cahill *lately dead*
Sun	15	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Rita Whittaker *RIP*

Have you lost a set of keys?

A set of keys was left in the porch in Garstang. I have them. *Fr G*

Cancel the debt : choose hope

In this Jubilee Year CAFOD is working with our sister *Caritas* organisations around the world to call for urgent action on the global debt crisis.

Many of the poorest countries suffer huge debt burdens with devastating impacts on ordinary people. Pope Francis spoke about this many times, saying, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice."

Please sign the worldwide Church petition on the way out of Mass today - or on another weekend before the end of the June. Thank you.

Appeal next weekend : *Network for a Better World*

At Masses next weekend, **14-15 June**, we welcome Barbara Charles from *Network for a Better World*, a lay missionary group which works for the relief of poverty with specific support for women and children in a rural mission parish in Southern Malawi.

Barbara will speak about the work of the organisation and how we can all be involved in the mission of the Church overseas. There will be a retiring collection in support of their work. *Thank you*.

Flower festival in Morecambe

The Catholic churches in Morecambe will be holding a flower festival in St Mary's church, Matthias Street, Morecambe LA4 5JR, **Friday 20 - Sunday 22 June**, 1.00-7.00pm. See the poster at the back of church.

SPUC Meeting in Preston

Pills-by-post abortion policy and threat of abortion decriminalisation.

The recently formed Preston Branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be hosting an important meeting about the deadly pills-by-post abortion policy and the very real threat of abortion decriminalisation with a speaker from SPUC HQ. **Saturday 21 June, 2.00pm, St Joseph's church hall, Skeffington Road PR1 5UQ.** All welcome.

For further details, please contact Terry Graham, SPUC Northern Development Officer, 07549 068226 or terrygraham@spuc.org.uk

Armed Forces Day : flag-raising ceremony

Armed Forces Day Saturday 28 June 2025, is an opportunity for the nation to show support for the military community both serving and retired, at home and abroad.

Garstang Town Council is supporting this by holding a flag raising ceremony, **Thursday 26 June** 10.00am, Kepple Lane Park. All welcome.

Day of renewal

Living in joyful hope. This is the theme of a day of renewal offered at St Clare's Parish Hall, Preston PR2 9HH, **Saturday 28 June**, 10.00am-4.00pm, beginning with Mass at 10.00am. Led by Archie Cameron.

Please take a packed lunch; tea & coffee available. For more information: Christine, 07745-009694; Annette, 07954-429333.

Lark Hill Association

All past pupils of Lark Hill Convent School, Preston are invited to come to Cardinal Newman College, Preston, **Saturday 28 June**, for a Mass at 2.00pm in the Chapel followed by a get together.

This is a chance to meet up with friends, with the opportunity to explore the College on the Lark Hill site.

SVP

Members would like to thank everyone for their continued generosity towards our collections. The total donated in May was £508.

Thank you, again, and every blessing.

Monthly parish collections : May

Collections for May: **Garstang**, £ 1,473.10, plus £ 2,045.00 Standing Orders; **Scorton**, £157.00, plus £677.67 Standing Orders. *Thank you*.

Education Mass

All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Paul at the annual diocesan education Mass.

This invitation extends in a special way to all those involved in education and faith formation: catechists, children's liturgy leaders, teachers both within and outside the Catholic sector. **Thursday 3 July**, 6.30pm, at the cathedral.

Rosary Campaign for Pope Leo XIV

Aid to the Church in Need (UK) would like to offer our new holy father, Pope Leo XIV, a spiritual bouquet: our prayers and support for our pontiff and shepherd as he starts his ministry. If you would like to take part, please visit https://acnuk.org.

Chivuna clinic in Zambia

The annual transfer to the clinic this year will be arranged for the **end of June**. Before then, if anyone would like to make a donation, or set up a standing order, please contact the parish office.

Brass cleaning : many thanks …

… to **Doreen Walmsley** who, for the past twenty years and more, has faithfully helped to clean the brasses at St Mary & St Michael's. We're all very grateful, because the brasses always look great. God bless, *Fr G*.

Please pray for …

Celebrating her 102nd birthday: Joan Brown.

Those who have died recently. Paul Wright (cousin of Fr G), Vin Cahill, Joseph Hardacre.

Those who are ill or infirm. Pat & Harold Jepson, Celia & Bert Lowe, Gerry & Rita Marley, Liz Boden, Bob Tomlinson, Fr Tony Walsh, Steve Masterman, Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Margaret Brocklehurst, Mary Jo Counsell, Caroline Nurse, Yvonne Shaw, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Anthony James Stephenson, Charles Hamer, Francis Wells, Elizabeth Critchley, Canon David Murphy, Javier Coto, Bridget Cooney, Phyllis Seelenbacher, Rose Ward, Matt Pedder, Mary McNicholls, William Austin Walmsley, Mary Ball, John Swarbrick, Hylda Wells, Doris Carter, Kathleen Eyre, Brian James Richardson, Raymond Stopforth, Ian Michael Gornall, Andrew John Gerard, Elizabeth Woodruff, David Francis Condon, Francis Grayston, Charles Price, Ada Annie Oxby, Joan Billington, Terry Fitzpatrick, Canon Michael Taylor, Joseph Nugent, Ellen Kelsall, and Jane Winstanley.