

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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The Holy Trinity

7 June 2020

Mass intentions this week

Sunday People of our Parishes

Ordinary Time: Week 10

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

Monday Birthday memorial [JTC]

Tuesday.....**St Columba** *abbot, missionary*

Joyce & Des Hewson *RIP-wedding anniversary*

Wednesday John Parkinson *lately dead* [TI]

Thursday.....**St Barnabas** *apostle*

Intentions of Marie Woods [TC]

Friday Mary Prentice *lately dead* [EW]

Saturday.....**St Anthony of Padua** *priest, religious,
doctor of the Church*

Intentions of Susan Stringer's family [SL]

The Body & Blood of Christ

Sunday People of our Parishes

Prayerful reflection for the Holy Trinity

Accompanying the newsletter this week is a reflection for Holy Trinity. This is also available on our parish website: Liturgical Seasons / Ordinary Time.

Next week, there will be a reflection for The Body & Blood of Christ.

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.

Preston Coronavirus 5k. Members of Saint Anthony's parish have committed to a fundraising event: On Saturday 11 July, you are invited to either walk, run, cycle, or wheel 5 kilometres (3.1 miles). Choose your individual route and time, observe social distancing, and know that you are together in spirit at one community event.

To take part, contact Peter Towers peter_towers@yahoo.com or through the Facebook group:

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

Peter has also set up a JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cafodprestoncy>

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

Because of the global COVID-19 pandemic, our 2020 diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes has been postponed and rescheduled to 23 July 2021.

This decision has been reached in agreement with other Dioceses of England and Wales as well as the Scottish Dioceses.

Joe Walsh Tours will be contacting / will have contacted all those who have already booked on the 2020 pilgrimage, to explain how bookings will be carried forward.

Musings from my hermitage ... Fr Geoffrey

This feast of the Holy Trinity invites us to reflect on the mystery of God, three-in-one. But what images to use? What pictures?

We're familiar enough with the three-leaf shamrock. It's vivid, and matches the richness of St Patrick's writing.

Over the centuries, all manner of image has been offered, to give the Christian people ways into the mystery of God, three-in-one.

God has been likened to a constant spring of water, giving life. Or a rainbow, whose colours are distinct, yet cannot be separated.

A famous ikon from the Eastern church shows the Trinity as three angels seated around a table — pure companionship.

This is the image that's foremost in my mind and heart just now. On Tuesday, for the first time in fifteen weeks, I shared a meal with another person. Friends were passing through, and we enjoyed lunch together in my garden. Not exactly three angels around a table, but it was very good.

Through all the many and varied experiences of our life, be they wonderful or uncomfortable, within each of us God nurtures a response.

Week by week we respond to God in our worship and our personal prayer; we put flesh on our response to God through our care and support of one another; and we put spirit into our response to God by our persistent attention to the needs of the many, those who really struggle to find meaning or sense in their life.

We do compromise our response, of course; give it partially, hold it back. But if ever we dared to set loose our God-given energy — in our worship and prayer, in our support and care for others — our response will take us far beyond images of shamrocks, or rainbows, or angels round a table.

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.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. The mother-in-law of one of our parishioners, John Parkinson (Moor Farm), 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).

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. Anthony James Stephenson, Charles Hamer, Francis Wells, Elizabeth Critchley, Canon David Murphy, Javier Coto, Bridget Cooney, Phyllis Seelenbacher, Rose Ward, Matt Pedder, Mary McNichols, Mary Ball, John Swarbrick, Hilda Wells, Doris Carter, Raymond Stopforth, Ian Michael Gornall, Elizabeth Woodruff, Francis Grayston, Charles Price, Ada Annie Oxby, Joan Billington, Terry Fitzpatrick and Canon Michael Taylor.

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