Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

St Mary & St Michael : Bonds Lane : Garstang PR3 1ZB St Mary & St James : Snowhill Lane : Scorton PR3 1AY

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Revd D'Arcy Ryan: retired deacon

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7 July 2024

Sat	6	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our parishes
Sun	7	S	8.30am	Mass	Mary Morley RIP
		G	10.30am	Mass	Mary Chapman RIP [V]
Mon Tue		S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Philippa Catterall [cwl]
Wed	10	G	6.30pm	Mass	Infirm clergy
			7.00pm	Rosary	in our homes
Thu	11	S	11.00am	Funeral Liturgy : Teresa Hall	
Fri	12	G	10.00am	Mass	Gill Kneale lately dead [AC]
		G	10.45am	Sacram	ent of Reconciliation
Sat	13	G	12.15pm	Baptisr	n of Rueben Sergeant-Wharton

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	13	G	6.00pm	Mass	Revd John Horn RIP
Sun	14	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Frank, Rita, and Tony Moreland RIP

First Holy Communion: thank you ...

... from the parents "To the whole parish of Saint Mary & St Michael's thank you so much to everyone for such a wonderful Holy Communion Mass for all the children. It was such a special occasion for them on their journey of faith, and all of you played a vital role in this.

"Thank you especially to the four wonderful catechists, to Fr Geoffrey for such a special service, to the incredible musicians and choir, to the nurturing of faith from everyone at our wonderful school and to all the parishioners for their support.

"It was all hugely appreciated – the children will always treasure the memory of this special day."

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 9 June**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

Aid to the Church in Need

Next weekend, **13-14 July**, there will be a short talk at the Masses about the world-wide work of *Aid to the Church in Need*. There will be religious items for sale, such as handheld Bethlehem holding crosses, children's Bibles, and Rosaries blessed by Pope Francis.

Parish Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 17 July**, 10.00am - 12 noon, when we will be raising funds for *Dementia UK*. Due to your generosity, £65 was donated to parish funds after the last event.

Do come along to this month's get-together. There's usually lovely cake and excellent conversation. We look forward to welcoming you. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

Red Mission Boxes: Mass at the cathedral

Please bring your Mission Boxes to be emptied to church. Also, Bishop Paul invites all red box holders and supporters to a *Missio Mass*, **Saturday 20 July**, 12 noon, at the cathedral. Light refreshments afterwards in the cathedral Social Centre, and you are welcome to take a packed lunch. If you're thinking of attending, email redbox@missio.org.uk or phone 07593-544625.

Parish Safeguarding Representative for Garstang: help!

We need someone to take on the role of Parish Safeguarding Rep for SSMM as soon as possible, in order to be able to introduce new Ministers of Holy Communion and renew those already ministering to people who are housebound or in care homes.

In co-operation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, the work involves processing or renewing DBS applications for parishioners who volunteer with children and/or vulnerable groups.

Computer literacy and an attention to detail are key requirements for the work. Any stationery, postage or copying are funded by the Parish.

If you are willing to help, and would like to know more, please contact Helen Forshaw on 01995 603944.

Damage to a car in our car park

From our school: "On Friday 14 June, around 10.30am, a school staff member's car was badly scratched. The person who caused it got out of their car and took a photograph of the damage on the staff member's car, but has yet to notify the school. The school does have that person's registration details, make, and model of car, but would prefer to go through an insurance company rather than make a report to the police.

"If you are that person, please contact the school office. Thank you."

Sea Sunday

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. *Sea Sunday* is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

In our parishes, we will observe Sea Sunday the weekend of **20-21 July**. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

AA meetings

Meetings previously held in our Castle Lane centre, Mondays 7.30pm & Fridays 8.00pm, have moved to Catterall Village Hall PR3 1XN; same times.

Thanks from Winifride & Manus

"Dan has asked us to thank you for the contributions made to his fundraising efforts. He did finish the Stockholm marathon, setting off at noon in a temperature of 26 degrees, the hottest day of the year in Sweden!

"£2,200 was raised for Dementia UK. Dan has asked us to thank everyone for their support. M&W"

Chivuna clinic in Zambia

Each year the parish transfers funds to Sr Mutinta and her clinic in Chivuna, to assist in the clinic's many and varied needs.

These funds come from parishioners and others who have a monthly standing order, or who make occasional donations throughout the year.

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

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Fr Harry Holden (retired priest of the diocese), Teresa Hall, Andrew Gerrard, Fr Tim Sullivan, Fr Bob Halshaw.

Those who are ill or infirm. Alice Oxby, Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Gerard Wearden, May Dilworth, Thomas Edgar Darwen, Ruairi Lambert-Heysham, Elizabeth Mary Burton (1st anniversary), Henry Wearden, Agnes Bamber, Joseph Bugeja, Brian Winstanley, Pat Salles, Robert Spenser, Frederick Lyford, Harry Nickson, Agnes Evans, Agnes Bullen, Thomas Wells, George & Mary Pyke, Mary Thompson, Christina Bateson and Rita Mary Moreland.