Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 July 2025

Sat	5	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Peter Houghton *RIP-birthday*
Sun	6	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Charles & Evelyn Langley *RIP*
Mon	7	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Infirm clergy
Tue	8	---			
Wed	9	G	6.30pm	**Mass**	Muriel Metcalfe *RIP*
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	**10**	**G**	**11.00am**	**Funeral Mass** : **Adelene Lackey**	
Fri	**11**	**ST BENEDICT** *abbot, religious founder, patron of Europe*			
		G	10.00am	**Mass**	Alice Oxby *1st anniversary* [V]
		G	10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	12	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Revd John Horn *RIP-ordination anniversary*
Sun	13	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Agnes Evans *10th anniversary* [CH]

Songs of Praise

Pilling Silver Jubilee Band will be playing at Calder Vale Methodist Church **this Sunday, 6 July**, 2.00pm. It will be on the green, weather permitting; if not, then in the chapel next to the mill. If you love to sing and praise the Lord, please feel welcome to come along.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

Preston branch meetings will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 2.00pm, St Joseph's church hall, Skeffington Road PR1 5UQ. Next meeting: **Saturday 12 July**. Please contact Nicola at spucpreston@gmail.com or telephone 07523 183758, or just turn up. All welcome.

Apostleship of the Sea : Stella Maris : special collection

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.

We will observe *Sea Sunday* **next weekend, 12-13 July**. You can donate in church, or 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.

Parish Coffee Morning

The next event is on **Wednesday 16 July**, 10.00am to 12 noon, when we will raise funds for Medecins sans Frontières (MSF) [Doctors Without Borders]. Friends to meet, cakes to eat: do come along. *The Coffee Morning Team.*

Concert in St Mary & St Michael's

Local choir, **Choir 1**, will be performing a Summertime concert in church, **Friday 18 July**, 7.30pm. The choir, led by David Kennedy, will perform a programme of uplifting and joyful music. The concert will also feature performances from local musicians, Ivan Gaughan, Marion Gaughan and Louise Coupe.

Entrance is by donation with all concert proceeds going to local charity, Croston House, which provides cancer care help and support to the local community. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. For further details contact **David Kennedy**, 07510557081.

Liz Boden : thank you

Thank you to everyone for your prayers while I have been ill. I really appreciate it, and I'm sure it has helped me to cope with everything. God bless you all. *Liz Boden*

Network for a Better World : many thanks

Dear Fr Geoffrey, On behalf of all at *Network for a Better World*, may I thank you for the most generous donation of **£683.22** paid into our account.

We understand the many demands on peoples' finances in the current economic climate, so to have collected such a sum says a lot about the spirit of giving and sharing within your parish community. The money will be used directly to further our many projects in Malawi.

Thank you too, for the warm welcome: I very much enjoyed my visit to your parishes. Please pass on our grateful thanks to your parishioners for their enormous generosity and let them know that you and they will all be remembered in our prayers. God bless, **Barbara Charles**.

Knitting for Chivuna Clinic, Zambia

A big thank you to Pat Costain who has been in charge of sending knitted items from our Parish to Sister Mutinta for use at Chivuna clinic, Zambia. Also, thank you to all the knitters who have contributed items.

Sr Mutinta says the socioeconomic status of the majority who attend the rural clinic isn't great. Some mothers have nothing to clothe their newborn baby, and the staff have to run around looking for warm clothes.

If anyone would like to knit items for Chivuna clinic, e.g. baby hats, jumpers, please help yourself to wool from the box by the bottom of the stairs to the balcony at Garstang, and return knitted items there. (Bright colours are good but please avoid red and black.) They will be sent in batches to Sr Mutinta.

Many thanks, *Helen Spencer*.

Diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady, Cleator

This year's diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 7 September.** The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul. Tea and coffee will be provided; you are welcome to take a packed lunch.

This is a special year for the Church and the Diocese as we celebrate our centenary.

Diocesan Directory 2026

To order a copy of next year's diocesan directory: for *Scorton*, please contact Catherine Pickering; for *Garstang*, please e-mail the parish office, phone and leave a message, or leave a note in the collection plate.

Please specify which edition: ring-bound, £7.50; standard, £6.50. Deadline for orders: 31 July.

Dawn Murphy RIP : many thanks …

… for donations of **£215** for Chivuna, made in Dawn's memory.

Vin Cahill RIP : many thanks

"Anne and all the family would like to thank Fr Geoffrey for a beautiful Requiem Mass offered for Vin. Special thanks also to Fiona during her own difficult time, and to Bill and Mike, for their parts.

"Thank you to the many friends and parishioners who supported us at church, and those at home who were praying with us.

"Please make yourselves known to us, because we were overwhelmed at the time." *Anne Cahill*

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Adelene Lackey, Gwen Roskell, Val Readman (mother of Teresa, Scorton), Deacon D'Arcy Ryan.

Those who are ill or infirm. Mary Evans, 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, 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. Martin Horn, Bill Jennings, Evelyn Langley, Gerard Wearden, May Dilworth, Thomas Edgar Darwen, Ruairi Lambert-Heysham, Elizabeth Mary Burton, Henry Wearden, Agnes Bamber, Joseph Bugeja, Alice Oxby-Wood, Brian Winstanley, Pat Salles, Robert Spenser, Frederick Lyford, Harry Nickson, Agnes Evans, and Agnes Bullen.