

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 July 2023

Sat 15	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Roger Horn <i>lately dead</i> [CH]
Sun 16	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Jean Andrews <i>RIP</i> [L]
	<b>G</b>	12.15pm	<b>Burial of Ashes : Tony Clark</b>	
Mon 17	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Almond & Sweeney families <i>RIP</i>
Tue 18	--			
<b>Wed 19</b>				<b>Ss John Plessington, John Wall, &amp; companions</b> <i>martyrs of Lancashire</i>
	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Frank, Rita & Tony Morland <i>RIP</i> [RM]
		7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 20	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Sr Patricia Kent <i>RIP</i> [VS]
Fri 21	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Helena Holland <i>RIP-birthday</i> [HL]
	<b>S</b>	10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 22	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Tim Richardson <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 23	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Ints. of Martha Billington <i>90<sup>th</sup> birthday</i>

### Cafod's Fix the food system campaign

The focus of the campaign this year is seeds: protecting the freedom of farmers to choose which seeds they use to grow food. Small-scale farmers grow nearly half of the world's food.

This weekend at Mass, **15-16 July**, there will be a brief talk to explain the background, and a large letter will be on display for parishioners of all ages to sign to show support. It is not a petition as such (no addresses) but will be handed to the World Bank before their meeting in Morocco in October.

This is an opportunity to show solidarity with small farmers who grow our food, but who don't have control over the seeds they use and who are being kept in poverty because of large companies and new laws forcing them to buy expensive seeds.

### Tea & coffee ...

... will be served after 10.30am Mass at Garstang **this Sunday**.

Parishioners, guests, and visitors are all very welcome.

### St Mary & St James presbytery : update

Planning permission has finally been granted for a significant amount of work to take place at the presbytery.

This includes the installation of a ramp which will make it easier to access the church. An accessible toilet is to be built, again for the use of the congregation. Other rooms on the ground floor are to be decorated to be more serviceable for parish activities. The upper floor is to be converted into a two-bedroom apartment which will be rented out to generate income.

It is hoped that the building work will start later this year or in the first months of 2024.

### Catholicism and Contemporary Culture

This course at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, **3-6 August**, will explore the themes of truth, reality & sacramentality, and the differences in the Catholic and secular conceptions of these. It will be of particular support to: RE teachers, catechists, those working with youth & young adults.

For full details, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/>, or see the poster at the back of both churches.

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## Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 18 July**, 6.30pm. New members and enquirers are always welcome. Please contact the parish office for the venue.

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## Chivuna Mission update

*Pat Costain writes:* Grateful thanks to Mrs McCall for the six lovely knitted jumpers for posting off to Zambia. Yes, the parish group supporting Chivuna, initiated by Dr Carter, is alive and well. St Mutinta is grateful for these parcels of clothes which keep the babies warm during the cold Zambian nights.

I am happy to send these parcels, while our generous parishioners do all the work necessary. Together, our support continues and makes a huge difference. Thank you for all you are doing, *Pat Costain*.

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## Migrants & refugees

Bishop Paul McAleenan, our Lead Bishop in England & Wales for Migrants and Refugees, has commented on the recent Court of Appeal ruling on the Government's plan to send some asylum seekers to Rwanda. The Court ruled that Rwanda is not a "safe third country" and the policy of deporting asylum seekers there is unlawful.

Drawing on principles outlined in the recent Department for International Affairs document, [Love the Stranger](#), Bishop McAleenan reaffirms that the proposed policy is "at odds with the teaching of the Church":

"As Christians, our starting point must be the innate dignity of every person because each of us is created in the image and likeness of God. We, therefore, should never view people arriving on our shores as a political problem, but as brothers and sisters to whom we have responsibilities and who greatly enrich our communities.

"The proposal to send some of those seeking asylum to Rwanda stands at odds with the teaching of the Church. It is the responsibility of the UK Government, and the whole international community, to ensure that we have an immigration system that upholds the dignity of human life. We continue to pray for all those seeking to support and uphold the dignity of those who seek safety."

An earlier statement from Bishop McAleenan on the proposed policy can be found here: [cbcew.org.uk/bishop-comments-on-illegal-migration-bill/](http://cbcew.org.uk/bishop-comments-on-illegal-migration-bill/)

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## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our young parishioners who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday:

Emily, George, Isaac, Jude, Matthew, Monty, Nancy, Rose, Scarlett, and Xavier.

Sincere thanks to our hard-working and dedicated catechists: Helen Crone, Fiona Brooks, Mrs Naylor, and Elodie Rennie-Bloor.

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## Tony Clark RIP

Garstang parish gratefully acknowledges a bequest of £250 from the estate of our late parishioner, Tony Clark.

**When preparing or revising your will**, please remember your parish. In this way, just as we benefit from the generosity of those who have gone before us, so those who follow us will benefit from our generosity to them.

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## Please pray for ...

**Newly-ordained deacons for the diocese.** Revd David Pope (Lytham) & Revd David Greaves (Penrith).

**Fr Robert Billing.** Priest of our diocese, newly-appointed as Rector of the national shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham.

**Those who have died recently.** Meava Cowburn (10 days old), Margaret Price, Revd Tony Edwards (deacon of the diocese).

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Mary Williamson (former head at Ss Mary & Michael's), Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Carley Cowburn, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Rita Whittaker, 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.** Patricia Maguire, Agnes Imelda Taylor, Mary Cowburn, Margaret Mary Thompson, Annie Morris, Mary Walmsley, Susan Conway, Phyllis Hull, William Dilworth, Tom Rigby, John Fleming, Winifrid Keefe, Margaret Heyes, Marion Waddingham, Edna Reid, John Murphy and Dr Martin Thomson.