Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Seafarers: Sea Sunday

13 July 2025

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]
Mon	**14**	**G**	**11.00am**	**Funeral Liturgy : Gwen Roskell**	
Tue	15	---			
Wed	16	G	6.30pm	**Mass**	Tom Rigby *4th anniversary*
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	**17**	**G**	**10.00am**	**Mass with the school** *all welcome*	
					Joan Speakman *lately dead* [GS]
Fri	18	**G**	10.00am	**Mass**	Vin Cahill *lately dead*
		G	10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	

Ss John Plessington, John Wall, & companions

Martyrs of Lancashire

(Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sat	19	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Deacon D'Arcy Ryan *lately dead* [L]
Sun	20	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	Val Readman *lately dead*
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes

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* **this 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

This week, **Wednesday 16 July**, 10.00am - 12 noon, in the Plessington chapel, Garstang. Funds raised for *Medecins sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders*. Friends to meet, cakes to eat: come along. *Coffee Morning Team.*

Vist from Fr Satoru Kato

Fr Satoru Kato will be visiting Garstang next week and will be at Mass, **Wednesday 16 July**. If you would like to chat, we are serving coffee and cake after Mass. You may remember that Satoru and his family were accepted into the Catholic Church here at SS Mary & Michael's about 20 years ago.

Holding Hope : online reflection

Leeds Diocese older people's charity, *Growing Old Grace*-fully, is hosting an hour-long Zoom reflection exploring how to hold on to Christian hope as we journey through life. **Thursday 17 July**, 7.00–8.00pm. Led by Paula Shanks and Mgr. Donal Lucey. All welcome. To book a place, please email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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.

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**.

Pilgrimage walk

The *John Bradburne Memorial Society* is holding a pilgrimage climb on Melmerby Fell, Cumbria, **Saturday 6 September**.

There will be Mass beforehand in St John the Evangelist church, Skirwith CA10 1RQ at 10.00am.

Flyers are at the back of church. For more information visit www.johnbradburne.com, or e-mail Kate at info@johnbradburne.com.

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.

Parish accounts 2024-25

If any parishioner would like an e-copy for your relevant parish, please e-mail. Some paper copies are available at the back of both churches. Fr G.

Many thanks to all those parishioners involved in our parishes' finances: book-keepers, Alejandra, and the now-retired Barry; our external auditors, Matt and Mick; our counters, Catherine, Helen, Jo, Marie, Michael, Ruth & Phil; and Karine, who takes care of the Gift Aid. I am very grateful. Fr G.

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.

History of our diocese in one hundred objects

As part of our Diocesan Centenary celebrations, Bishop Paul would like to create a collection of 100 items that together tell the story of our Diocese.

He is looking for items that hold particular significance in the history of our parishes or the Diocese as a whole. For instance: historical documents, liturgical or religious objects, stories or memorabilia connected to key individuals in the parish, school, or the wider community

No item will be permanently removed from the parish. Instead, Bishop Paul's team will document and photograph each item for inclusion in the project.

Any ideas about what we might suggest from either of our parishes? Fr G

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Adelene Lackey, Gwen Roskell, Val Readman, 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. Brian Winstanley, Pat Salles, Robert Spenser, Frederick Lyford, Harry Nickson, Agnes Evans, Agnes Bullen, Thomas Wells, George & Mary Pyke, Edwin Seed, Mary Thompson, Christina Bateson, Rita Mary Moreland, Mary Wrennall, Patricia Maguire, Agnes Imelda Taylor, Mary Cowburn, Ann Swift, Annie Morris, Mary Walmsley, Susan Conway, Phyllis Hull, William Dilworth, Tom Rigby, John Fleming, Winifrid Keefe, and Margaret Heyes.