

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 July 2023

Sat 22	G	6.00pm	Mass	Tim Richardson <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 23	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Ints. of Martha Billington <i>90th birthday</i>
Mon 24	St John Boste, Bl. Christopher Robinon, & companions <i>martyrs of Cumbria</i>			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Peter Johnson <i>RIP</i>
Tue 25	--			
Wed 26	St Joachim and St Anne <i>parents of the Virgin Mary</i>			
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Theresa "Betty" Carter <i>1st anniversary</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 27	S	10.00am	Mass	Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>
Fri 28	G	10.00am	Mass	Martha & John Bashall <i>RIP</i> [HF]
		10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 29	G	6.00pm	Mass	Sheila Murphy <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 30	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Tony Hall <i>RIP-birthday</i>

Scout group from London

We welcome a group of Scouts from London to 10.30am Mass this Sunday. They are staying at Waddecar Scout Campsite.

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 early in 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.

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*.

Parish Friends of Chivuna bank transfer. The parish has recently transferred £3000 from our *Friends of Chivuna* account to Sr Mutinta. Many thanks to all the parishioners who support her work and the clinic.

Memories of a visit to Chivuna. On display in the Plessington Chapel for the next couple of weeks is an album of photographs and memories of a visit to Chivuna in 2007 by our late parishioner, Jean Andrews.

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/

School holidays & Cafod

Why not visit the *Kidz Zone* on the CAFOD website for ideas for games, printable activities, colouring sheets, films etc?

<https://cafod.org.uk/education/kidz-zone>

If you would like to introduce your child to Praying the Rosary there are *Children Praying the Rosary* booklets available from the Children's Library at the back of church in Garstang. Please feel free to keep these and, if they prove to be popular, more will be made available.

Also from the Children's Library: games, puzzles as well as CAFOD World Games laminated sheets, and Bible-based colouring sheets.

Marriage Care : can you help?

"Marriage Care is looking for people who might consider volunteering with the charity.

"Most pressing now, in order to meet the demand for Marriage Preparation courses, we are looking for new recruits who could give up to three Saturdays a year to present and facilitate our courses to couples. Full training is given, and experienced support is there to begin with, working alongside. Individuals and couples are most welcome to come forward.

"Please consider how your own experience of marriage could help those embarking on their own Catholic marriage.

"More information will be given here in the parish in the coming weeks or contact www.marriagecare.org.uk"

Next weekend at Garstang, **29-30 July**, there will be a presentation on this.

Book of Remembrance

At St Mary & St Michael's, our *Book of the Names of the Dead* is on display in the Lady Chapel. You are welcome to add names to the book. If the sanctuary gate is closed, please open it.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Mary Williamson (former head at Ss Mary & Michael's), Meava Cowburn (10 days old), Margaret Price, Revd Tony Edwards.

Those who are ill or infirm. 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. George Grayston, Bill Williams, Betty (Theresa) Carter (1st anniversary), William Billington, Robert Bilsborrow, Thomas Davis, Benjamin Gelit, Joan Anne Baines, Fred Oxby, Ronnie Johnson, Elizabeth Wardle and Teresa Tully.