

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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St John Plessington & the Martyrs of Lancashire

(Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

21 July 2024

Sat 20 G 6.00pm **Mass** Fr John Winstanley *25th ordination anniv.*

Sun 21 S 8.30am **Mass** Thomas & Mary Wilding *RIP [DR]*

G 10.30am **Mass** People of our parishes

Mon 22 **ST MARY MAGDALENE** *disciple of the Lord*

S 10.00am **Mass** Intentions of Philippa Catterall [CWL]

Tue 23 --

Wed 24 **St John Boste, Bl. Christopher Robinson,
& companions** *martyrs of Cumbria*

G 6.30pm **Mass** Agnes Gallagher *RIP*

7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*

Thu 25 G 11.00am **Funeral Mass : Alice Oxby-Wood**

S 12 noon **Funeral Liturgy : Eddie Smith**

Fri 26 **St Joachim and St Anne** *parents of the Virgin Mary*

G 10.00am **Mass** Phyllis Steel *RIP wedding anniversary*

G 10.30am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 27 G 6.00pm **Mass** Sheila Murphy *5th anniversary*

Sun 28 S 8.30am **Mass** People of our parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Tony Hall *RIP-birthday*

St John Plessington & the Martyrs of Lancashire

This Sunday, in our parishes, we commemorate eight martyrs from the Preston, Garstang, and Fylde areas of the diocese who were martyred elsewhere during the Reformation era: St John Plessington, St John Wall OFM, Bl. Thomas Cottam SJ, William Harcourt SJ, William Marsden, George Haydock, John Sandys, and George Beesley.

We give thanks for the witness of the martyrs, which continues to call us to a life of strong and generous faith, nurtured by the grace of the Eucharist.

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 are observing *Sea Sunday* this weekend, **20-21 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.

Events at Boarbank Hall

The Sisters at Boarbank Hall near Grange-over-Sands, are hosting a Thinking Faith Summer Week on *What Catholics Really Believe*, **27 July - 3 August**. Talks, prayer, time outdoors, and social time. For more information, see www.boarbankhall.org.uk/whats-on/ or email Sr Margaret Atkins on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk.

Future events at Boarbank: A week on *Care for Creation*, **5-12 October**, *Advent Hope in Health* weekend, **6-8 December**.

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The diocesan pilgrimage to St Mary's Fernyhagh & Ladyewell shrine will be on **Saturday 21 September**, 11.00am, led by Bishop Paul.

Tuesday morning prayer

Christians from different churches gather at St Thomas' church, Garstang, for Morning Prayer on **Tuesdays**, 8.55-9.25am. *All welcome.*

Hummingbirds and the Parish Centre, Castle Lane

You may have heard of possible changes at *Hummingbirds*. These have now been finalised.

It became clear a while ago that the Parish Centre was in need of major repairs and refurbishment, as well as more income to make it viable. After months of negotiation, we are pleased to announce that *Evergreen Futures Ltd* is to take on the lease of the Centre and also take over the ownership of *Hummingbirds*. We are delighted that the current staff are to remain with the nursery and continue the good work they have been doing.

Evergreen already runs two very successful nurseries in Fulwood, one at Ladyewell in diocesan premises. They have the expertise and experience to develop the nursery which our management committee doesn't have. So from September the nursery will be called *Evergreen Early Years – Garstang*. On behalf of the management committee, I would like to thank all our parishioners who have supported us over the last 30 years to build from scratch a very successful and popular nursery, a venture we should all be proud of! *Frank Miller*

Fr G adds: On behalf of parishioners and the wider community, I thank all those who have generously served on the Management Committee over the years, helped with fund-raising, decorating, and all the rest. In particular, and very specially, I would like to thank Frank Miller personally for leading the Management Committee over the last few challenging years, and through the negotiations with the diocese and with *Evergreen*. I am very grateful.

Parish Levy

Each year, the parishes are levied by the diocese to support the central administration. This year, the rate of levy on offertory income remains unchanged at 24.70%, and the rate on rental income, including qualifying hall income, also remains unchanged at 20% of gross rental income received. This year, for Garstang, it's **£12,267.21**; for Scorton, it's **£3,125.21**.

Apartment for rent in Scorton presbytery

The upper floor of the presbytery in Scorton has now been converted into a three-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment, and is available for rent:

<https://preview.mypropertyloop.com/agent?id=29948&hash=829140328&type=2>

Parish Coffee Morning

Thank you to all those who attended the recent Coffee Morning and for your continuing generosity. As a result, £107 was donated to Dementia UK.

There will be NO Coffee Morning in August. However, never fear, it will be back on **Wednesday 18 September**, 10.00am-12 noon, when we will raise funds for a Toybox project which helps street children in developing countries.

Meanwhile, we wish everyone a peaceful, pleasant summer break and look forward to seeing you in September. Best wishes and thank you for your support over the past year. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

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 at 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. Joan Dean, Alice Oxby-Wood, Eddie Smith, Fr Harry Holden, Teresa Hall.

Those who are ill or infirm. 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. Marion Waddingham, Edna Reid, John Murphy, Dr Martin Thomson, George Grayston, Bill Williams, Betty (Theresa) Carter, William Billington, Robert Bilsborrow, Thomas Davis and Sheila Murphy (1st anniversary).