

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 July 2024

Sat 27	G	6.00pm	Mass	Sheila Murphy 5 th anniversary
Sun 28	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Tony Hall RIP-birthday
Mon 29	St Mary, Martha & Lazarus <i>disciples of the Lord</i>			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Philippa Catterall [cwl]
Tue 30	--			
Wed 31	St Ignatius of Loyola <i>priest, religious founder</i>			
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Theresa "Betty" Carter 2 nd anniversary
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 1	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori <i>bishop, religious founder, doctor of the Church</i>			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families RIP
Fri 2	G	10.00am	Mass	Andrew Ball <i>lately dead</i> [AC]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 3	G	6.00pm	Mass	Diane Pattinson RIP-birthday & Neal Walmsley RIP
Sun 4	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Matthew Pearson 4 th anniversary

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 Ladywell 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.

Participants needed for early diagnosis of diseases and cancers

Researchers from UCLan are calling for members of the public to help with a ground-breaking project investigating early detection of cancers and diseases. Participants need to be males aged between 40 and 65 years old. They will be asked to complete a short questionnaire and provide blood and urine samples. Testing will be carried out at UCLan on the 16th and 17th of September. If you wish to participate, please fill in the questionnaire: <https://redcap.link/>, firefighterstudy, or email FCDR@uclan.ac.uk.

Next weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend, **3-4 August**, in both our churches to support the work of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul society.

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 8 September**. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul.

The theme is *Our Lady, Guide of the Wanderer*. So many in our world are on the move seeking safety, peace, economic security. So many in our world are wandering and rootless in their moral and religious lives. We seek the intercession of Our Lady who gave us Jesus: the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Tea and coffee will be provided; you are welcome to take a packed lunch.

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The diocesan pilgrimage to St Mary's Fernyhalgh & 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*.

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>

Aid to the Church in Need : many thanks ...

... from our speaker last weekend, Rachel Buckley, for our welcome and support of the work of ACN across the world. People in our parishes donated **£839.23**, for which she is very grateful.

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.

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*.

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. Benjamin Gelit, Joan Anne Baines, Fred Oxby, Ronnie Johnson, Elizabeth Wardle, Teresa Tully, Margaret Dickinson, Helen Mary Beale, Beatrice Horn, Robert Berry, Margaret Hine, Matthew John Pearson, Anne Elizabeth Dawson and James Booth.