Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 August 2025

Sat	2	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Deacon D'Arcy Ryan *lately dead* [N+CB]
Sun	3	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Diane Pattinson *RIP-birthday* & Neal Walmsley *RIP*
Mon	**4**	**G**	**11.00am**	**Funeral Mass : Bob Tomlinson**	
Tue	5	---			
Wed	**6**	**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**			
		G	6.30pm	**Mass**	Patricia Ibison *lately dead* [JW]
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	**7**	**Ss Edmund Arrowsmith, Ambrose Barlow, & companions** *Lancaster martyrs*			
		S	10.00am	**Mass**	For a successful operation
Fri	**8**	**St Dominic** *priest, religious founder*			
		G	10.00am	**Mass**	Kathleen & Harold Smith *RIP*
		G	10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	9	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Terry Murphy *anniversary*
Sun	10	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Deacon D'Arcy Ryan *lately dead* [MC.C]

Building work at our school

Beginning on **Monday 11 August**, our school is having the final roofing work carried out, and the builders will be using the section of our car park alongside the Old Cemetery for their cabin and plant.

Also, a safeguarding fence is being erected around the playground, but the gates will still be open during weekends so that parishioners are able to park.

Parish coffee morning

At the last event **£127** was donated to MSF (Medecins Sans Frontieres). Thank you all for your generosity, with special thanks to the ladies who bake the delicious cakes we all enjoy.

The next coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday, 13 August,** 10.00am - 12 noon, Plessington Chapel, Garstang. This is a week earlier than normal to accommodate staff leave! We will raise funds for a very local charity: Croston House/Cancer Care. We very much look forward to seeing you there. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

For this Holyday of Obligation, Mass will be celebrated as follows: **Thursday 14 August**, 6.30pm, **Garstang**; **Friday 15 August**, 10.00am, **Scorton**.

Diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady, Cleator

This year's 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 Diocese as we celebrate our centenary.

Martyr-Saints of the North-West

The Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, is offering a weekend of study on some of the Reformation-era martyrs of the North-West region. **12–14 September**. Part-retreat, part-biographical, the weekend will be led by Mgr John Allen of Salford Diocese, who has recently published a history of the diocese with a foreword by Eamon Duffy.

Posters are at the back of church. For more information and to book: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The diocesan pilgrimage to St Mary's Fernyhalgh & Ladyewell shrine will be on **Saturday 20 September**, 11.00am, led by Bishop Paul.

In this, our diocesan centenary year, **Bishop Paul invites all altar servers** to be part of this occasion and join in the procession: young and not-so-young, male and female. Afterwards, there will be a barbecue for all servers, prepared by the Catholic Scouts of Preston. Attending servers are to meet at St Mary's, Fernyhalgh at 10.30am, and take with them their cassock & cotta / alb, and St Stephen's medal, as applicable.

If you plan to attend, please let me know **by 31 August**. *Fr G*

Headteacher changes

From Paul McCann, Chair of Governors: Mrs Archibald has been appointed as the new Headteacher at St Ignatius Primary in Preston. Obviously we are very disappointed to lose her but wish her every success in her new role.

I'm delighted to announce that after a successful recruitment process we have appointed Mrs Alison Dodd as her successor. Mrs Dodd is currently Assistant Head at Holy Family in Warton. Many of you will know her through her work in the parish and as a teacher here for many years.

We expect the changes to happen at the end of the Christmas Term, with both in place at the start of next year. We wish both Mrs Archibald and Mrs Dodd good luck with their new roles. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Choir One : many thanks

Choir 1 of Garstang performed a thoroughly enjoyable concert on 18 July in St Mary & St Michel's church, raising a magnificent **£1087.53** for Croston House Cancer Care, Garstang.

The choir performed a programme of uplifting songs such as Hallelujah, Bring Me Little Water Sylvie and Do You Hear The People Sing. The evening was enhanced by wonderful performances from guest soloists Marion and Ivan Gaughan, and Louise Coupe. David Kennedy, the choir leader, also sang 2 trios with Louise and Marion and a flute solo accompanied by Ivan.

Choir 1 rehearse on Tuesdays at Kirkland and Catterall Memorial Hall. They take a break over summer with the next rehearsal on 16th September. All welcome. For more information contact David Kennedy: 07510-557081 or davidkennedy2930@gmail.com.

Monthly parish collections : June

Collections for June: **Garstang**, £2,251.71, plus £2,170.00 Standing Orders; **Scorton**, £381.41, plus £677.67 Standing Orders. *Thank you*.

CAFOD : thank you …

… for contributions received through the cardboard collection boxes at the back of Church. Going forward, once counted and submitted to CAFOD, a note of the amount and (if known) initials of donor will be added to the list on the noticeboard by the church door.

A B Grace Trust : many thanks

St Mary & St Michael's parish gratefully acknowledges the receipt of **£1,200** from the AB Grace Trust. It was Mrs Grace's wish that the funds be used for the upkeep of the cemetery. We will carry out some remedial work on several of the headstones, to keep them safe.

Pilgrim Way

A pilgrimage walk has been developed from our cathedral in Lancaster to the Syro-Malabar cathedral of St Alphonsa, Preston; formerly St Ignatius' church.

https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/the-way-of-our-lady-of-fernyhalgh-and-st-alphonsa-is-ready-to-walk

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Marilyn Gregory (friend of Eileen Davies), Bob Tomlinson.

Those who are ill or infirm. Mary Evans, Pat & Harold Jepson, Celia & Bert Lowe, Gerry & Rita Marley, Liz Boden, 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. Robert Berry, Margaret Hine, Matthew John Pearson, Anne Elizabeth Dawson, James Booth, James Birchall, James Rossall, Catherine Elder, Stephen Edmondson, Helen Beale, Bert Maddock, Mary Spencer, Gerald James Derbyshire, James Greenall, Elizabeth Keefe.