

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 August 2023

Sat 12	G	6.00pm	Mass	Terry Murphy <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 13	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Fr Joe Duggan SJ <i>RIP</i> [D'A.R.]
		12 noon	Blessing of Headstone : Celia Hume	
Mon 14	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe <i>priest, religious, martyr</i>			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Tom & Betty Kennedy <i>RIP</i>

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven

Mon 14	G	6.30pm	Mass	Ruth Emsley <i>RIP</i> [P+M]
Tue 15	S	10.00am	Mass	Anne Gelderd <i>RIP-birthday</i>

Wed 16	G	6.30pm	Mass	Joan Muldoon <i>RIP</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary <i>in our homes</i>	
Thu 17	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Michael O'Dowd <i>RIP-birthday</i> [ES]
Fri 18	G	10.00am	Mass	John Bolton <i>RIP</i>
		10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 19	G	6.00pm	Mass	Intentions of Eileen Cowdall [w]
Sun 20	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Fr David Elder <i>anniversary</i> [LB]
		12.15pm	Baptism : Grace Cecilia Hume	

Tea & coffee ...

... will be served after 10.30am Mass this Sunday, **13 August**.

Oaklands Fun Day

This will take place on **Sunday 20 August**, 1.30-5.00pm.

This follows last year's successful event and will once again feature local charities showcasing their great work in a fun environment that will include entertainment from Sing Out Strong, Buzz Cadillac and the Lightning Rods and Ukelele Soup. There will be stalls, fun challenges, raffles, tombolas, a bouncy castle for the children, and even a Disney Princess saying hello.

Refreshments include a barbecue, tea and coffee, and a bake sale. Entrance is free and car parking is available but limited, so we are encouraging guests to walk to Bridge 58 on the canal for direct access from the towpath if possible. Let's hope that the weather is as kind as it was last year!

If you need any further information, please call Paul on 07944-603684.

John Bolton RIP

Helen Bisby writes: "This summer, in memory of my dad, John Bolton, and to raise vital funds for St John's Hospice, Lancaster, I am walking the perimeter of Morecambe Bay, from Fleetwood to Barrow, with a couple of cross-bay walks thrown in for good measure!

"The hospice at home team were a great support to dad and our family, and I know many of our fellow parishioners have benefitted from the care and compassion that the hospice provides.

"If you would like to help their work by sponsoring me, I would be extremely grateful. My sponsorship page can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/helen-bisby-1685548647547>

"Alternatively, please see me or Vee. Many thanks for your support."

Memories of a visit to Chivuna

On display in the Plessington Chapel is an album of photographs and memories of a visit to Chivuna in 2007 by our late parishioner, Jean Andrews. If anyone would like to borrow the album, please do, and let me know. Fr G

Paid telephone staff wanted

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is looking for paid temporary & part-time telephone staff at their Preston Office, Lockside Office Park. Contact ellabear@spuc.org.uk or 07714-992274.

SVP Conference

Our SVP group would like to offer sincere thanks for the donations received last week. The total was £461.20 (£95 of this being from Scorton). Thank you all very much for your support.

Only this week we received photographs of the 300 bags of food prepared for needy folks supported by Ingol Food Bank which your generosity has helped fund. Thank you all.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Cleator

The annual pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 10 September**. Mass & Blessing of the Sick, 3.00pm. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul.

The theme this year is *Our Lady, star of the Sea, Guide of the Wanderer here below*. Tea & coffee will be provided; people are welcome to bring a packed lunch. Further details: 01946-810324; stmandstj@gmail.com.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The catechists who support children's Liturgy of the Word are taking a break over the summer. The next children's liturgy will be on **Sunday 10 September**, then 1 October, 5 November, and 3 December.

An appeal for more catechists to support this ministry will be made in the autumn. Thank you to all the children and their families who have contributed to their Liturgy of the Word, and enjoy the summer.

Safeguarding

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency has commissioned the services of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (Scie) to review their Safeguarding policies and procedures. To ensure that the review team together with associated reference groups take into consideration as many views as possible, parishioners are invited and encouraged to complete a survey.

This is an opportunity to help shape the future of safeguarding within the Catholic Church and make representations where it is evident or perceived that the current policies and procedures are outdated, difficult to interpret, there is a gap or no policy or for other reasons.

Here is the link to the survey <https://forms.office.com/e/PavSuixHim>

Deadline for completion of the survey: **31 August 2023**.

Diocesan Directory 2024

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, £7.00; standard, £6.00.

Deadline for orders: Friday 25 August, noon.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations to Darnar Davis and Alison Dodd for being our July winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

School governors : can you help?

Our diocese needs School Governors, to serve our children, to serve our schools, to serve the mission of the Church. Can you help?

For more information: hew@lancasterrcdioocese.org.uk, 01228-841190.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Mother Elvira Petrozzi (foundress of the worldwide Cenacolo Community), Fr John Dobson, Mary Williamson.

Those who are ill or infirm. Joyce Bilsborrow, 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 Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Gerard Rawlinson, Jack Pinnington, Frances & Gerard Wearden, Ethel Davis, Thomas Jennings, Mary Jean Rossall, Elizabeth Wignall, Bernard Cummins, Jane Billington, Francis Purkis, Gladys Mary Stanley, Margaret Gelderd, Margaret Hogg, Jack Carr, Freda Gidlow, Mary Bate, Roger Edward Joseph Bevins, Agnes Pyke, William Hall, Jeanette Mears, Sean Jepson and Fr David J Elder.