

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 August 2022

Sat	6	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of the Parishes
Sun	7	S	8.30am	Mass	Freda Wells <i>RIP</i> [MF]
		G	10.30am	Mass	Intentions of Mary & Bill Bateson <i>50th wedding anniversary</i>
Mon	8				St Dominic <i>priest, religious founder</i>
		S	10.00am	Mass	Margaret Tait <i>RIP</i> [MS]
Tue	9	--			
Wed	10				ST LAWRENCE <i>deacon, martyr</i>
		G	6.30pm	Mass	Betty Carter <i>lately dead</i> [V]
Thu	11				St Clare <i>virgin, religious founder</i>
		S	10.00am	Mass	Phyllis Steel <i>RIP</i> [MC.G]
Fri	12	G	10.00am	Mass	Ethel Davis <i>1st anniversary</i> [AH]
		G	10.30am		Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into Heaven

(Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sat	13	G	6.00pm	Mass	Terry Murphy <i>11th anniversary</i>
Sun	14	S	8.30am	Mass	People of the Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Fr David Elder <i>RIP-birthday</i>

SVP collection

This weekend, **6-7 August**, the Brothers & Sisters of our parish St Vincent de Paul group will be taking a collection. Your donations will be supporting the weekly Food Bank at St Thomas' church. Thank you for your support.

Works in our parish cemetery

This week, work will begin to prepare the next section of our parish cemetery for use: installing drainage, paths, and the concrete plinths for the headstones.

The cost of this work is **£20,000**; and having spent £110,000 repairing and renovating the church tower, we are short of funds indeed.

May I appeal to parishioners for funds to pay for the work in the cemetery? I'm all too aware that, with the increase in the cost of living, fuel, and all the rest, this is hardly a good time to be asking folk for significant money.

Perhaps forty parishioners – individuals, couples, families – might be able to donate £500. That would cover the £20,000, and I am willing to be one of these donors myself. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, so much the better. Please read the piece below.

Smaller donations are, of course, very welcome; perhaps in memory of a family member already buried in our cemetery. Any other ideas for fund-raising? Many thanks, Fr G.

Gift Aid : many thanks ...

... to everyone who is able to support the parishes with Gift Aid. Scorton has recently been credited with £3197.60, and Garstang with £10612.10.

To all parishioners: If you are a UK tax payer, *please* complete a Gift Aid declaration for the parish. It costs you absolutely nothing. You are giving to your parish anyway; this simply asks the Government to redirect to the Church some of the tax you have paid to the Government. For every £1 you give, the Church can reclaim 25p of tax. Thank you.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Cleator

The annual pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 11 September**. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul. The theme this year is *Our Lady, Help of Christians*, a broad interpretation of this title, acknowledging the needs of our world internationally and locally.

The National Synthesis of the Synod

The diocesan and national organisational reports were submitted to the Bishops' Conference and the National Synthesis Team has been working on producing the "National Synthesis", reflecting on the reports received, discerning the main themes that have emerged from the listening conversations, and collating them together to give a picture of the synodal process in England and Wales. The Bishops have been kept abreast of this work with a report and recently gathered to discern their response to this National Synthesis. Their work, together with the synthesis document will be sent to the Synod Office in Rome as the formal submission to the Synod from England and Wales.

The National Synthesis document can be accessed by following this link <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf>

Garstang parish property : renewed appeal for help

The grounds and buildings at St Mary & St Michael's are a rich heritage in our care, of which we are rightly proud.

To ensure its continuing care, we need someone who will be our key link between the parish and: the diocesan Property Office, the various tradespeople who come onto the parish estate to carry out repairs and improvements, and our various parishioner-volunteers who help in the grounds or the buildings.

If this is an area of parish life in which you might be able to serve, or know of someone who might be, please have a word with me.

Thank you, and I am very grateful. *Fr Geoffrey*

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Helen Bisby and Pat Errington for being our July winners. If you would like an opportunity to join this year's draw and support our church contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Each number costs £20 per year (you can have more than one number) and each month we draw two numbers - 1st Prize £80, 2nd Prize £30 and an extra Christmas draw in December which pays out 1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize £35. All profits made each year are donated back to our Parish.

Eight things you didn't know about our food system

8. Returning to traditional ways of farming can help

In rural Bangladesh, small farmer Alpona is growing food in a different way. After her community received training from CAFOD in organic farming, things changed quite dramatically: "We had not realised just how big a mistake we had made by moving away from the traditional ways of farming of our forefathers. We had become disconnected from nature, but now we are going back to it again. I get a great deal of vegetables and fruits from my organic farming, which is enough for the family to eat, and which I can sell at the market too."

Pope Francis has asked us to play our part. Urge the UK Government to keep the promises it made at the COP26 climate talks last year and support agricultural systems that tackle the climate crisis as well as putting local communities first. PLEASE:

Help yourself to a *Fix the Food System* leaflet from the back of church which includes CAFOD's campaign postcard to the Foreign Secretary. Or, if you prefer, email Liz Truss at the link: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/102736/action/1?locale=en-GB>

You can also contribute to CAFOD's World Food Crisis Appeal at <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Betty Carter, Fr Dermott Donnelly (H&N diocese, friend of Fr G), Fr David Duane (retired priest of the diocese).

Those who are ill or infirm. Mary McCann, Fr Robert "Bob" Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, 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: Helen Beale, Bert Maddock, Mary Spencer, Gerald James Derbyshire, James Greenall, Elizabeth Keefe, John Cross, Geoffrey Smith, Terry Murphy, Gerrard Rawlinson, Jack Pinnington, Frances and Gerard Wearden, and Ethel Davis (1st anniversary).