

## Pope Francis candlelight fund : fundraising for CAFOD

This Candlelight Fund has been created as a lasting tribute to Pope Francis. Please visit <https://popefrancis.muchloved.com/> or follow the link on the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/news/international-news/death-of-pope-francis> where there is opportunity to leave a message of condolence, light a virtual candle and donate in his memory so that, in this year of Jubilee, and in the spirit of hope, Pope Francis' passion and commitment to justice and equality will continue in CAFOD'S work. May he rest in peace.

Any donations in his memory will go to CAFOD's *Refugee and Conflict Fund*.

## Please pray for ...

**Those celebrating significant wedding anniversaries:** Raymond & Christine Richardson, who married here sixty years ago; Shelagh & Peter Cooney celebrating their fiftieth anniversary.

**Those who have died recently.** Pope Francis, Vera Towers.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Celia & Bert Lowe, Gerry & Rita Marley, Joseph Hardacre, Liz Boden, Bob Tomlinson, Fr Tony Walsh, Steve Masterman, Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Margaret Brocklehurst, Mary Jo Counsell, Caroline Nurse, 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.

**Those whose anniversary we keep. 26 April - 4 May.** Thomas Sheridan, Basil Hibbs, Fr Geoffrey Cunliffe, Jack Swarbrick, Ann Swift, Charles Bisby, Phillip Flood, Maureen Clark, William Colin Swarbrick, Richard Gornall, Richard Pickering, James Ashworth, Fr Bernard Cochrane, Bert Wrennall, Maureen Mary Jennings, Betty Mary Gregson, Jane Rossall, Sarah Banks, Robert Pegg, William (Bill) Patrick Flynn, Alice Waring, Patricia (Pat) Ann Kennedy, Fr A Richardson, Monica Hargreaves, Fr Edward Bilsborrow, Emma Seery, Tom Cassidy, and John Davis.

**3 - 11 May.** Emma Seery, Tom Cassidy, John Davis, Teresa Topping, Fred Garvey, Teresa Garner, James Pedder, Winifred Bilsborrow, Monica Hargreaves, William Wignall, Stephen Richardson, Henry Banks, Marjorie Ann Condon, Violet Eydmann, Lucia Tesseyman, Mary Speight, Peter Nickson, and Brenda Lever.

## Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Second Sunday of Easter

27 April 2025

Sat	26	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Terry Murphy <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun	27	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Raymond & Christine Richardson <i>60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary</i>

*No Mass Monday or Tuesday*

Wed	30	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Jean Andrews <i>RIP-birthday</i>
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>

*No Mass Thursday or Friday*

## Third Sunday of Easter

Sat	3	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Brenda Richardson <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	4	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	David Carr <i>RIP-birthday</i>

*No Mass Monday or Tuesday*

Wed	7	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Rita Whittaker <i>RIP</i>
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>

*No Mass Thursday or Friday*

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sat 10 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Ted Richardson *RIP*  
Sun 11 **S** 8.30am **Mass** Margaret Walmsley *RIP-birthday*  
**G** 10.30am **Mass** People of our parishes

### Mass for Pope Francis

Bishop Paul will be celebrating Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, **Monday 28 April**, 7.00pm, Lancaster cathedral. All are welcome.

### Pope Francis

You might be interested to read Pope Francis' Easter Homily, read at the Easter Vigil in St Peter's. May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2025/documents/20250419-omelia-veglia-pasquale.html>

### Our parishes at prayer : celebrating Easter together

*Thank you:* to everyone in both churches who served as welcomers, musicians, singers, readers, and ministers of Communion; those who took part in the washing of feet; my sanctuary assistant and servers; those who prepare the rosters; those who led Stations of the Cross throughout Lent, and on Good Friday in both churches; those who led the children's Liturgy of the Word during Lent and on Easter Sunday; cleaners, and polishers of the brass and votive stands; those who look after the sanctuary linen; movers of fixtures and fittings; carers of the grounds, and those who prepared all the floral arrangements and decorated the churches.

God bless you all. *Fr Geoffrey*

### Easter Offerings : many thanks ...

... to everyone for your Easter Offerings which in this diocese form a major part of the priests' annual salary. Thank you for your support, and for your cards, wishes, and personal gifts. I am very grateful. *Fr Geoffrey*

### Sunday of Divine Mercy

There will be a Divine Mercy celebration, **Sunday 27 April**, 2.45pm, Our Lady of the Assumption church, Blackpool FY4 5DF. See poster for details.

### Fr John Gibson : many thanks ...

... to Fr John, who will be celebrating the Wednesday and weekend Masses, and to those who will be opening church and preparing things for Mass. I'm very grateful. *Fr G.*

If you need a priest in an emergency, please contact Fr John: 07772-244784.

### Calder Vale bluebell teas

The annual bluebell teas will be served in the Village Hall on **Sundays 4, 11, 18 & 25 May**, 11.00am-4.00pm. Homemade food, soup of the day, sandwiches, cakes, desserts. Jam, bedding-plants, Tigermufin soap, etc. for sale. Look forward to seeing you. *Brenda P.*

### VE Day

On the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, **Thursday 8 May**, at 6.30pm, our church bell at Garstang will be rung in thanksgiving. Bells will be rung also at St Thomas', Garstang, All Saints, Barnacre, and St John's, Calder Vale.

### Hats for seafarers

Please could completed hats be left in the blue box in Garstang's narthex by **Monday 12 May**. We can then count them and see if we managed to knit 40 hats in the 40 days of Lent. Thank you very much. *SVP & Stella Maris.*

### Parish SVP : meeting : many thanks

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 13 May**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

**SVP** members would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations to the recent appeal. A total of **£449.50** was raised, including £72.30 from Scorton. We recently sent £300 of food vouchers, funded by your generosity, to help users at the Ingol Food Bank operating out of Holy Family Church. Thank you very much for your continued support.

### Chivuna clinic in Zambia

The annual transfer to the clinic this year will be arranged for the **end of June**. Before then, if anyone would like to make a donation, or set up a standing order, please contact the parish office.