Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for all involved in Education 8 September 2024

Sat	7	G	6.00pm	Mass	Canon James O'Dwyer RIP
Sun	8	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Helen & Edward Brennan RIP [VS]

No Mass during the week

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

		G	4.00pm	Holy Hour		
		G	10.30am	Mass	Preston & Southworth families RIP	
Sun	15	S	8.30am	Mass	Anne Gelderd RIP	
Sat	14	G	6.00pm	Mass	Christians in the Holy Land (EOHSJ) [мі]	

No Mass on Monday or Tuesday

Wed	18	G	6.30pm	Mass	Betty & Tom Kennedy RIP [ES]
			7.00pm	Rosary	in our homes
Thu	19	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass : Stella Iddon	
Fri	20	G	10.00am	Mass	Mike Holmes lately dead [ES]
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 21	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our parishes
Sun 22	S	8.30am	Mass	Anne Gelderd RIP
	G	10.30am	Mass	Christians in the Holy Land (EOHSJ) [EB]

Fairtrade Fortnight

This takes place **9-22 September** this year. Please take the opportunity to have a think if you could make any *Fairtrade* swaps in your weekly shop, and use your power as a consumer to make a difference and ensure justice for the world's food producers. *Thank you*.

Welcome back ...

... to our former parishioner **Ellis Preston**, who will be attending 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 15 September**, as part of his 90th birthday celebrations.

Holy Hour of Prayer

The National Eucharistic Congress takes place at Oscott College, Birmingham on Saturday 14 September, and each parish in the land is asked to offer a Holy Hour of Prayer the following day. We will do so for our parishes here on **Sunday 15 September**, 4.00pm. It will be led by Fr John Gibson, who will be celebrating the Masses that weekend. Many thanks to Fr John.

Parish Coffee Morning

Our parish coffee morning returns on **Wednesday 18 September**, 10.00am-12 noon, when we will raise funds for the *Toybox* project which helps street children in developing countries. All welcome. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

OLCC Uganda24 Project

The team arrived safely back in the Uk after a successful and rewarding trip. Thank you for all the prayers and good wishes. We are holding a *Feedback Presentation Evening* in school, **Wednesday 18 September**, 7.00-8.00pm. The students will all be contributing and they are looking forward to sharing some stories with you. In the meantime, Ben O'Flynn, our Lay Chaplain, has written an article which can be viewed at https://www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk. (In menu go to *Catholic Life* then *Uganda24*).

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.

Events at Boarbank Hall

The Sisters at Boarbank Hall, near Grange-over-Sands, are pleased to announce a new programme of residential events at their Guest House. These include *Care for Creation*: a mix of talks, reflection and activities, **5-12 October**. *Hope in Health*: for anyone involved in care or healthcare, to recharge the batteries, **8-10 October**. *Our Lady in Latin*: learning about the language and the music, **25-27 October**.

For the full programme and more details, see: https://boarbankhall.org.uk/whats-on/. For more information, please contact Sr Margaret on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk.

Diocesan Faith & Justice Commission

Lancaster Diocese Faith and Justice Commission is holding a *Bringing Communities Alive* event at the Cathedral Social Centre, Balmoral Road Lancaster LA4 3BT on **Saturday 12 October**, 10.00am-3.00pm. Speakers will include: Bishop Paul, Sir John Battle, and Clare Dixon from CAFOD.

You are welcome to attend for some or all of the day; please bring your lunch if you are attending over the lunchtime period; tea & coffee provided.

If you would like to register your interest to come along, please contact Sue Grubic, ldfjsue@gmail.com or by text on 07791444417.

Christians in the Holy Land

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ) is a Catholic organisation that supports the Christians in the Holy Land. To find out more about this work, visit www.eohsj.org.uk.

Transform Trade

Transform Trade (formerly Traidcraft Exchange) is a charity that supports producers around the world and fights for a fairer trade system.

They now have Traidcraft bulk toilet roll available online as well as greeting cards and Gifts for Life at www.transform-trade.org. You can visit www.traidcraft.org for the newly available Traidcraft tea; there is a link to purchase through "True Origin".

The Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis

The diocese is launching a new Certificate in Catechesis to assist those engaged in this work in the parishes to deepen their understanding and grow closer in their relationship with the Lord.

This two-year course will be taught through online study with occasional inperson study days held at the Education Centre, Lancaster.

See the poster and leaflets at the back of church. Visit https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/lancaster, or contact Jackie at the Education Centre, Jackie.broadley@lrcd.org.uk or 01524-841190.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Sadie O'Neil and Anne Cahill for being our August winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Centenary of our diocese

In preparation for the centenary of our diocese, 2024-25, Bishop Paul has issued a prayer card. These are available at the back of church.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Stella Mary Iddon, John Helm, Henry Teddy Robinson.

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, 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. 8-15 September. Dorothy Towers, Moira Adamson, Benedict Joseph Johnson, Bernard Francis Clive Burton, Robert Horn, Harvey Snaith, Helen Mary Brennan, Eve Porteous, John Isles, Julie Beatty, Teresa Swarbrick and Winnie Taylor. 16-22 September. Edmond Job Lowe, Michael Dias, Henry (Harry) Heyes, Mary McKevitt, Edward Brennan, Norman Turton, William Eastham, Pamela Mary Elletson, Anne Birchall, Brian Campbell, James Coyne and John Billington.