

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

11 May 2025

Sat 10	G	6.00pm	Mass	Ted Richardson <i>RIP</i>
Sun 11	S	8.30am	Mass	Margaret Walmsley <i>RIP-birthday</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
Mon 12	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Peter Johnson <i>RIP</i>
Tue 13	--			
Wed 14	ST MATTHIAS <i>apostle</i>			
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Rita Whittaker <i>RIP</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 15	S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Fri 16	G	10.00am	Mass	Sheila Carroll <i>10th anniversary</i>
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		7.00pm	Mass <i>at the cathedral</i> in thanksgiving for the election of Pope Leo XIV	

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat 17	G	6.00pm	Mass	Gordon Johnson <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun 18	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Ellis Preston <i>RIP</i> [v]

Pope Leo XIV : statement from Bishop Paul

Together with the Universal Church, and with all people of good will, the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster in the UK welcomes and commends to the grace of Almighty God Cardinal Robert Prevost OSA as Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St Peter. Pope Leo comes to this universal ministry after many years of professed and ordained life as deacon, priest, and as a bishop, as a religious, and as a teacher. As with his predecessors we hold the Holy Father in our prayers and take courage already from the words of his inaugural address with its call for peace across humanity.

The times we live in cry out for a fundamentally different approach to serve the world order, one led by Christ. I ask you to do all you can in your parishes and homes to ensure that our loyalty to the Holy Father is Gospel led, not media led.

May we also rejoice in learning that, as Father General of the Order of Saint Augustine, Father Prevost was present in our Cathedral of Saint Peter for the Episcopal Ordination of my predecessor, Bishop Michael Campbell OSA on 31 March 2008.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for him. St Peter, pray for him. Pope St John Paul II, pray for him. Pope St Leo the Great, pray for him.

Pope Leo XIV : Mass in thanksgiving

Bishop Paul will be celebrating Mass in thanksgiving for the election of Pope Leo XIV, **Friday 16 May**, 7.00pm, in the cathedral. *All are welcome.*

Day of Prayer for Vocations : special collection this weekend

This Sunday is the annual *Day of Prayer for Vocations*. There will be a special collection for the diocesan training fund for priests and deacons.

Calder Vale bluebell teas

The annual bluebell teas will be served in the Village Hall on **Sundays 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.*

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 of 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.

Education Mass

All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Paul at the annual diocesan education Mass. This invitation extends in a special way to all those involved in education and faith formation: catechists, children's liturgy leaders, teachers both within and outside the Catholic sector. **Thursday 3 July**, 6.30pm, at the cathedral.

This is an opportunity to thank and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the diocese involved in this work. Together we ask God's blessing on the mission of education and formation in our diocese. To book: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lancasterromancatholicdioceseeducationservice/1677756?>

External auditor for St Mary & St Michael's

Many thanks indeed to our parishioner, **Helena Rigby**, who has served as our External Auditor for several years. Helena has now handed over to **Matt Dobson**. I am very grateful to Helena and to Matt. Fr G

Book-keeper for St Mary & St James

Sincere thanks to **Barry Fitzgibbon**, who has served the parish as book-keeper for the past eight years with diligence and attention to detail. He hands over the parish abacus to **Teresa Readman**, who will take up the challenge in August. I am very grateful indeed to Barry and to Teresa. Fr G

Fr John Gibson : many thanks ...

... to Fr John, who celebrated the Masses while I was taking my post-Easter break; also, to those who opened church and prepared everything for Mass, and those who kept an eye on the properties and the office. Fr G

CAFOD : many thanks

£105.60 has been sent to CAFOD for their Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Many thanks to parishioners who donated in church, and online.

Thanks from Evelyn Steel

My mother, Evelyn, would like to thank parishioners in Garstang and Scorton for your prayers and concern during her recent ill-health and time in hospital. She is very grateful indeed.

My brother, Peter, and I are pleased to report that she is settled in back home and doing very well. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. Fr G

Please pray for ...

Newly-elected Pope Leo XIV.

Those who have died recently. Dawn Murphy, Pope Francis.

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. Mary Speight, Peter Nickson, Brenda Lever, Sarah Turner, Elizabeth Wrennall, Joseph Grayston, Cyril Lamoury, Jane Gornall, Ellen O'Brien, Wilfred Swinburne, Ray Wilcock, Tommie Morley, William Gillett, Barry Robinson, Mary Agnes Mackenzie, Barbara Saul, William Thompson, Leonard Thomas Carter, Fr Charles Moah, Winifred Cross, John Barnacle, Dick Helme, Samuel Carr, Celene Elizabeth McLaughlin, and Margaret Mary Collinson.