Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

25 May 2025

Sat	24	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Carmel Hayden & Sr Aiden Mary *RIP*
Sun	25	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Rosemary Walmsley *lately dead* [AC]
Mon	26	*No Mass today*			
Tue	27	*No Mass today*			

The Ascension of the Lord

Wed	28	**G**	6.30pm	**Mass**	Gerry Steel *25th anniversary*
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	29	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Peter Holland *lately dead* [GS]
Fri	30	**G**	10.00am	**Mass**	Muriel Metcalfe *RIP*
		G	10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sat	31	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Lucas Backhouse *RIP-birthday*
Sun	1	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	Fr Michael Tully & Parents *RIP*
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	People of our parishes

This weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection this weekend, **24-25 May**, in both our churches to support the work of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul society.

Lancaster Martyrs Pilgrimage

Bishop Paul will lead a walk in the steps of the 15 Lancaster Martyrs, from their place of imprisonment to their place of execution. **Monday 26 May**. Meet at 10.30am outside Lancaster Castle. Concluding with Mass at 12.15pm in the Cathedral.

The walk is approximately 1.5 miles, and is very steep in parts.

Laudato si' : ten years on

All are welcome to join the Northern Dioceses Environment Group and the Southern Dioceses Environment Network to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. **Wednesday 4 June**, 7.00-9.00pm, online. Book with Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-celebration-of-laudato-si-tickets-1364006483109?aff=oddtdtcreator.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

As part of our Jubilee and Centenary celebrations Bishop Paul invites all couples in the diocese celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries this year including 1st, 25th, 30th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 60th and beyond, to a Mass of celebration and blessing. **Saturday 12 July**, 12.15pm, Lancaster Cathedral.

Join together to celebrate your journey of love and commitment with family, friends, and parish community during our Diocesan Centenary year. All are welcome to attend.

For those couples wishing a blessing for their Catholic marriage please email the Cathedral at clergy@lancastercathedral.org.uk See the poster at the back of church for details.

Parish Levy

Each year, the parishes are levied by the diocese to support the central administration. This year, the rate of levy on offertory income has increased slightly to 25.25%, and the rate on rental income, including qualifying hall income, also remains unchanged at 20% of gross rental income received.

This year, for Garstang, it's **£11,944.09**; for Scorton, it's **£2,845.26**.

Pope Leo's inauguration

Copies of Pope Leo's homily at his inauguration are at the back of church.

Parish Coffee Morning

The recent event raised £135 for Brian House. The shop staff were absolutely delighted when the money was taken to them. Thank you all for your generous support of this local charity.

A reminder: there will be no coffee morning in June. The next one will be on **Wednesday 16 July**, 10.00am to 12 noon, when we will raise funds for Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) [Doctors Without Borders].

Friends to meet, cakes to eat: do come along. *The Coffee Morning Team*

Hats for Seafarers

You did it! Fifty-five hats were knitted for seafarers. Well done to all our knitters. Thank you so much. *SVP and Stella Maris*

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

History of our diocese in one hundred objects

As part of our Diocesan Centenary celebrations, Bishop Paul would like to create a collection of 100 items that together tell the story of our Diocese.

He is looking for items that hold particular significance in the history of our parishes or the Diocese as a whole. For instance: historical documents, liturgical or religious objects, stories or memorabilia connected to key individuals in the parish, school, or the wider community

No item will be permanently removed from the parish. Instead, Bishop Paul's team will document and photograph each item for inclusion in the project.

Any ideas about what we might suggest from either of our parishes? Fr G

Garstang parish draw

Congratulations go to Christine Mossman and Mary & Tom Ibison who were our April winners. Thank you to everyone who has already paid their subs or set up a standing order. Any numbers not paid for by the end of May will be withdrawn.

If you would like to check or discuss payment of your subs contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Thank you message from Janet Worthington.

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, love and get-well wishes I have received during my recent health scare. I am now recovering from my surgery and hope to be back welcoming you all soon. J xx

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.

Please pray for …

Celebrating her 100th birthday: Lucienne Ferguson (Liz Boden's Mum).

Those who have died recently. Joseph Hardacre, Dawn Murphy.

Those who are ill or infirm. Pat & Harold Jepson, Celia & Bert Lowe, Gerry & Rita Marley, 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, 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. Ann Mary Swarbrick, Thomas Richardson, Mary Agnes Gornall, Alice Bilsborrow, Timothy John Richardson, Dennis Oxby, Barbara Walters, William (Bill) Francis Campbell, Richard Redhead, Victor Richmond, John Garret, John Ryan, Jerome Grayston, Margaret Madge Wrennall, Sr Evelyn Wilson CP, Renee Rafferty, and Thomas Hezel.