

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

12 May 2024

Sat	11	G	6.00pm	Mass	Ray Pollit <i>lately dead</i> [B]
Sun	12	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Frank, Rita & Tony Moreland <i>RIP</i>
Mon	13	S	10.00am	Mass	Tommie Morley <i>anniversary</i>
Tue	14	--			
Wed	15				<i>No Mass this evening</i>
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	16	S	10.00am	Mass	Special intention [MF]
Fri	17	G	10.00am	Mass	Sheila Carroll <i>anniversary</i>
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Pentecost

Sat	18	G	6.00pm	Mass	Jean Hindle <i>lately dead</i> [CNB]
Sun	19	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	John Cookson <i>lately dead</i> [JS]
			2.00pm	Mass of Confirmation	<i>at the cathedral</i>

Bluebell teas

It's bluebell time again, and teas will be served in Calder Vale Village Hall **every Sunday in May, 11am-4.00pm**. "Look forward to seeing you all again and thank you for your continued support." *Brenda*

Relishing the fruits of the Holy Spirit

The Carmelites are offering a daily online retreat, **10-18 May**. No charge; donations welcome. "The gifts of the Holy Spirit are seven, but what are gifts if they do not bear fruits? During the nine days leading to the great feast of Pentecost, we will be reflecting on the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

"During this retreat, you'll recognise the fruits of the Spirit in your life; be empowered to live each day in the joy and power of the Spirit; learn how the Holy Spirit is gradually bringing about your transformation; identify opportunities for co-operating with the Spirit's grace in your life.

"Each day we'll send you a five-minute video reflection on one fruit of the Spirit. You'll gain insights that will inspire you and invite you to allow the Holy Spirit to anoint the rest of your day."

To register: <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/online-talks-retreats/pentecost-retreat-2024/>

The cloud of unknowing

Explore this mystical text written in the 14th century, a profound guide on prayer. **Monday 13 May**, 11.30am-3.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella, Browndedge Road, Lostock Hall PR5 5AA.

<https://www.christianretreats.live/online-retreats/in-situ-retreats/in-situ-the-cloud-of-unknowing-explore-this-incredible-mystical-text-written-in-the-14th-c-a-profound-guide-on-prayer>

For bookings: parish office, 01772-335387 or office@saintgerards.org.uk.

Coffee Morning

The next Parish coffee morning in Garstang will be on **Wednesday 15 May**, 10.00am-12 noon in the Plessington Chapel. Donations will be accepted for charitable purposes.

We've recently welcomed some new parishioners; these coffee mornings are a great way to meet fellow parishioners. Do come if you are able. We look forward to seeing you later in the month. *The Coffee Morning team*.

Parish Safeguarding Representative for Garstang

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Parish Safeguarding Rep for SSMM as soon as possible.

In co-operation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, the work involves processing or renewing DBS applications for parishioners who volunteer with children and/or vulnerable groups.

Computer literacy and an attention to detail are key requirements for the work. Any stationery, postage or copying are funded by the Parish.

If you are interested, and would like to know more, please contact Helen Forshaw on 01995 603944.

The foot-stomping Gospel Band

A night of Gospel and Blues, **Saturday 18 May**, 7.30pm, Garstang Free Methodist church, Windsor Road PR3 1ED. Admission £10. Book at www.footstomping.band.

Pilgrimage walk

The *John Bradburne Memorial Society* is holding a pilgrimage climb on Cross Fell, Cumbria, **Saturday 8 June**. There will be Mass beforehand in St John the Evangelist church, Skirwith CA10 1RQ at 10.00am. Flyers are at the back of church. For more information visit www.johnbradburne.com, or e-mail Kate at info@johnbradburne.com.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham : message from Bishop Paul

"I am renewing the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady, **September, 2-6**. I invite you to join me.

For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner, 07895 742 732 or charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk. With my blessing, + *Paul*"

Jesuit Refugee Services on the Government's Rwanda policy

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/49616>

Ways into prayer

Here's an initiative from the Diocese of Southwark:

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer>

Praying the Rosary with other parishioners

You are invited to pray the Rosary in your home, **Wednesdays**, 7.00pm, with your fellow parishioners. If you'd like to pray with others on Zoom, please contact Liz Billington, either directly or through the parish office.

Readers at Mass in Garstang

We are rather short of Readers for Mass in Garstang. If any of you who have previously served as Readers would like to resume your ministry, please contact Frank Miller.

This is an opportunity to invite anyone else who attends Mass with us to discern whether you might serve the liturgy as a Reader. If you'd like to serve the liturgy in this way, please let me know. I'll gladly offer some preparation; you won't be left to sink or swim. Many thanks, *Fr Geoffrey*.

Please pray for ...

Our young parishioners who will be confirmed in the cathedral at Pentecost: Anya, Francesca, Thirdy, Thomas, Grace, Holly, Sam and Nathaniel.

Those who have died recently. Fr Gerry Dakin (retired priest of the diocese), William Flynn, Bernard Goodwin, Fr Tom Forster & Fr John Heaney.

Those who are ill or infirm. Alice Oxby, Bob Cookson, Martha Billington, 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, Pat Errington, 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. 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, Margaret Mary Collinson (1st anniversary), Samuel Carr, Celene Elizabeth McLaughlin, Dick Edge and Eddie Finnegan.