

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

14 May 2023

Sat 13	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun 14	S	8.30am	Mass	Margaret Walmsley <i>RIP-birthday</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Don Porteous <i>RIP</i> [KP]
Mon 15	S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Tue 16	--			

The Ascension of the Lord

Wed 17	G	6.30pm	Mass	Intentions of George Cowburn [A]
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 18	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr James Matthews <i>RIP</i>

Fri 19	G	10.00am	Mass	Carmel Hayden & Sr Aidan Mary <i>RIP</i> [JD]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sat 20	G	6.00pm	Mass	Bill Hansall <i>2nd anniversary</i> [CN]
Sun 21	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Jean Andrews <i>RIP</i> [MC.C]

Calder Vale Bluebell Teas

These will be served in the village hall PR3 1SJ on three Sundays in **May: 14, 21, & 28**, 11.00-4.00pm. Cash only. "Looking forward to seeing you again."

Opportunities for faith formation

The Margaret Beaufort Institute (MBIT) invites you to explore *New Horizons*. Deepen your faith and address social, professional, and ecological challenges. This is an opportunity to learn with Cambridge leading scholars as you explore the intersection of faith and issues that matter most to you.

Christian Spirituality in the contemporary world; Mondays, 8 May to 26 June 2.00-4.30pm.

Ethics in the professional context; Mondays, 8 May to 6 June, 5.00-7.00pm.

Catholic Social Thought; Tuesdays 9 May to 14 November, 4.30-6.30pm.

Christian Mysticism East & West; Weds, 10 May to 28 June, 3.30-6pm.

For more information, visit: The Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, <https://www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/>. To register: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-margaret-beaufort-institute-of-theology-33109216441. Or e-mail apply@mbit.cam.ac.uk

Lancaster Singers' Summer Concerts

From Boyce to Bernstein and Bacharach. Lancaster Singers, *A Musical Mosaic*, brings together a sparkling collection of songs which showcase the choir's varied repertoire. A concert guaranteed to send audiences away humming happily into the summer sunshine.

Saturday 20 May, 7.00pm, St James the Less church, Tatham.

Sunday 18 June, 7.30pm, St Martin's chapel, Uni. of Cumbria, Lancaster.

Sunday 25 June, 7.30pm, **SS Mary & Michael's church**, Garstang.

To book tickets please visit: www.lancastersingers.org

Garstang Catenians : Pilling Jubilee Silver Band

Garstang Catenians are hosting an evening of music featuring Pilling Jubilee Silver Band, **Friday 26 May**, 7.30pm, Garstang Country Hotel, Bowgreave Drive, Bowgreave, Garstang, PR3 1YE. Doors open, 7.00pm. Tickets £10 per person, at the door or contact Garstang Catenian secretary on 07968469756. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to *Macmillan Cancer care*.

Armed Forces Day

On **Thursday 22 June**, 10.00am, there will be a flag-raising ceremony at Kepple Lane Park to mark Armed Forces Day.

Would anyone like to represent our parishes? Please let me know. Fr G

Sustainability? Survival or shutdown

This is the theme of the annual weekend conference of the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN), **21-23 July**, Swanwick, Derbyshire. It will address issues crucial to the common good and the well-being of the natural world. Echoing the words of Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* that all issues are interconnected, it will consider such issues as structural injustice, conflict, migration and environmental challenges.

More information and booking: www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/

Lake District pilgrimage for Young Adults aged 18-35

Join us this autumn for a guided pilgrimage through the Lake District with other young adults, **14-18 September**. As we move through this beautiful landscape, we will reflect too on our journey through life. The outer journey will take us on a walk of 36 miles over Cumbrian hills and beside lakes over three days. The inner journey will draw on the wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius to help us reflect on how we might navigate life in relationship with God. We will follow the route of St Bega, a local Cumbrian saint who aligned her compass with the way of Christ.

Cost: £290. Email Elizabeth Harrison for more information: eharrison@jesuit.org.uk.

Garstang parish property : renewed appeal for help

The grounds and buildings at St Mary & St Michael's are a rich heritage in our care, of which we are rightly proud.

To ensure its continuing care, we need someone who will be our key link between the parish and: the diocesan Property Office, the various tradespeople who come onto the parish estate to carry out repairs and improvements, and our various parishioner-volunteers who help in the grounds or the buildings.

If this is an area of parish life in which you might be able to serve, or know of someone who might be, please have a word with me. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey

Hardy geraniums

The presbytery garden has some hardy geranium plants, adapted to dry shade. If anyone would like some, please ring Edward Bilborrow, 679614.

Book of Remembrance

At St Mary & St Michael's, our Book of the Names of the Dead is on display in the Lady Chapel. You are welcome to add names to the book. If the sanctuary gate is closed, please open it.

London Marathon

Many, many thanks for your support and encouragement. I completed the marathon in just under 5 hours, which turns out to be "good for age" - so maybe it wasn't my last marathon!

I sort of enjoyed the experience, particularly as I didn't cramp up during the run so it was almost pain free - unlike later that evening! I have done a couple of short runs since but I suspect it will be a while before I am fully recovered.

I have almost collected all of the sponsorship and it looks like I will have raised just over £1900 which is mainly down to the generosity of members of the parish, so thank you very much indeed. *Frank Miller*.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Barbara Rogerson, Anthony Monks.

Those who are ill or infirm. Eileen Bevins, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Rita Whittaker, 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. William Gillett, Barry Robinson (1st anniversary), Mary Agnes Mackenzie, Barbara Saul, William Thompson, Leonard Thomas Carter, Fr Charles Moah, Winifred Cross, John Barnacle, Dick Helme, Samuel Carr, Celene Elizabeth McLaughlin, Dick Edge, Eddie Finnegan, Frank Eastham, Jessica Pinnington and Roger Marsden.