

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Pentecost

23 May 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Timothy Richardson <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Barbara Crone <i>lately dead</i>

The end of the Season of Easter

Mon.....			Mary, Mother of the Church	
	S	10.00am	Mass	Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families <i>RIP</i>
Tue		---	Mass	
Wed.....			St Philip Neri priest	
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Joan Walbank <i>RIP [D.MCC]</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu.....			OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	
	S	10.00am	Mass	Violet Walmsley & Agnes Thompson <i>RIP</i>
Fri		---	Mass	Gerry Steel <i>anniversary</i>
Sat.....			St Paul VI pope	
	G	10.00am	Mass	Frank Higham <i>RIP-birthday</i>

Trinity Sunday

Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	Intentions of LMS
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes

Season of Ordinary Time

After Pentecost, the Season of Ordinary Time resumes at Week 8; Liturgy of the Hours Week 4. Scripture Readings: Sundays Year B, Weekdays Year 1.

Pastoral Letter

A working group of the Bishops of England & Wales has issued a Pastoral Letter for our consideration. It is included in the printed copies of our newsletter and available on our website. There's a link on our Homepage.

New headteacher for our school

"We are delighted to announce that Mrs Luena Archibald has been appointed as the new Headteacher for our School. Luena is currently Deputy Head at St Augustine's Primary in Preston and will join officially on 1 September. She is keen to maintain and strengthen the link between School and the Parish, and I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her into the Parish Community." Paul McCann, *Chair of Governors*.

Welcome back to Mass

If you're fairly recently returned to Mass: welcome back; it is good to see you once again. Please take a copy of the leaflet at the back of church *Welcome back to Mass*, which indicates the changes in place on how we are celebrating Mass in the present circumstances.

You might wish also to take a copy of the *Order of Mass* to enable you to pray the Apostles' Creed and, perhaps, to say the *I confess* as part of your own preparation for Mass. Mark the copy with your name, and retain it for your personal use.

Changing guidelines. Following the Government's easing of restrictions on 17 May, our Bishops have revised their directives for parish life and worship. Our two Health & Safety Leads – Kevin Morley, Scorton, and Michael Hoffman, Garstang – and I are considering these and will announce any changes to our practice next week. Thank you, *Fr Geoffrey*.

Rosary Mission

Our Lady's Shrine, Walsingham, holding a *Rosary Mission*. Each night, 8pm, there will be a foundational Rosary led from a different Parish/Shrine. **Sunday 30 May**, 5.00-6.00pm is the Rosary Hour for our diocese.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a charity named after Mary the Mother of Jesus and has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support us. We are invited to join in prayer to celebrate the wonderful work of *Mary's Meals* and give thanks that they are now reaching more than 1.8 million children with a nutritious meal in 19 countries every school day. We're invited also to pray for God's continued blessing on this mission that, through God's providence, *Mary's Meals* will always flourish, enabling it to reach more hungry children.

More information can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay.

Musings from my hermitage

Some experiences in life change us for ever. Long afterwards they live on in our memory, in the fibre of our soul.

The stirring in the disciples of the Spirit of God is one such event.

St John locates this outpouring of the Spirit on the very day Jesus rose from the dead: the first day of the week, the day God first released the energy of creation. St Luke has it on the day of Pentecost, the ancient Jewish festival that closed the harvest season; a day of thanksgiving for the gift of life.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is the most important consequence of our Lord's resurrection. It's the Spirit who draws our human kind into God's communion of life and love. What Christ accomplished in his dying and rising is "brought to completion" in our lives through the working of the Holy Spirit.

Because of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the disciples' communion with the Risen Lord continued. The Spirit's deep presence among them calmed their fear, turned their vision outwards, and impelled them to proclaim the good news across the face of the earth.

This one Spirit is given afresh to all who are called into communion with Christ through baptism. And this same Spirit now leads us to serve Christ's mission: to draw people together, build communion, help people find a sense of belonging. For it's the Spirit who, the Lord tells us, will lead us to "the complete truth," to that ultimate, eternal meaning.

That's our task; the responsibility of everyone who's baptised. And God is with us every step of the way, as we seek to discern how best to nurture the life and worship of our parish families. Pray for the grace to be open to the Spirit; beyond that, it's up to God.

Organ festival

Over the next few months, the Leeds International Organ Festival will be LIVE and ONLINE with recitals, podcasts and events. The Festival is an initiative of Diocese of Leeds Music. Visit the *LIOF LIVE* website for details. The events will be available on the Leeds International Organ Festival *You Tube* channel.

Faith & Justice newsletter

For the latest newsletter from our diocesan Faith & Justice Commission visit: <https://tinyurl.com/mmj7sy77>. Reports and newsletters mentioned are at: <http://www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/newsletter/>

Diocesan levy

Each year parishes pay a levy to the diocese to fund the central operations. The levy is calculated from the information included on the parish annual return for the year ended 5 April 2020 and, where relevant, supplementary returns. The rate of levy on offertory income remains unchanged at 24.70% and the rate on rental income, including qualifying hall income, has increased from one sixth of gross rental income to one fifth.

For this year, Scorton's diocesan levy is £3787.30; Garstang's is £15074.11.

Insurance. Also, you might wish to know that our property insurance charges for 2020-2021 were: Garstang, £2,947.62; Scorton, £2,254.65.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. William Hansell, Barbara Saul, John Skillen (brother of Margaret Lamoury), Colin Swarbrick, Sue Ratelitte.

Those who are ill or infirm. Phyllis Steel, Yvonne Shaw, James Costain jr, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Austin Walmsley, Ethel Davis, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, Roger Bevins, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Marie Swarbrick, Peter Holland, Bob Cross, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Joseph Hodgson, Raymond Fitzgerald, Ann Mary Swarbrick, Thomas Richardson, Mary Agnes Gornall, Alice Bilsborrow, Timothy John Richardson, Dennis Oxby, Barbara Walters, William Francis (Bill) Campbell (1st anniversary), Richard Redhead, Victor Richmond, John Garret, John Ryan, Jerome Grayston, Margaret (Madge) Wrennall, and Sister Evelyn Wilson CP.