

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Pentecost

19 May 2024

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>

The end of the Season of Easter

Ordinary Time resumes : Week 7 : Readings Year 2

Mon 20	Mary, Mother of the Church			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Tue 21	--			
Wed 22	G	6.30pm	Mass	Agnes Gallagher <i>RIP</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 23	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Gerry Steel <i>anniversary</i>
Fri 24	G	10.30am	Funeral Mass	: William Flynn

## The Holy Trinity

Sat 25	G	6.00pm	Mass	Timothy Richardson <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 26	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Elaine Stajniak <i>anniversary</i> [HL]

## Cafod Sudan appeal

Many thanks to parishioners in Garstang for your very generous donations. **£915** was collected in church, in addition to those who have donated online.

## Bluebell teas

It's bluebell time again, and teas are being 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*

## 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](http://www.footstomping.band).

## In honour of Our Lady

St Joseph's church, Skerton LA1 2HU, is presenting an evening of music provided by their choir and musicians, with hymns and readings dedicated to Our Lady: *To Jesus through Mary*, **Friday 24 May**, 7.00-8.00pm, followed by refreshments provided by the parish.

There is no charge and all are welcome.

## Sounds of Summer : Preston Orpheus Choir

To mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of local composer Ernest Tomlinson MBE, Preston Orpheus Choir will perform a programme entitled *Sounds of Summer*, **Saturday 1 June**, 7.00pm, Bamber Bridge Methodist Church, Station Road, Bamber Bridge PR5 6ED

Adults £13, under 18s £5. Advance tickets are available via the choir's website: <https://www.prestonorpheuschoir.org/> or pay on the door: cash, card, or contactless.

More information about Ernest at <https://ernesttomlinson.com/>.

## 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](http://www.johnbradburne.com), or e-mail Kate at [info@johnbradburne.com](mailto:info@johnbradburne.com).

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### 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.

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### Sing to the Moon : Lancaster Singers

An eclectic and lighter repertoire with a focus on female composers, Lancaster Singers will perform *Sing to the Moon*, **Saturday 15 June**, 7.30pm, Lancaster Priory LA1 1YZ.

Tickets, £14, online at [www.lancastersingers.org](http://www.lancastersingers.org), 07956-115126, or at the door. Students and U-16s, free.

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### Armed Forces Day : Civic Sunday

Saturday 29 June marks **Armed Forces Day**, when the nation is able to show support for the military community both serving and retired, at home and abroad. Garstang Town Council is supporting this by holding a flag raising ceremony, **Thursday 27 June**, 10.00am, Kepple Lane Park.

The **Civic Service** this year will be on **Sunday 14 July**, 10.30am, St Thomas' church, Garstang.

If anyone would like to represent our parish communities, please let me know. Many thanks. Fr G

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### 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@lrccd.org.uk](mailto:charlie.conner@lrccd.org.uk). With my blessing, + Paul"

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### 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.

Pope Francis has urged us to pray the Rosary, especially during May, because he entrusted to Our Lady the cause of peace for the wars in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and Myanmar.

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### 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.

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### Please pray for ...

**Our young parishioners who are being confirmed** in the cathedral: 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.

**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.** Dick Edge, Eddie Finnegan, Frank Eastham, Jessica Pinnington, Roger Marsden, Jane Delaney, Peter Michael Houghton, Joseph Hodgson, Raymond Fitzgerald, Ann Mary Swarbrick, Thomas Richardson, Mary Agnes Gornall, Alice Bilsborrow and Timothy John Richardson.