

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## The Holy Trinity

30 May 2021

### Liturgies this week

Sat **G** 10.00am **Mass** Frank Higham *RIP-birthday*

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** Intentions of LMS

**G** 10.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

### Ordinary Time Week 9 : Liturgy of the Hours Week 1

Mon..... **THE VISIT OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH**

**S** 10.00am **Mass** Pat Henry *RIP [PG]*

Tue..... **St Justin** *martyr*

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Wed **G** 6.30pm **Mass** Fr John Conway *anniversary [AG]*

7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*

Thu..... **Ss Charles Lwanga** *catechist, martyr*  
& his companions *martyrs of Uganda*

**S** 10.00am **Mass** Brenda Richardson *RIP [W]*

Fri **S** 10.00am **Burial Liturgy : Barbara Saul**

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Sat **G** 10.00am **Mass** John Cadden *RIP [V]*

### The Body & Blood of Christ

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

**G** 10.30am **Mass** Judith Swarbrick *anniversary [LB]*

### Welcome back to Mass

**Changing guidelines.** Following the Government's easing of restrictions on 17 May, our Bishops have revised their directives for parish life and worship. From the point of view of the congregation, these are the things that you'll notice. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey.

- Readers no longer need to sanitise their hands before and after reading.
- We will resume the personal dialogue at Communion with each communicant: "The Body of Christ. Amen." Please note that face-coverings are still required.
- At Garstang there will be an additional minister of Holy Communion.

If you're fairly recently returned to Mass: welcome back; it is good to see you once again. You might wish 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.

### Receiving Holy Communion

When receiving Holy Communion, please:

- Make a bow of reverence before receiving the Sacrament.
- Have your palms open one on top of another, forming a throne.
- Have them as level as possible and relaxed.

### 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.

### Work on the tower at Garstang

In preparation for repair work on the tower, the area between it and Bonds Lane will be fenced off, beginning Thursday 3 June. Access to the new cemetery will be along the path by the old cemetery.

If you're interested in technical drawings and the like, you can view all the documents on the website of the Historic Churches Committee: <https://catholic-historic-churches.org.uk/applications/north-west-1097>

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## 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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay).

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## Musings from my hermitage

The feast of the Holy Trinity invites to us reflect on the mystery of God, three-in-one.

When Moses wanted the people to reflect on the nature of God, he called them to remember what God had done for them. There had been no other god like their God, who'd performed marvellous deeds for them. The God they'd come to know wasn't distant, but one whose voice they'd heard, who'd chosen them, and freed them from slavery.

We, too, worship the God who's chosen us, who loves us, and not because of anything we've done. God has formed us into a believing people; walked with us through the ages, and remains with us still. God continues to reach out to us in our personal prayer, our reading of the scriptures, and in the eucharist, inviting us in our turn to "take it to heart [that] the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, ... and no other."

Let's heed Moses' counsel: remember God; look over our life, notice the moments life tested us, and recall how God sustained us. Acknowledge where we haven't fulfilled the grace of our baptism, and how God still reached out to us and enfolded us in a merciful embrace. Remember, too, the love others have shown us, people who are living signs of God's love and tenderness.

We gather together to worship the mystery of the risen Lord's presence in our life; and even if we doubt — doubt our gifts, doubt our confidence and ability — we are still ambassadors for Christ. And Christ is with us always: in his gospel, in this sacrament of the eucharist, and in the heart of all God's children "scattered throughout the world". Let us take heart, together.

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## Mass books at Scorton

It's time to change the volume number of the Mass books. If you have borrowed a copy for your personal use, please return it, leave it on the book stand at the back of church, and collect the new edition.

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

If anyone would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact me to make arrangements. Fr Geoffrey

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## 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.

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## James Costain jr

Grateful Thanks to all who have prayed for James during his Cancer treatment. Thank God he is now recovering well and he has remained strong throughout a long and difficult time. Praise God. *Pat & Jim*.

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Rose Mboroga (Kenya, mother of Celia Horn's daughter-in-law), Peter Houghton, William Hansell, Barbara Saul, John Skillen.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Brian Cady, Phyllis Steel, Yvonne Shaw, 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 Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** Margaret (Madge) Wrennall, Sr Evelyn Wilson CP, Renee Rafferty, Thomas Hezel, Brian Griffin, Wynn Dunn, William Rawlinson, Bernard Holland, Jean Leach, Theresa Bamber, John Dixon, Josephine Barton, George Holt, Alfred Yates, Robert Catterall, Julia Cowburn, Judith Swarbrick, Winifred McNulty, John Blacklock, Cyril Swarbrick, Rev Peter Firth CF and Jennifer Robinson.