

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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The Baptism of the Lord

(First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9 January 2022

Sat	8	G	6.00pm	Mass	Sheila Richardson <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	9	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Freda Gidlow <i>RIP</i> [L]
Mon	10	S	10.00am	Mass	Phyllis Steel <i>lately dead</i> [PC]
Tue	11	---			
Wed					St Aelred of Rievaulx <i>religious</i>
	12	G	6.30pm	Mass	Gordon Johnson <i>lately dead</i> [V]
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu					St Kentigern (Mungo) <i>bishop, missionary</i>
	13	S	10.00am	Mass	Almond & Sweeney families <i>RIP</i>
Fri	14	G	10.00am	Mass	Carmel Hayden & Sr Aidan Mary <i>RIP</i> [JD]
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Peace

Sat	15	G	6.00pm	Mass	Roger Bevins <i>RIP</i>
Sun	16	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Jenny Myerscough <i>RIP</i>

Many thanks ...

Covid-safe. Thank you to everyone who has worked and helped in so many different ways to ensure that our churches are a Covid-safe environment for everyone. Because of you, we are able to celebrate public Mass.

Our churches and grounds. Thank you to everyone who has helped look after and maintain the buildings and the grounds over the past year, and to those who've helped us celebrate Christmas by preparing the cribs, the trees, and the floral displays.

Christmas collection

In our diocese, the Christmas collection forms a significant portion of the priests' annual income. Thank you for your support, and thank you for your many cards, good wishes, and personal gifts. I am very grateful. Fr Geoffrey

Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator

The diocese is looking to recruit a suitably qualified individual with significant safeguarding experience to the post of diocesan safeguarding co-ordinator. This vacancy has arisen due to the forthcoming retirement of the current post holder. The post is now advertised on www.indeed.co.uk, and through other internal channels.

Application packs are also available from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office: e-mail safeguarding@lancasterrcdioocese.org.uk.

The closing date for applications is 17 January 2022, with interviews being held Monday 24 January, at the Pastoral Centre in Lancaster.

Mary's Meals

Until 31 January, every gift given to *Mary's Meals* will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m.

This means a gift of £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, with a life-changing daily meal for a whole school year. For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk.

Red Box Holders

2022 Calendars are now available for collection from Garstang church porch. If you would like a mission box or want your box to be emptied, please contact Celia Horn either directly or through the parish office.

Synod 2023

The next Synod of the world's Bishops will focus on synodality itself. The themes will be communion, participation, and mission.

Pope Francis is asking us:

- How do we currently experience communion, participation, and mission?
- What might help deepen our experience of and engagement in these key dimensions of church life?

"The Synod is not about saving the Church. It is about saving the world."
Jenny Sinclair, *Tablet*, 1 January 2022.

We're preparing a booklet for parishioners to help us reflect in prayer on these themes in our homes and, out of that prayer, to respond to the diocesan questionnaire. (There's already a link to this on our parish website.)

Greetings from Chivuna

"Season's greetings to all of you. I hope and trust that you are doing well. We are trying to keep well and are experiencing the 4th wave of COVID 19. I am currently on home isolation. I was diagnosed with Covid 2 days ago. I am recovering well and will celebrate Christmas and New Year in quarantine. Pray for me and many of our people who are afflicted by the pandemic at the moment. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With love and prayers, *Sr Mutinta*"

Garstang tower – new pinnacle

A photograph of the newly-carved pinnacle has been added to our website: <https://www.ssmaryandmichaels-garstang.org.uk/gallery/2021/refurbishment-of-the-church-tower.html>.

Many thanks to the anonymous parishioner who has donated **£1000** towards the cost of carving the new pinnacle.

If anyone else would like to make a donation to help maintain our parish heritage for the generations to come, your support would be most welcome.

Prayers for healing

A Jesuit website in the USA has a great collection of prayers for healing:

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/prayers-for-healing>

Phyllis Steel RIP ... many thanks

... from my brother, Peter, his big lads Andrew & David, my mother Evelyn and me for all the prayer, support, and Mass intentions over the past few months. We are all very grateful.

The Funeral Mass for my sister-in-law, Phyllis, will be on Tuesday 11 January, 10.45am, in St Columba's church, Walney Island. Her Funeral Vigil will be the evening before, 6.00pm. May she rest in peace, and rise in glory. *Fr Geoffrey*

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Helen and Tim Forshaw and Anne Marie Whitehead, our Christmas winners. Happy New Year and thank you all for your support with our Parish draw during 2021. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Hospital chaplaincy

If you, or someone for whom you are responsible, are admitted to hospital, ensure that you are registered as a Roman Catholic and that you would welcome a visit from the chaplaincy team.

Data protection restrictions mean that chaplains can no longer simply walk onto a ward and ask whether there are any RCs around.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Phyllis Steel, David Carr, Brian Rushton.

Those who are ill or infirm. Teresa Cole, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Josie Higham, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Marie Swarbrick, 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. Gerard Swarbrick, Vincent Parker, Stephen John O'Regan, Winifred Doyle, Mary Dickinson, John Finlay, Frank Higham (1st anniversary), Rev. Patrick Smyth, Christopher John Newman, Peter Winstanley, Jane Greenall, Beryl Bellamy, Marina Poulton, Monica Elder-Woodward (10th anniversary), Teresa Fox, James Wilson, Rosemary Austin, Monica Jepson, Winifred Kavanagh, Paul Haslehurst, John Tully, Leonard Sinar, Jack Rawlinson, Frederick W. Garvey, Greg Eastham and Elizabeth Ellen Pedder.