

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 July 2022

Sat	30	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Joan & Bob Tomlinson [I]
Sun	31	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of the Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	(Mrs) Pat Rowlands <i>lately dead</i> [M+P]
Mon	1	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Kathleen & Harold Smith <i>RIP</i> [HF]
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Wed	3	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	David Carr <i>RIP</i> [V]
Thu	4	<b>St John Mary Vianney</b> <i>priest</i>			
		<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Canon Robert Horn <i>birthday</i>
Fri	5	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Diane Pattinson <i>RIP-birthday</i>
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	6	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	People of the Parishes
Sun	7	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Freda Wells <i>RIP</i> [MF]
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Mary & Bill Bateson <i>50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary</i>

### SVP collection

Next weekend, **6-7 August**, the Brothers & Sisters of our parish St Vincent de Paul group will be taking a collection. Your donations will be supporting the weekly Food Bank at St Thomas' church. Thank you for your support.

### Many thanks ...

... to Fr Dunstan Cooper, who presided at Mass while Fr Geoffrey was making his annual Spiritual Retreat, and to everyone who opened church and made all the preparations for Mass.

Thank you for keeping me in your prayers during my days of silence and solitude. I am very grateful. Fr G

### Gift Aid : many thanks ...

... to everyone who is able to support the parishes with Gift Aid.

Scorton has recently been credited with £3197.60, and Garstang with £10612.10.

**To all parishioners:** If you are a UK tax payer, *please* complete a Gift Aid declaration for the parish. It costs you absolutely nothing. You are giving to your parish anyway; this simply asks the Government to redirect to the Church some of the tax you have paid to the Government. For every £1 you give, the Church can reclaim 25p of tax. Thank you.

### The National Synthesis of the Synod

The diocesan and national organisational reports were submitted to the Bishops' Conference and the National Synthesis Team has been working on producing the "National Synthesis", reflecting on the reports received, discerning the main themes that have emerged from the listening conversations, and collating them together to give a picture of the synodal process in England and Wales. The Bishops have been kept abreast of this work with a report and recently gathered to discern their response to this National Synthesis. Their work, together with the synthesis document will be sent to the Synod Office in Rome as the formal submission to the Synod from England and Wales.

The National Synthesis document can be accessed by following this link <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf>

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## Garstang parish property

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, and I am very grateful. Fr Geoffrey

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## Tea & coffee after Sunday Mass?

Is there a desire in our parishes to resume having tea & coffee after Sunday Mass? First, we need to establish whether we have volunteers to organise and run it. For Scorton, please let Kevin Morley know; for Garstang, Fr G.

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## Diocesan pilgrimage to Cleator

The annual pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 11 September**. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul.

The theme this year is *Our Lady, Help of Christians*, a broad interpretation of this title, acknowledging the needs of our world internationally and locally.

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## Emmaus Preston

*Emmaus* is a non-religious homelessness charity. As well as a bed for the night they offer a home, meaningful work and a sense of belonging.

*Emmaus* social enterprises generate revenue that pays for Companions' home, food and upkeep, as well as providing a small weekly allowance. This is key to restoring feelings of self-worth, showing these individuals that their actions make a real difference, both to their own life, and the lives of others.

See the website for what is accepted by Preston *Emmaus*: <https://www.emmauspreston.co.uk> To arrange a collection of furniture, 01772-796622 or [donations@emmauspreston.org.uk](mailto:donations@emmauspreston.org.uk).

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## Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Helen Bisby and Pat Errington for being our July winners. If you would like an opportunity to join this year's draw and support our church contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office. Each number costs £20 per year (you can have more than one number) and each month we draw two numbers - 1st Prize £80, 2nd Prize £30 and an extra Christmas draw in December which pays out 1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize £35. All profits made each year are donated back to our Parish.

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## Eight things you didn't know about our food system

Over the following weeks we will be looking at aspects from CAFOD's Fix the Food System campaign so we are better informed.

### 7. In the UK we are reliant on other countries for our food

Around half of the food we eat in the UK comes from other countries, including 80 per cent of our fruit, 50 per cent of our vegetables, and all of our rice. Help yourself to a *Fix the Food System* leaflet from the back of church which includes CAFOD's campaign postcard to the Foreign Secretary.

Or, if you prefer, e-mail Liz Truss at the link:

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/102736/action/1?locale=en-GB>

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Betty Carter, Fr Dermott Donnelly (H&N diocese, friend of Fr G), Fr David Duane (retired priest of the diocese), Pat(ricia) Parkinson.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Mary McCann (mother of Paul), Fr Robert "Bob" Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, 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:** Margaret Dickinson, Helen Mary Beale, Beatrice Horn, Robert Berry, Margaret Hine, Matthew John Pearson, Anne Elizabeth Dawson, James Booth (40<sup>th</sup> anniversary), James Birchall, James Rossall, Catherine Elder, Stephen Edmondson and Helen Beale.