

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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First Sunday of Lent

6 March 2022

Sat	5	G	6.00pm	Mass	Maureen Ingleby <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	6	S	8.30am	Mass	David Carr <i>lately dead</i> [PG]
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
Mon	7	S	10.00am	Mass	Phyllis <i>RIP</i> & ints. of the Steel family [MC.G]
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Wed	9	G	6.30pm	Mass	John <i>1st anniv.</i> & Alice Towers <i>RIP</i>
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	10	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass	: Agnes Gallagher
Fri	11.....				FAMILY FAST DAY—Day of Prayer for the Hungry & Needy of the World
		G	10.00am	Mass	Helena Holland <i>RIP</i>
		G	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	

Second Sunday of Lent

Sat	12	G	6.00pm	Mass	Tom Ibison snr <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	13	S	8.30am	Mass	Brian & Stella McVey <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes

Keeping a holy Lent

Talk of “giving things up,” “doing without” can make Lent seem dull, negative even; as if we hadn’t enough to contend with at the moment.

But Lent’s not an end in itself; it’s the season in which we prepare joyfully to celebrate the mystery of Easter with mind and heart renewed.

In Lent, the community of faith is blessed with a spirit of loving reverence for God and of willing service to neighbour. Thus, Lent is a time for more intense prayer and reflection and for particular attention to the word of God, especially the Sunday readings.

Our Lenten penance is not only inward and personal but also outward and social. How might our prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and other works of charity deepen our conversion to Christ and be of benefit to others?

Above all, what is it that we’d like God to do for us this Lent?

Resources for Lent

A great collection of online resources for Lent: talks, retreats, Stations of the Cross, and so on: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/44124>

Friday 11 March is CAFOD Lent Fast Day

CAFOD has produced a short video <https://youtu.be/znd6WLGvhpM>.

Family Fast Day is **Friday 11 March**, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition.

You can donate in Church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent). Leaflets will be available as well as the usual envelopes - please do take one to find out more and learn about the Lent Challenge **Walk Against Hunger**.

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, this will make a huge difference.

A CAFOD worker from Sierra Leone I spoke to recently on a webinar stressed how the people there wanted us to know how **very grateful** they are for every bit of help. He had a wonderful faith, and told us how he saw his work as helping the people fulfil the potential that God had given them. Thank you for your ongoing support. *Helen Spencer*

Cafod walk against hunger Lent challenge

200 million children in the world are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people live free from hunger. To take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

Pope Francis' message for Lent

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2022/2/24/messaggio-quaresima.html>

Praying for peace

Here's a link to PAX Christi Lenten resources that you might find useful. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/resources/journeying-through-lent-to-easter>

Stations of the Cross

I want very much to encourage parishioners from either parish to lead the Stations: individuals, couples, friends, parish groups. Various versions are available, and you might have ideas of your own.

There are several reasons I want to encourage lay-leadership. Not least because it's an all-too-rare opportunity for me to be ministered to in prayer rather than leading, presiding over, and directing the prayer myself.

Also, Stations of the Cross doesn't need a priest to officiate, and it would be useful to develop lay-led liturgies. Though our two churches will probably stay open for a long time and be places where Mass is celebrated, who knows if they will always have a resident priest or, if they do, he might well have additional churches in his care.

If you're willing to take a turn, please let me know. *Fr Geoffrey*

Liturgy of Reconciliation

We will celebrate the Lenten Liturgy of Reconciliation for our parishes on **Saturday 2 April, 10.00am**.

Chivuna annual report

On our website is the full report with pictures from Sr Mutinta, describing the challenges and achievements of 2021. Visit: [Groups/Outreach/Chivuna](#).

At the back of church are some paper copies, without all the photographs.

Support for Ukraine

If you wish to donate through Catholic charities, Depaul International, and Aid to the Church in Need, ACN, will both welcome your support, as will Cafod, for their special appeal.

<https://int.depaulcharity.org/> or <https://acnuk.org/>

Sacrament of Confirmation

For the parishes of our Deanery, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral on the feast of Pentecost, **Sunday 5 June, 2.00pm**. Candidates are to be in Year 7 or above.

Preparations will be held centrally in Lancaster, and details will be available next month.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Jenn McGuigan and Pat Collins for being our February winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office. Thank you for all your support.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Revd John Selby (retired deacon of the diocese), Agnes Gallagher, Josie Higham, Betty Ball.

Those who are ill or infirm. John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, 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 Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep: Mary Ann Smith, John Conway, Mary Bevins, Madeleine Looby, Alice Ann Lydiate, Dorothy Nugent, Ellen Moxham, The Cookson and Hine Families, Edward Hodgson, Joan McCall, Richard Hogarth, Leo Wells, Constance Mary Rogers, Marie Kelly, Annie Lillian Henderson, Thomas Bolton, John Towers (1st Anniversary), Alice Rustidge, Jane Fleming, Sue Tomlinson, Ellen Ryan, John Smith, Alice Wright and Winifrede Ainsworth.