

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Peace

16 January 2022

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>
Mon	17				St Anthony <i>abbot</i>
		S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Tue	18				Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>begins</i>

Wed	19	G	6.30pm	Mass	Frank Higham <i>1st anniversary</i>
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	20	S	10.00am	Mass	Michael Pegg <i>lately dead</i> [PG]
Fri	21				St Agnes <i>virgin, martyr</i>
		G	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of GS [LB]
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat	22	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass	: Theresa Cole

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

Sat	22	G	6.00pm	Mass	Sheila Murphy <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun	23	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Intentions of AC [CH]

Great news from our parish school

From our Headteacher, Mrs Luena Archibald:

"As a school, we are extremely excited and very proud to announce that we have received 'GOOD' in our recent Ofsted report. We are particularly proud of how our staff and children conducted themselves during the last term. They have worked hard and deserve the recognition. We would like to thank all our parents and the parish for the wonderful support you have given us.

If you would like to read our report, please follow the link <https://www.st-mary-st-michael.lancs.sch.uk/ofsted-diocesan-reports/> Thank you.

School parents' association : lottery

Our school's parents invite your involvement in their fundraising effort:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ss-mary-and-michael-catholic-primary-school>

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.

Synod 2023

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

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.)

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.

Emergency appeal for Afghanistan : CAFOD

CAFOD has local partners who provide food, shelter and cash assistance to vulnerable families.

4,000 displaced Afghan families will be supported to access clean drinking water (through the provision and installation of 200 water tanks) and will be provided with hygiene kits.

Cafod will be supporting Afghans who have urgent humanitarian needs over the coming months – both within Afghanistan and in neighbouring countries – whilst also continuing to provide longer-term support.

With your help CAFOD can reach families in Afghanistan with:

- food
- hygiene packs
- clean drinking water
- long term support

Any donation you can give will make a difference to people living in Afghanistan.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Afghanistan-Crisis-Appeal>

Please remember those affected in your prayers.

Spiritual help on the www

The Jesuits in Britain produce various resources to help nourish and develop our personal prayer:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/> and <https://www.thinkingfaith.org/>

Fr Richard Rohr offers his daily meditations here: www.cacradicalgrace.org.

The Jesuit Creighton University offers many resources for prayer and reflection. Search for 'onlineministries' and click on the link to www.creighton.edu.

The Xaverian Missionaries in Preston offer their reflections on the Sunday readings here: <https://xaverians.org.uk/posts/>

Donna Worthington offers various reflections and opportunities for making a Retreat: <https://christianretreats.live/>

Fr Ted Gannon makes his homilies and reflections available here: <https://tedgannon.com/>

Barbara Bracegirdle : many, many thanks ...

... to the Parish Council & Parishioners of Ss Mary & James Scorton, for your generous gift of Garden Tokens. It was much appreciated and we will purchase something for the garden as a permanent reminder of you all at Ss Mary & James. Yours truly, *Barbara Bracegirdle*.

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. Fr *Geoffrey*

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.

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. Theresa Cole.

Those who are ill or infirm. 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. Leonard Sinar, Jack Rawlinson, Frederick W. Garvey, Greg Eastham, Elizabeth Ellen Pedder, Renee Williams, David Trevor Orr, Tom Thompson, Thomas Henry (Harry) Horn, Eileen Darby, Ann Swarbrick, John Joseph Heyes, Elizabeth McGolderick, Thomas F. McNicholas, Jim Bamber and Ben Kelsall.