Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 August 2026

Sat	22	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Philip McEvitt *lately dead*
Sun	23	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Colette & John Haythorn *40th wedding anniversary* [GS]
Mon	**24**	**ST BARTHOLOMEW** *apostle*			
		S	10.00am	**Mass**	A friend who is ill [PC]
Tue	25	---			
Wed	26	**G**	6.30pm	**Mass**	Noel & Christine Birch *60th wedding anniversary*
			7.00pm	**Rosary**	*in our homes*
Thu	**27**	**St Monica** *married woman, mother of St Augustine of Hippo*			
		S	10.00am	**Mass**	Gerry Steel *RIP-birthday*
Fri	**28**	**ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO** *bishop, doctor of the Church*			
		G	10.00am	**Mass**	William Pedley *1st anniversary* [AC]
			10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	29	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Alan Bradley *anniversary*
Sun	30	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Jack Mounsey *anniversary*

Evening Mass on Wednesday 26 August …

… will be for the 60th wedding anniversary of Noel and Christine Birch, and a celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. *All welcome*.

Taizé prayer at Hyning

The sisters of Hyning monastery are hosting two evenings of Taizé prayer, **Friday 28 August** and Thursday 8 October, both 7.30pm. All welcome. Hyning monastery, Warton, Carnforth LA5 9SE. 01524-732684. See the poster.

Special collection next weekend : parish levy

The annual special collection for the Catholic Trust for England & Wales (CaTEW) levy will be taken next weekend, **29-30 August**. This funds the work of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales. The amount due from Garstang is **£1185.75**; from Scorton is **£287.68.**

Thank you for your generosity towards our share of the national levy.

March for Life

SPUC Preston has booked a coach to the *March for Life*, **Saturday 5 September**. Tickets are on sale now on Eventbrite, search "Coach from Lancaster and Preston to M4LUK," or scan the QR code. For the itinerary or anything else please contact the secretary on 07523 183758 or at spucpreston@gmail.com.

Colombia Earthquake

Whilst CAFOD doesn't seem to have a specific appeal, they have already donated £100k from their Emergency Response Fund for this. You can contribute to their general Emergency Fund by visiting www.cafod.org.uk. *Aid to the Church in Need* is running a Colombia Earthquake Emergency Appeal. Visit www.acnuk.org.

CAFOD school volunteers needed

Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for volunteers to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action.

For further information please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk.

Annual pilgrimage to Cleator

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 6 September**. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul.

The theme this year is *Our Lady, Star of the Sea*. We express our devotion to Our Lady using the image we find in John Lingard's great hymn: "Hail, Queen of heaven." Offering light and guidance, Our Lady shines above our troubled world. She brings hope and comfort as she prays for us and with us.

Tea and coffee will be provided. People can bring their own packed lunch.

The Parish of St John Henry Newman, Morecambe is looking to organise a coach for this pilgrimage; cost £15.00 per person. Members of neighbouring parishes are welcome to join them. Leave St Mary's Church, Matthias Street, Morecambe, 12 noon; depart Cleator at about 5.00pm.

If you wish to do so, please contact their parish office, Wednesday - Friday 9.00am to 12 noon. sjhn.morecambe@lrcd.org.uk or 01524 410501.

Protecting unborn children

The next SPUC meeting will be on **Saturday 12 September**, Saint Joseph's church, Skeffington Road, Preston PR1 5UQ. There will be refreshments including cake. 1.30pm for the Rosary; the meeting starts at 2.00pm. If the main church door is closed, the side door will be open.

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The diocesan pilgrimage to St Mary's Fernyhalgh & Ladyewell shrine will be on **Saturday 26 September**, 11.00am, led by Bishop Paul.

Bishop Paul invites all Altar Servers to join the pilgrimage. Please take your cassock & cotta and walk together in the procession. Afterwards, there will be a barbecue for all servers in the grounds, prepared by Our Lady & St Edward's Scouts, Preston.

Attending servers are to meet at St Mary's, Fernyhalgh, 10.30am. To facilitate planning, if you are intending to go, please contact Ian Mulholland, mulholland.id@gmail.com or 07944-857813.

On-line Catholic Book Club

The Diocese of Westminster has launched an on-line book club which focusses on the classic works of Spiritual Reading. Here's a piece about it: https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/54963.

Evergreen Nursery, formerly Hummingbirds

The nursery has recently had a successful Ofsted inspection and the report is available on the parish website. Congratulations to the staff and thanks to all who helped make Hummingbirds such a success.

It is good to see it has continued to blossom.

Monthly parish collections : July

Garstang, £1,413.50, plus £2,212.00 Standing Orders; **Scorton**, £247.42, plus £677.67 Standing Orders. *Thank you*.

Chivuna update

From Sr Mutinta: "Greetings from Chivuna. Thank you so much for your kindness and your concern for our people. May the Lord continue blessing you. The items will really be of great help. Our mothers are really happy and our work is really made easy by your support. We are really grateful."

On the Chivuna section of the noticeboard, there's a sheet detailing the clinic's latest needs. Please take a look and see if you can help.

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Fr Val Farrell (retired priest of the diocese).

Those who are ill or infirm. Brian Holden, Bryan Ingleby, Rich & Anne Ranker, Jack Garner, Christine Rowthorn, Evelyn Steel, John Page, Kathryn Lee, Mary Evans, Harold Jepson, Celia Lowe, Gerry Marley, Bob Cookson, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Mary Jo Counsell, Caroline Nurse, Yvonne Shaw, Simon Crossley, Peter Holland, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Michael O'Neill, Robert Woodruff, Dennis Wilkes, Lillian Barnes, Angela Isles, Michele Flynn. Maria Bowker, Robert Horn, Wilfred Garstang, John N. Bamber, Stephen Copple, Alan Bradley, George Armer, Margaret Barton, Brian Eydmann, Alan Bury, John Green, Francis Xavier Andrews, John Cahill, John Andrews, Katherine Piela, Raymond Bisby, Anne Lyford, Joe Kendall, Rev. Joseph Mary Ilsley.