Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 August 2026

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*
Mon	**31**	**St Aidan**, *bishop, religious, missionary, and the Saints of Lindisfarne*			
		S	10.00am	**Mass**	Mary Rhodes *RIP* [FM]
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Wed	2	**G**	6.30pm	**Mass**	Beatrice Horn *RIP* [BH]
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	**3**	**G**	**10.30am**	**Funeral Liturgy : Noel Paul Smith**	
Fri	**4**	**St Cuthbert** *priest, religious, patron of the diocese*			
		G	10.00am	**Mass**	Evelyn & Charles Langley *RIP*
			10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	
		G	**2.00pm**	**Ecumenical Prayer for our schools**	

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Sat	5	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Eugene Lynch *lately dead* [LY]
Sun	6	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	In thanksgiving for MBA

Special collection this weekend : parish levy

The annual special collection for the Catholic Trust for England & Wales (CaTEW) levy will be taken this 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.

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 1 September**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

Prayer for our schools

The ecumenical Schools' Prayer Group will meet on **Friday 4 September**, 2.00-3.00pm, in the Plessington chapel, Garstang. *All welcome*.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Quiet retreats for adults at Castelrigg

During October half term, the team at Castlerigg Manor, Keswick, is running a quiet retreat for individual adults.

Each day brings a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, with plenty of time to explore, pray, or simply rest.

Book at www.castleriggmanor.com/events, or call 017687 72711, or e-mail director@castleriggmanor.co.uk.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations to our August winners, Helena Leaper and Paul McCann.

This month we were able to donate **£1820** to the Parish from the funds raised running the Parish Draw. This amount includes £120 in donations given back to the Parish from some of our monthly winners. Thank you for all your support throughout the year.

If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Evergreen Nursery, formerly Hummingbirds

The nursery has recently had a successful Ofsted inspection and a link to the report is 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.

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.

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Noel Paul Smith, Fr Val Farrell.

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. Rev. Joseph Mary Ilsley, Brian Dickinson, Alfred Evans, David Gornall, Harry Kelly, Sarah Adelaide Darwen, Ronald Park, Stella Mary Iddon, Rosie Cousins, Wilfrid Hull, Henry (Harry) Richardson, Clare Theresa McManmon, Manus Adamson (1st anniversary), Dennis Chapman, Richard Winstanley, Carl Gerard Wilkes, James Parker, Hilda Yates, Peter Thomas Davis, Ken Shaw, Matthew Maguire, Agnes James.