

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees

24 September 2023

Sat 23	G	6.00pm	Mass	Agnes Gallagher <i>RIP</i>
Sun 24	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Helen & Edward Brennan <i>anniversary</i> [vs]
Mon 25	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Brendan Alger <i>RIP</i>
Tue 26	--			
Wed 27				St Vincent de Paul <i>priest, religious founder</i>
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Fr James Hennessy <i>RIP</i>
Thu 28	S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [J]
Fri 29				SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL <i>archangels</i>
	G	10.00am	Mass	Bernard Bowen <i>RIP</i> [MB]
		10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat 30	S	12.15pm	Baptism	Scarlett Hope Flesher

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 October 2023

Sat 30	G	6.00pm	Mass	Revd John Horn <i>RIP</i>
Sun 1	S	8.30am	Mass	Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		12.15pm	Burial of Ashes : Margaret Price	

Many thanks ...

... Fr Aidan Turner & Fr John Gibson, who presided at Mass while Fr G was visiting long-standing friends in Maryland USA. One day we visited the National Shrine of Our Lady, Washington DC, and I lit votive candles there for all parishioners, and especially for all who are ill or infirm.

Many thanks also to those who opened church and helped prepare things for Mass, and those who kept an eye on the properties and the office.

This weekend : special collection : Bishop's administration fund

Each year, parishes in the diocese take a collection to help fund Bishop Paul's ministry to us: his office, house, travel, and so on. Thank you.

Parish Coffee Mornings

We would like to restart these monthly gatherings. To begin, we will raise funds for *Macmillan Cancer Support*, because Autumn is the traditional time of their annual coffee mornings. Our first one will be on **Wednesday 27 September**, 10am-12 noon in the Plessington Chapel, St Mary & St Michael's. There will be homemade cakes, brews, and good company – all in a good cause. The event is free, with donations invited for *Macmillan*. Come early for the best cakes and stay as long as you like. Looking forward to seeing you.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The next children's Liturgy of the Word will be on **Sunday 1 October**, 10.30am Mass, then 5 November, and 3 December.

Synodality in our parishes

A couple of interesting-sounding opportunities are on offer from Nottingham diocese.

Its School of Synodality invites individuals and those leading in parishes to apply for its Innovation Programme or its Parish Programme. The two separate programmes are aimed at those creating new innovative ventures in the Church, and those leading in parishes who are wanted to taking the next step in developing synodally. For details of both programmes:

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/47817>

Deadline for application: **3 October**.

Education Mass

All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Paul at the annual Education Mass, **Friday 6 October**, 6.30pm, at the cathedral.

This invitation extends in a special way to all those involved in education and faith formation; priests, deacons, catechists, youth ministry, children's liturgy, those in seminary and teachers outside of the Catholic sector.

The celebration gives us the opportunity to express our thanks and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith. Together we ask for God's blessing on the mission of education and formation in our diocese.

Caring for creation

Our diocesan Faith & Justice Commission invites you to a Care of Creation event, **Saturday 7 October**, 9.30am–3.00pm, St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Bowerham Road, Lancaster LA1 4HT. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

The theme of the event is *Let Justice and Peace flow*. Guest speakers include: Sr Margaret Atkins, Dr Stephen Garsed, Dr Paul Kelly and John Paul de Quay.

For further information or to confirm your attendance at the event please contact Sue Grubic ldfsue@gmail.com or text 07791444417.

Human rights in the emerging Catholic Church

A lay-led synodal assembly, **8-14 October**, Rome, Bristol, and worldwide online: www.spiritunbounded.org.

Organised by *Spirit Unbounded: nurturing the emerging Church*.

On the way to a better Church?

Insights from the Synod on Synodality. This synod is the most important meeting of bishops in Rome since Vatican II – sixty years ago. It promises to inaugurate a “synodal Church”. But what does this mean?

Thomas O'Loughlin, Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology, University of Nottingham, in conversation with Tina Beattie, Catholic theologian and novelist, and Robert Burnett & Rose Murray from the Scottish Laity Network. **Tuesday 17 October**, 6.00-7.00pm. For tickets: www.thetablet.co.uk/events.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Graham McAleer & Catherine Thornton for being our September winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

CAFOD school volunteers needed in our area

Looking for a new challenge? Join CAFOD's team of school volunteers to inspire children and young people and deepen their understanding of global justice.

By running inspiring assemblies and engaging workshops, you will tap into their natural compassion and sense of fairness, and they will be excited about making a difference. Use your skills for the common good and be an active part of creating a world without poverty. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

For more information, please contact: Nicola Blanchfield (Supporting CAFOD's work in schools across the Lancaster Diocese): nblanchfield@cafod.org.uk; 07710 094449.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently.

Those who are ill or infirm. Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Carley Cowburn, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, 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. Bernard Gornall, Mary Watson, Thomas Swarbrick, Doreen Cummins, Anne Lister, Barbara Barton, Eric Fishwick, James Coyne, Mary Agnes Edwards, William Gerard Richmond, Bernard Joseph Swarbrick, Thomas Taylor, Jack Delaney, Francis Joseph (Frank) Purkis, Richard Hall Gelderd, Eleanor Woodhams, Joseph Speight and Gerard Rigby.