Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 October 2026

Sat	3	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	William *anniv.* & Ellen Greenall *RIP*
Sun	4	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Maureen Sweeney *lately dead* [BB]
Mon	**5**	**S**	**10.00am**	**Funeral Mass : Mary Hodges**	
Tue	6	---			
Wed	**7**	**Our Lady of the Rosary**			
		G	6.30pm	**Mass**	Danielle Harris *successful pregnancy* [SR]
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	8	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Infirm clergy
Fri	**9**	**ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN** *priest, religious founder*			
		G	10.00am	**Mass**	Fr Michael O'Leary *RIP*
			10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	10	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Rita Brown *lately dead* [D]
Sun	11	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	Dick & Betty Gornall, Jenny Bottomley *RIP*
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes

Macmillan Coffee morning

There will be a coffee morning at Scorton Methodist Chapel, **Saturday 10 October**, 10.00am to 12 noon, to raise funds for *Macmillan Cancer Care*.

Bereavement journey Garstang

Beginning **Monday 12 October**, seven sessions of films and discussions to help anyone bereaved anytime. Garstang Free Methodists, Windsor Road PR3 1ED. There are flyers at the back of both churches.

Mass for Healthcare Workers

All those working in healthcare (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, receptionists, porters, chaplains and many more) are invited to Mass with our bishop, **Saturday 17 October**, 12.15pm, Lancaster Cathedral.

The bishop will celebrate a votive Mass of St Luke, the patron saint of doctors, praying for all those in our diocese who work in healthcare and all those they care for.

There will be a chance to meet up with other Catholic healthcare workers over a cup of tea in the social centre afterwards.

Parish Coffee Morning

Thank you to all those who attended the coffee morning; more new faces which was great! A total of £130 was donated to NWCSG; thank you for your generosity. The next event will be on **Wednesday 21 October**, 10.00am – 12 noon, in the Plessington Chapel. We will be raising funds to support Stella Maris (the Seamen's Mission). We look forward to seeing you there. *The Coffee Morning Team*

Quiet retreats for adults at Castlerigg

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.

Admissions to Our Catholic Schools

We warmly encourage families considering one of our Catholic schools to apply for a place for their child.

All applications for school places must be submitted through the Lancashire County Council admissions process. However, for Catholic families, it is **essential** that you also complete and return the school's **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**. This form enables the school to apply its Catholic admissions criteria and helps ensure that Catholic applicants from our parishes are considered appropriately for places.

Completed Supplementary Information Forms should be returned directly to the school you are applying for.

To make the process as straightforward as possible, please scan the QR code visit the Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi Academy Trust admissions page. From there, you can access detailed admissions information and the individual admissions pages for each of our Catholic schools.

Please also refer to the application timeline table below for key dates and deadlines for both primary and secondary school applications.

We look forward to welcoming new families into our Catholic school communities.

For primary school places: *Applications Open***:** 1 September 2026; *Application Deadline***:** 15 January 2027; *National Offer Day***:** 16 April 2027 (when you find out which school your child has been offered).

For secondary school places: *Applications Open***:** 1 September 2026; *Application Deadline***:** 31 October 2026; **National Offer Day:** You will receive your school place offer on 1 March 2027.

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.

Evelyn Steel RIP

Many of you will know by now that our lovely mother, Evelyn, died very peacefully last Sunday night, with my brother and I seated beside her. We had been called to Furness General at 7.45pm on the Saturday.

Evelyn had been ready to go several times this past eighteen months. But when God gave her more time, she used it well.

Her Funeral Mass will be on **Thursday 15 October**, 11.45am, at St Mary of Furness, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness. It will be live-streamed through Our Lady of Furness parish website.

Thank you for all your cards, messages, and prayer. Fr G

CAFOD *Family Fast Day* Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope,** or call **0303 303 3030**.

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Evelyn Steel, Mary Hodges, Edwin Dodd.

Those who are ill or infirm. Liz Boden, Brian Holden, Bryan Ingleby, Rich & Anne Ranker, Jack Garner, Christine Rowthorn, 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. William Greenall, Arthur Conlong, Gerald Whittaker, John Towers, Hilda Redhead, Jenny Jackson, Margaret McDonald, Edward Ross, Hugh Ferguson, Gordon Watkins, Alan John Carter, Joan Farnworth, Richard Wrennall, William (Bill) Hollis, Barry Speak, Rose Ellen Shorrock, Margaret Horn, Kathleen Barnacle, Cecily Gornall, Florence McHale.