

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Second Sunday of Lent

13 March 2022

Sat	12	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Tom Ibison snr <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	13	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Brian & Stella McVey <i>RIP</i>
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
		<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Vigil of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine</b>	
Mon	14	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Anne Gelderd <i>RIP</i>
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Wed	16	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Phyllis Steel <i>lately dead</i> [D+MP]
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	17	<b>ST PATRICK</b>			<i>bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland</i>
		<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Millie & Frank Graham <i>RIP</i> [G.MCL]
		<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass with the Catenians</b>	<i>all welcome</i>
Fri	18	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Ross, Holland, Tebay families <i>RIP</i>
		<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	

## Third Sunday of Lent

Sat	19	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Berney Murphy-Smith <i>RIP</i>
Sun	20	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Theresa Cole <i>lately dead</i> [SVP]

### Vigil of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

On **Sunday, 6.00pm**, at SSMM, you are invited to gather for half an hour of silent prayer for peace, for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia.

If you are unable to come to church, you could light a candle and pray at home from 6.00pm. Let us do what we can.

### National Novena to St Joseph, 10-18 March

Every year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you would like to receive a booklet to join in the Novena prayers, already underway, email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

### SVP meeting

Members are asked to meet in the Plessington Chapel, **Friday 18 March**, 2.00pm, to update the news and organise leading Stations of the Cross probably on 25 March. Contact Philippa C, either directly or through the parish office.

### Day of renewal

"When anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible." (Ephesians 5:13.) This is the theme of a day of renewal offered at St Clare's Parish Hall, Preston PR2 9HH, **Saturday 19 March**, 10.00am-4.00pm, beginning with Mass at 10.00am. Led by Sean Booth, a lay missionary with St Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity.

### Liturgy of Reconciliation

We will celebrate the Lenten Liturgy of Reconciliation for our parishes on **Saturday 2 April**, 10.00am.

### Cafod walk against hunger Lent challenge

200 million children in the world are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people live free from hunger. To take part, go to [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk).

**Cafod Fast Day.** Please return your Cafod envelopes this weekend.

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## Grounds for personal satisfaction? “I could do that.”

We are so fortunate to have excellent grounds surrounding our church at Garstang. Soon we'll need to extend the cemetery area and this, in itself, will necessitate additional work to maintain the grounds in good order.

We have a dedicated band who mow the various grassed areas, but numbers have recently been depleted, and we need new volunteers to join one of our four teams. This will involve approximately three hours once each month. “I could do that.”

In addition, what of the other areas which require attention? Brushing the pathways and keeping them weed-free? “I could do that.” Brushing the pavement at the front of church? “I could attend to that.” Tending the small flower borders at the front and side of church? “I could do that.”

What of starting a gardening club, or working alongside a “gardening buddy”? Please do not be afraid of saying, “I could do that.” You might well achieve a great deal of personal satisfaction in volunteering for one of these.

In the first instance, please contact Peter Brown, either directly or through the parish office. Thank you.

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## Gift Aid administrator for Garstang

St Mary & St Michael's is looking for someone to assist in administering the Gift Aid scheme and Standing Orders. This is a great financial asset to the parish, not an onerous task, and takes up little personal time.

If you can help, please have a word with Fr Geoffrey. Thank you.

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## Red Box Magazines

These are available for collection at the back of church; whether you have a mission box or not please feel free to take a magazine. Also included is a leaflet giving information about the Venerable Pauline Jaricot, one of Missio's founders, who will be beatified on 22 May, 200 years after establishing the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. If you would like to have your mission box emptied, please contact Celia Horn. Thank you.

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## Resources for Lent

A great collection of online resources for Lent: talks, retreats, Stations of the Cross, and so on: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/44124>

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## Catherine Ryan : many thanks ...

... to Catherine, who has now concluded her many years of service as one of our organists in Garstang.

We are very grateful to Catherine for her hard work and commitment, ... and relieved that she has passed on her gifts to her daughter, Fiona.

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## Theresa Cole : many thanks ...

The Cole family would like to thank parishioners and friends for their prayers, Mass intentions, friendship and many kindnesses during and following Theresa's illness. Thank you also for the generous donations in her memory. The total donated was £480 which, as Theresa requested, will be shared between the church and the SVP.

The parish will put its £240 towards the cost of the new pinnacle on the tower. Fr Geoffrey

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## Support for Ukraine

If you wish to donate through Catholic charities, Depaul International, and Aid to the Church in Need, ACN, will both welcome your support, as will Cafod, for their special appeal.

<https://int.depaulcharity.org/> or <https://acnuk.org/>

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Revd Brian Burns, Revd John Selby (retired deacons of the diocese), Agnes Gallagher, Josie Higham, Betty Ball.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, 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:** Alice Wright, Winifrede Ainsworth, John Grayston, James Thomas Slater, Agnes Horn, Eddie Walmsley, John Hindle Law, Thomas Gornall, Ellen Wells, John James Dewhurst, Celia Lamoury, Agnes Rossall, John Kirkman, Barbara Nelmes, Winifred Moran, Tom Horn, Josephine Seed, John Swift and George Bernard Clarey.