

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Third Sunday of Advent

12 December 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat **G** 6.00pm **Mass** John & Cathie Cadden *anniversary / birthday*

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Roger Boden *lately dead* [LB]

Mon..... **St Lucy** *virgin, martyr*

S 10.00am **Mass** Monica & Sam Carr *anniversary* [AC]

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Wed **G** 6.30pm **Mass** Alice *1st anniversary* & John Towers *RIP*

7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*

Thu **S** 10.00am **Mass** Infirm clergy

Fri **G** 10.00am **School Mass** *in church* Intentions of OM

G 11.00am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat **G** 6.00pm **Mass** People of our Parishes

Sun **S** 8.30am **Mass** Fr Michael Tully & Parents *RIP*

G 10.30am **Mass** All those bereaved at Christmastime [LB]

G 12.45pm **Baptism** Isla Lamoury

Food bank : appeal for help ...

... from St Mary's Catholic College, Lancaster. The College hopes to provide a good number of families with food packages for Christmas, and are looking for all the various foodstuffs you'd expect such as sponge puddings, hot chocolate, long-life milk, mince pies/Christmas puddings, selection boxes, tinned meats, pasta 'n' sauce, fruit juice and mash.

THIS WEEK ONLY - On Monday, 13 December, until 1.00pm, St Mary & St Michael's will be open for you to leave any donations in the Plessington chapel. Many thanks.

If you come to Mass at Garstang this weekend, you can leave donations then.

Let it be done to me ...

A series of online sessions via Zoom, exploring Mary's journey to Christmas through prayer and reflection on Scripture, led by Anna Dimond. **Mondays in Advent**, 7.00-8.00pm. Email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

The satellite before Christmas

Garstang Free Methodist Church and 4 Front Theatre Company present this fun Panto-nativity, suitable for everyone. Come along and join the fun and hear about the real meaning of Christmas, **Tuesday 14 December**, 7.00pm. The show lasts just over an hour and teas and coffees available afterwards. Tickets, £2.50, can be purchased by calling the church office on 01995-602852 or [email: children@garstang.org.uk](mailto:children@garstang.org.uk)

Music rehearsal for Christmas at Garstang

Anyone who'd like to be involved with the music for Christmas is invited to come to a rehearsal after 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 19 December**. This will be to run through all the music for the 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass, and to look at the psalm setting we'll be using through the Christmas Season.

Advent Journey 2021 : Mary of Nazareth, Companion in our Journey
Evenings of conversation, reflection, and prayer, 7.00-8.30pm, with the Scottish Laity Network: <https://www.acalltoaction.org.uk/news/955-advent-journey-2021-scottish-laity-network>

Christmas cards ...

... are on sale in the Plessington chapel.

Church Christmas decoration, Garstang

Would any of our parish families like to take charge of decorating the church, ready for our first Mass of Christmas Eve, 6.00pm? You can use your creativity within the realms of the season. It would be nice for some of our younger families to work together. Contact Bernadette Ferguson, either directly or through the parish office.

Christmas Masses at Scorton

We will not be operating a booking system this year. Our Masses will be:

- Saturday 25 December, Christmas Day, 8.30am.
- Sunday 26 December, The Holy Family, Boxing Day, 8.30am.

Christmas Masses at Garstang

Our Christmas Masses this year will be:

- Friday 24 December, Christmas Eve, 6.00pm & 10.00pm.
- Saturday 25 December, Christmas Day, 10.30am. (Please note: there will be no Mass on the Saturday evening.)
- Sunday 26 December, The Holy Family, Boxing Day, 10.30am.

Booking forms are available at the back of church, and are now on our parish website.

Lancaster & District Homeless Action Service

LDHAS is preparing for their Christmas shelter. They'll provide their clients with meals and a place to shelter during the day in a congenial atmosphere.

It seems likely that there will be increasing demand for their services. For more information, visit www.ldhas.org.uk. To support this important work:

- Bank transfer: Account name: LDHAS; 40-52-40; 00031967; Ref. "Shelter2021".
- Cheque payable to LDHAS. Post to: LDHAS-Finance, Edward Street, Lancaster LA1 1QH.

Christmas Gift ideas

To help transform lives, please consider a **CAFOD** World Gift for Christmas (or baptisms, birthdays, etc); ideal for posting abroad. <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/World-Gifts>. Catalogues are available at the back of both our churches.

Hummingbirds : anyone have a few minutes?

The management committee for our parish nursery, Hummingbirds, is looking for a Minutes' Secretary to help the smooth running of things. Four or five meetings a year, Thursdays, usually 5.00pm.

If you can help, please contact Frank Miller, either directly or through the parish office. Many thanks.

Mary's Meals

Until 31 January, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily meal for a whole school year.

For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk.

Free to a good home

One combined Sunday & Weekday Missal; as good as new. Contact Peter Gelderd, either directly or through the parish office.

Garstang tower – new pinnacle

A photograph of the newly-carved pinnacle has been added to our website: <https://www.ssmaryandmichaels-garstang.org.uk/gallery/2021/refurbishment-of-the-church-tower.html>.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Brian Rushton, Bob Cross.

Those who are ill or infirm. Theresa Cole, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, David Carr, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Josie Higham, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Phyllis Steel, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Marie Swarbrick, Peter Holland, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep: Monica Carr, Vincent Swarbrick, Grace Ross Darling, John Paul Cadden (1st anniversary), Ethel Carroll, Alice Towers (1st anniversary), Dennis Regan, Arthur J Nickson, Charles Taylor, Joe Browne, Lucy Cahill, Barbara Ellen Crone (1st anniversary), Gregory Place and Sally Foley.