

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

23 January 2022

Sat 22 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Sheila Murphy *RIP-birthday*

Sun 23 **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Intentions of AC [CH]

Wed 26 7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 29 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** William "Bill" Myerscough *1st anniversary*

Sun 30 **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue *1st anniv.*

No Mass on Monday or Tuesday

Wed 2..... **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

G 6.30pm **Mass** Brian Winstanley *RIP*

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

Thu 3 **S** 10.00am **Mass** Joe Moore *5th anniversary*

Fri 4 **G** 10.00am **Mass** Phyllis Steel *RIP-birthday*

G 10.30am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Berney Murphy-Smith *1st anniversary*

Sun 6 **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** David Pyke *anniversary*

Great news from our parish school

From our Headteacher, Mrs Luena Archibald:

"As a school, we are extremely excited and very proud to announce that we have received 'GOOD' in our recent Ofsted report. We are particularly proud of how our staff and children conducted themselves during the last term. They have worked hard and deserve the recognition. We would like to thank all our parents and the parish for the wonderful support you have given us.

If you would like to read our report, please follow the link <https://www.st-mary-st-michael.lancs.sch.uk/ofsted-diocesan-reports/> Thank you.

Emergency appeal for Afghanistan : CAFOD

CAFOD has local partners who provide food, shelter and cash assistance to vulnerable families.

4,000 displaced Afghan families will be supported to access clean drinking water (through the provision and installation of 200 water tanks) and will be provided with hygiene kits.

Cafod will be supporting Afghans who have urgent humanitarian needs over the coming months – both within Afghanistan and in neighbouring countries – whilst also continuing to provide longer-term support.

With your help CAFOD can reach families in Afghanistan with:

- food
- hygiene packs
- clean drinking water
- long term support

Your donation will make a difference to people living in Afghanistan.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Afghanistan-Crisis-Appeal>

Please remember those affected in your prayers.

Synod 2023 : reflection booklets now available

The next Synod of the world's Bishops will focus on synodality itself. The themes will be communion, participation, and mission.

We've prepared a booklet for parishioners to help us reflect in prayer on these themes in our homes and, out of that prayer, to respond to the diocesan questionnaire. (There's already a link to this on our parish website.) Copies of the booklet are available at the back of church and on our website.

Pope Francis is asking us:

- How do we currently experience communion, participation, and mission?
- What might help deepen our experience of and engagement in these key dimensions of church life?

To view a talk on synodality by the Venezuelan theologian, Rafael Luciani, visit <https://youtu.be/uWAmk32qNoc>.

Missions' Appeal

Next weekend, **29-30 January**, the Masses will be celebrated by a priest of the Spiritan Order (Holy Ghost Fathers). He will speak about the Order's Missionary work, and there will be a retiring collection. Thank you.

School parents' association : lottery

Our school's parents invite your involvement in their fundraising effort:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ss-mary-and-michael-catholic-primary-school>

Spiritual help on the www

The Jesuits in Britain produce various resources to help nourish and develop our personal prayer:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/> and <https://www.thinkingfaith.org/>

Fr Richard Rohr offers his daily meditations here: www.cacradicalgrace.org.

The Jesuit Creighton University offers many resources for prayer and reflection. Search for 'onlineministries' and click on the link to www.creighton.edu.

The Xaverian Missionaries in Preston offer their reflections on the Sunday readings here: <https://xaverians.org.uk/posts/>

Barbara Bracegirdle : many, many thanks ...

... to the Parish Council & Parishioners of Ss Mary & James Scorton, for your generous gift of Garden Tokens. It was much appreciated and we will purchase something for the garden as a permanent reminder of you all at Ss Mary & James. Yours truly, *Barbara Bracegirdle*.

Hospital chaplaincy

If you, or someone for whom you are responsible, are admitted to hospital, ensure that you are registered as a Roman Catholic and that you would welcome a visit from the chaplaincy team.

Data protection restrictions mean that chaplains can no longer simply walk onto a ward and ask whether there are any RCs around.

Also, if someone is taken into hospital and requires a priest urgently, ask the ward to contact the RC chaplain. (He might already be in the hospital.)

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Stella Gurney, Theresa Cole.

Those who are ill or infirm. Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Josie Higham, 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: 23-30 January: Thomas F. McNicholas, Jim Bamber, Ben Kelsall, Belle Metcalfe, Thomas Bamber, Hugh Grimaldeston, John Thomas Graham, Richard Hargreaves, Teresa Rogerson, John McArdle, Edwin Curwen, Jeanie Richmond, Ruth Fairey, William (Bill) Myerscough (1st anniversary), Tony Waters, Joan Finlay, Robert Edwin Brown, Rev Francis Carr.

31 January - 6 February: Alice Winstanley, Robert Tomlinson, Michael McBride, Agnes Evans, Tony Derbyshire, Elizabeth Cook, Harold Harwood, Ernest Cecil Clark Firth, Molly Walmsley, David Anthony Pyke, Kathleen Myerscough, Marino Habeishy, Carmen Christancho, Enrique Escobar, Marino Lemos, Hannah Marie Swarbrick, James Carter, Bill Jennings, Mary Whiteside, Angela Mary O'Regan, Eric Bayman (40th anniversary), Alice Wells.