

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for World Mission

23 October 2022

Sat 22	G	6.00pm	Mass	Peter Ibison <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun 23	S	8.30am	Mass	Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
Mon 24	S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [J]
Tue 25	--			
Wed 26	--			
Thu 27	S	10.00am	Mass	Jimmy Whitwell <i>RIP</i> [JP]
Fri 28	SS			SIMON & JUDE <i>apostles</i>
	G	10.00am	Mass	Violet Walmsley <i>anniversary</i>
	G	10.30am		Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 29	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun 30	S	8.30am	Mass	Fr Francis Carr <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Ellen & Ken Dwerryhouse <i>anniversary</i> [sc]

Day of Prayer for World Mission : special collection

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting *Missio*, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help in this work. Please place your donation in the envelope and leave it in the basket at the back of church. You are welcome to take an envelope home and return it next weekend. Thank you.

Tea & Coffee

On **Sunday 23 October**, members of the SVP will be serving tea & coffee after 10.30am Mass.

Christianity and Ecological Catastrophe

Dr Carmody Grey will deliver the Autumn online lecture of Catholic People's Weeks (CPW) on the theme of *Living in a Time of Crisis: Christianity and Ecological Catastrophe*. **Tuesday 25 October**, 7.30-9.30pm.

Register for free at: <https://catholicpeoplesweeks.org/events/annual-autumn-lecture-2022>.

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All Saints : All Souls

We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints at **Garstang, Monday 31 October**, 6.30pm, and at **Scorton, Tuesday 1 November**, 10.00am.

All Souls will be celebrated on **Wednesday 2 November**, 6.30pm, **Garstang**.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Until the first lockdown, children's liturgy, a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word for children of primary school age, was a regular feature of Sunday Mass at Garstang.

It will begin again, usually on the first Sunday of each month, at 10.30am Mass. The forthcoming dates for the children's liturgy are **6 November**, **4 December**, and **6 January**.

It will be great to see the return of this ministry serving our children.

Please note that the Plessington chapel will not be available for general seating on those dates.

Prayer for our schools

The ecumenical Prayers for Schools group will meet **Friday 4 November**, 2.00-3.00pm, in the Plessington Chapel. All are welcome to attend.

Communion from the chalice – *resuming this weekend*

One of the many great gifts of renewal of the Second Vatican Council was reintroducing the option of receiving Holy Communion from the chalice, faithful to our Lord's command at the Last Supper, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it."

Receiving Holy Communion in this way has been common in our country for the last several decades. Until Covid.

We have had no guidance from the bishops regarding the re-introduction of communion from the chalice, and I suspect that it will not be forthcoming.

Beginning this weekend, 22-23 October, whenever possible, and in both parishes, the chalice will be offered to members of the congregation (who will be free to receive from it or not).

Remember, though, that when the rim of the chalice is wiped with a clean purificator after each communicant, the vast majority of bacteria are removed. Wine also has a disinfectant quality, as does the precious metal of the chalices.

At Garstang, also beginning the weekend of 22-23 October, we will resume our pre-Covid distribution of Communion: I and a Minister will stand in front of the main altar, two Ministers will stand before the Lady Altar. You are invited to process to Communion **beginning at the front of church and returning to your place via the same aisle**. For the first few weeks, our gallant stewards will assist in this.

Receiving from the chalice: As when receiving the Host, please make a bow of reverence before receiving the Chalice. After responding "Amen" to the Minister, take the chalice securely in both hands, take a sip, and hand it back to the Minister. I'm conscious that several of our younger parishioners have made their First Holy Communion when we were unable to offer the Chalice. If they are now going to do so, may I ask their parents to prepare their children to receive in this way, as described just above.

Additional ministers: In both parishes, additional Ministers of Holy Communion would be very welcome. For Garstang, contact Frank Miller, for Scorton, contact Denise Morley. Many thanks everyone. *Fr Geoffrey*

SVP : many thanks ...

Our SVP Conference members send their sincere thanks for the recent donations totalling £399.50 (comprising £59.10 from Scorton and £340.40 from Garstang). They are hoping to provide Christmas gifts for the users of the local Food Bank. Thank you all for your generosity.

Update from Chivuna

From Sr Mutinta to Pat Costain: "Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. We really appreciate your gesture. Many children have benefitted from your help. Our recent client is a baby that was born two days ago and the mother didn't have anything to cover the baby with. She just brought herself and ended up delivering with no baby clothes. We quickly took some clothes and clothed the little boy. We were losing hope that we would lose him as he was too tired and the saturations were poor but he pulled through and was taken to the hospital for specialised care. It seemed that the mother didn't want the baby as she is still a pupil in the 11th grade and denied being pregnant when her mother asked her. She had come to our catchment area to see the boyfriend. Thank you once more. Sr Mutinta."

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Brenda Lowe (sister-in-law of Bert), Fr John Michael Walsh, Patricia Atkins.

Those who are ill or infirm. Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, Oonagh Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, 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: Canon Arthur Fleming, Margaret Hargreaves, Harold Rawlinson, Agnes Thompson, Shaun Foley, Monsignor Greg Turner, Frank Newsham, Conrad Christian Maule, Ellen Ormerod, Mary Pemberton, Mary Violet Walmsley, Ann Helena Grayston, Agnes Dixon, Ann Harwood, Sarah Davis and Tony Moreland.