

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 November 2023

Sat	4	G	6.00pm	Mass	Gordon Johnson <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	5	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	John Bolton <i>RIP</i>
					<i>... followed by prayers in our cemetery</i>
Mon	6	S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Tue	7	--			
Wed	8	G	6.30pm	Mass	Robert Moloney <i>lately dead</i> [JM]
Thu	9				DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME
		S	10.00am	Mass	Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families RIP
Fri	10				St Leo the Great <i>pope, doctor of the Church</i>
		G	10.00am	Mass	Neal Walmsley <i>anniversary</i>
			10.30am		Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday

Sat	11	G	6.00pm	Mass	Peter Ibison <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	12	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Fitzpatrick & Lowe families <i>RIP</i>

Children's Liturgy : tea & coffee ...

... both this Sunday, **5 November**, 10.30am Mass.

Month of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

After 10.30am Mass **this Sunday, 5 November**, there will be prayers in the cemetery at Fr Hickey's memorial for all who are buried there, our own departed family and friends, and fellow-parishioners.

During the month of November, at Garstang our *Book of Remembrance* will be placed under the altar, and a candle lit during each Mass.

You are welcome to add names to the book.

Preston Orpheus Choir

An evening of poetry & music, **Saturday 11 November**, 7.00pm, St Leonard's church, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA. Tickets £13; under 18s, £5.

Lest We Forget

A concert by Lancashire Youth Brass Band, **Saturday 11 November**, 7.00pm, St Peter's church, Scorton. Tickets, £7 adults, £5 seniors, £3 children. Alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks available. Book now using contact@unitedparish.co.uk.

Parish monthly coffee morning

The next coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday 15 November**, 10.00am-noon, in the Plessington Chapel, Garstang. Donations will be towards parish funds. Do come along for coffee/tea, cake and good company. We look forward to seeing you soon.

If you'd like to join the organising rota for these get-togethers, do speak with Helen Forshaw (603944). It won't be an onerous commitment: many hands make light work ... and plenty of cake!

Diocesan Missio Mass

Bishop Paul invites all Red Box holders and supporters to join him for Mass, **Saturday 18 November**, 11.15am, Sacred Heart church, Beech Grove, Ashton-on-Ribble PR2 1DU. Adoration from 10.30am; buffet lunch after Mass; 12.45pm, presentation by Bishop Paul and a missionary priest.

If you'd like to attend, please let the organisers know **by 6 November**: redbox@missio.org.uk; 07593-544625.

St Paul Sunday Missal 2024

If you'd like a personal copy of the 2024 edition of the St Paul Sunday Missal, cost £8.00: e-mail the parish office, phone and leave a message, or post a note through the letter box. Deadline for orders: **19 November**.

Deanery Mass

On **Tuesday 21 November**, 12.15pm, in Lancaster cathedral, there will be Mass for all deceased clergy who have served in our deanery. All welcome.

Dates for your diary

- Advent Liturgy of Reconciliation, **Saturday 9 December**, 10.00am, SSMM.
- Concert by Lancaster Singers and children from our school, **Tuesday 12 December**, 7.30pm, SSMM.

Christmas Masses

The way Christmas falls this year, our Masses will be as follows:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 23 December, 6.00pm, Garstang.

Sunday, 24 December, 8.30am, Scorton; 10.30am, Garstang.

Christmas

Sunday, 24 December, 6.00pm, Garstang.

Monday, 25 December, 8.30am, Scorton; 10.30am, Garstang.

(A priest may not celebrate more than three Masses in one day.)

Interview on the Synod

Professor Myriam Wijlens is a theologian and church lawyer who has played a pivotal role in advising the global synod process.

In this podcast with Christopher Lamb, she discusses what has happened in the synod, including the groundbreaking reforms Pope Francis made to allow women to vote. The significant shifts in the synod, she says, are taking place in the way the Church is making decisions and in reforms to its internal culture, moving away from a top-down model, to a bottom-up approach.

Listen to the podcast here: <https://millhillmissionaries.com/synod-on-synodality-reform-from-the-grassroots-upwards/>

Cafod Fast Day : thank you ...

... to all parishioners for your donations to Cafod for the recent Fast Day collection: **Garstang, £970.22; Scorton, £80.00**; plus online donations.

Growing closer to God through the beauty of art

<https://christian.art/>. The priest who developed this website used to be a Director at Sotheby's.

Here is his inspiring story, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3ct423x>.

The ministry of women in the Catholic Church

An international symposium on Women and Diaconia: The Ministry of Women and Diaconal Ordination in the Catholic Church, hosted by the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology and the Faculty of Divinity at the University of Cambridge from **Friday 24 November** 5.00pm to **Saturday 25 November**, 5.30pm.

Online participation available:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-ministry-of-women-and-diaconal-ordination-in-the-catholic-church-tickets-545983400047?aff=oddtcreator>

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Robert (Bob) Fenna, Fr Joe O'Connor.

Those who are ill or infirm. Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Carley Cowburn, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, 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. May Dilworth, Rose Parker, Edwin Ball, William Critchley, John Carter, Alice Jennings, William Gordon Johnson, James McDonald, Annie Rawlinson, Terry McCann, Josephine Monica Seaton (10th anniversary), Joseph Smith, Elizabeth Minnie Fitzpatrick, Edward Cunney, Anne Gelderd, Johnson Cook, Jim Costello and Margaret Ward.