

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday

12 November 2023

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>
Mon	13	S	10.00am	Mass	Anne Gelderd <i>anniversary</i>
Tue	14	--			
Wed	15	G	6.30pm	Mass	Oonagh Murphy <i>1st anniversary</i>
Thu	16	St Margaret of Scotland <i>married woman, queen</i>			
		S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Frank Flynn <i>RIP</i> [ES]
Fri	17	St Hilda <i>abbess of Whitby</i>			
		G	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Cath Ducker [ES]
			10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

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World Day of the Poor

Sat	18	G	6.00pm	Mass	Isabelle Gerrard <i>lately dead</i> [A]
Sun	19	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Jack Mather <i>lately dead</i>

Month of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

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.

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 14 November**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

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!

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**.

Christmas cards & gifts ...

... will be on sale in the church shop at Garstang from next Sunday. All profits to parish funds.

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.

Concert of choral and instrumental music

At St Thomas's Parish Church, Garstang, **Wednesday 22 November**, 7.00pm. Suggested donation, £5, to include refreshments during interval. All proceeds to church funds.

The ministry of women in the Catholic Church

An international symposium on Women and Diakonia: 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>

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.
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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.)

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian crisis appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need.

Purchasing the Winter Survival Kit from the CAFOD website or World Gifts catalogue can support communities experiencing the terrible impact of this conflict as the weather gets colder. Thank you for your prayers.

Scorton presbytery

The presbytery renovations at St Mary & St James, Scorton are to commence in January and last for sixteen weeks, with some preparatory plumbing and electrical work taking place over the next few weeks.

The upstairs of the presbytery is being converted into a 3-bedroom apartment, with a large garage and parking.

These works include creating for the church an accessible toilet, an access ramp to the ground floor of the presbytery, and so into the church.

Once the works are complete, the apartment will be rented out, thus generating income for the parish.

Sincere thanks to all members of Scorton's parish council, who have persisted with this project over ten years to secure diocesan approval.

World Mission Day : thank you ...

... to all parishioners for your donations to the Pope's missionary charities: **Garstang, £229.95; Scorton, £45.00**; plus online donations.

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.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Robert (Bob) Fenna.

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 Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Johnson Cook, Jim Costello, Margaret Ward, William Helme, Louis Gornall, Angela Wallbank, Margaret Dilworth, John Cookson, George Gidlow, William E Barton, Imelda Newsham, Joan Baines, Barbara Berry, Oonagh Marie Murphy (1st anniversary), Mary Coope, Peter Cole, Elizabeth Richmond and Madge Holliday.