

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

19 December 2021

### Liturgies this week

Sat	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	All those bereaved at Christmastime [LB]
	<b>G</b>	12.45pm	<b>Baptism</b>	Isla Lamoury
Mon	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	In thanksgiving
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Wed	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Mary Winstanley <i>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i>
		7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>

### The Birth of the Lord

Fri	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Mary Agnes Ibison <i>anniversary</i>
	<b>G</b>	10.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Revd John Horn <i>anniversary</i>
Sat	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Bob Billington <i>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i>

### The Holy Family

Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Anthony Ingleby <i>anniversary</i>

### Christmas Mass booking forms

Forms to book seats for the Christmas Masses in Garstang are available at the back of church and are on our parish website.

**Please note: the 6.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve is now fully booked.**

**If you think you might not be able to use your booked seats for whatever reason, please inform us.**

**If you have any Covid-like symptoms, please stay home!**

### 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.

### 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](http://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.

### Help for an elderly parishioner?

Elderly female parishioner in Garstang is looking for a relief carer to help out on occasional weekends and in the week when main carer is on leave. Needs to have experience of personal care and have valid DBS and is able to provide references. Please contact Fr Geoffrey for details.

## Red Box Holders

2022 Calendars are now available for collection from Garstang church porch. If you would like a mission box or want your box to be emptied, please contact Celia Horn either directly or through the parish office.

## Morecambe Bay Poverty Truth Commission

This Commission is being established to:

- Discover how people think about poverty.
- Show the truth of people living in poverty.
- Challenge the stigma of poverty.
- Share stories and change the understanding of poverty.
- Find solutions together that directly tackle poverty.

The organisers are inviting people who have experienced poverty to join this conversation. You can join one of the group sessions held locally or meet at our monthly Zoom meeting from home.

For venue details and all other information, phone 07766-933884 or email [info@morecambebaypovertytruthcommission.org.uk](mailto:info@morecambebaypovertytruthcommission.org.uk).

## Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to our December winners Mr & Mrs T McCall and Darnar Davis. The Christmas draw will take place on Christmas Eve, Good luck everyone. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

## Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator

The diocese is looking to recruit a suitably qualified individual with significant safeguarding experience to the post of diocesan safeguarding coordinator.

This vacancy has arisen due to the forthcoming retirement of the current post holder. The post will be advertised from 3 January 2022 on [www.indeed.co.uk](http://www.indeed.co.uk), and through other internal channels.

Application packs will also be available from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office: e-mail [safeguarding@lancasterrcdioocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@lancasterrcdioocese.org.uk).

## Christmas Collection

In this diocese, the Christmas collection forms the major part of the priests' annual salary. *Thank you for your support.*

## Christmas cards ...

... are on sale in the Plessington chapel.

## 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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk).

## 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:** Gregory Place, Sally Foley, Joan Norcross, Josephine Black, Helena Holland, Rev Patrick Flynn, Ann Nugent, Jack Singleton, Ada Rawlinson, Annie Cusak, Jim Winstanley, Mary Grayston, Margaret Nixon, John Francis Green, Thomas Leo Horn, Doris Mary Wilson, Mary Winstanley (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Jas G. Hall (Benefactor), Keith Barton, Kathleen Boden, John Kirby, Winifred Bracegirdle, Thomas Wilcock, Kathleen Collins and Anthony Ingleby.