

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 February 2022

Sat	5	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Berney Murphy-Smith <i>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i>
Sun	6	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	David Pyke <i>anniversary</i>
Mon	7	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Robert Wilkinson [MB]
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Wed	9	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Ella Richmond <i>90<sup>th</sup> birthday</i>
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	10	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families <i>RIP</i>
Fri	11.....				<b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b> <i>patron of the diocese</i> <b>WORLD DAY OF THE SICK</b>
		<b>G</b>	11.00am	<b>Funeral Liturgy</b>	<b>: Jack Hornby</b>

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Sat	12	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
Sun	13	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Margaret Walmsley <i>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i>
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Tony Hall <i>anniversary</i>

## Covid guidance update for churches

From Bishop Paul: "Since late January, the legal requirement to wear a face covering in certain indoor settings, including places of worship, has been lifted. The current Bishops' guidance is that people may choose to wear a face covering when attending church. Bearing in mind current infection rates in the northwest area, I suggest that those who choose not to wear a face covering consider the health, wellbeing, and reactions of others in church, especially at communion time when people are often near each other."

The hand-sanitising stations will remain in place in both our churches.

## Nursery Manager Vacancy at Hummingbirds Educational Nursery

We require a Nursery Manager due to the retirement of Janet Miller, our current manager.

This is a fantastic opportunity for an Early Years Professional to elevate their career within a **Good** setting which provides childcare from 9.00am-3.00pm, term time only.

Can you inspire the minds of little ones? Can you nurture their hearts? Are you creative and passionate?

Yes? Then we would love to hear from you, visit [www.hummingbirds-nursery.com](http://www.hummingbirds-nursery.com) for full details and how to apply. Closing date for applications is **Friday 11 March**.

## 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>.

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## Our Lady's Catholic College Uganda Project

"Sixth Form students will be speaking about their project at the Masses on the weekend of **19-20 February**.

After Mass, they will be asking for donations for the Ugandan communities. We look forward to meeting you all again." *Ruth Lowe*, Head of Sixth Form.

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## Children's Trail on Saturday 19 February

The Garstang Fairtrade Steering Group is organising a children's trail on the morning of **Saturday 19 February**, 10.00 am to 12 noon. Children should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Entry forms can be collected from the Arts Centre on that morning.

The trail involves gathering information from posters displayed in the windows of shops and premises in the centre of Garstang. They are mainly in the High Street, with a few close by. It will not be necessary to enter the shops in order to find the information.

Completed sheets are to be returned to the Fairtrade stall at the Arts Centre; all entries will receive a small Fairtrade gift and will be entered into a draw to win a Fairtrade prize.

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## Update from Chivuna

Sr Mutinta has written to one of our parishioners:

Happy new year. It is always good to hear from you. The baby clothes you sent are of great help to our mothers. We had a premature baby last week and she only had one nappy and was delivered at home by a mother who was always denying that she was pregnant. The baby was cold but I was informed early. We managed to give the baby some warm clothes and I had to abandon some other works to join those woollen pieces together to make a shawl. Your kindness did save a life and we are grateful for that. I am sorry I couldn't get photos of the same as it was indeed an emergency. It is my prayer that the child will grow up to be someone in life.

Sorry once more for being a poor communicator. I was down with Covid and started working last week. At least I am regaining my energy and my breathing has really improved.

Thank you and God bless. I will let you know once the parcel is received. With love and prayers, *Sr Mutinta*

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## Garstang Parish draw

Congratulations go to Fr Geoffrey and a donation back to the church for being our January winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

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## Cafod walk against hunger Lent challenge

200 million children in the world are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people live free from hunger. To take part, go to [cafod.org.uk/walk](https://cafod.org.uk/walk).

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## 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.)

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## Please pray for ...

**The new vicar of St Thomas' Garstang:** Revd Michael Hutchinson.

**Those who have died recently.** Jack Hornby, Stella Gurney, Theresa Cole.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Rory Montgomery, 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 Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

**Those whose anniversary we keep:** Eric Bayman (40<sup>th</sup> anniv.), Alice Wells, Nora Bernadette (Berney) Murphy Smith (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.), Martha Horn, Stephen Turton, Winifride Swarbrick, Elizabeth Swarbrick, Ted Lydiate, Fred Dagger, John Bailey, Harry McNamara, Mary Bilsborrow, William Roland Price-Jones, Joseph Rossall, Walter Donovan, Joan Webster, James Richardson, Margaret Walmsley (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.), Veronica Woodruff and Stephen Fox.