

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 February 2023

Sat	11	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Ibison family <i>RIP</i>
Sun	12	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Betty Ball <i>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i>
Mon	13	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Kathleen & Harold Smith <i>RIP</i> [HF]
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Wed	15	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Charles & Evelyn Langley <i>RIP</i> [V]
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	16	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	In thanksgiving [J]
Fri	17	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Keith May <i>RIP</i> [ES]
			10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Unemployed People

Sat	18	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Ted Richardson <i>birthday</i>
Sun	19	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Tony Hall <i>anniversary</i>

## First Holy Communion 2023

If your child was born before September 2015 and you'd like to help them prepare for their First Holy Communion, please request an application form from our parish school office, see our website, or e-mail the presbytery.

Please return your completed application form to the presbytery by the evening of **Sunday 19 February**. Thank you. Fr Geoffrey.

## Lenten Lunches 2023

These ecumenical lunches will again be held in Garstang United Reformed Church Hall from 12 noon to 1.00pm. We have been asked to cater with soup, bread and cheese on **Wednesday 29 March**.

The only payment requested from those attending is a donation to Christian Aid. If you are able to help by donating food or a couple of hours to serve, please contact Philippa Catterall on 01995 238331 *by 20 February*.

## Tea & Coffee : Sunday 26 February

On **Sunday 26 February, after 10.30am Mass** at Garstang, the SVP will be serving Fairtrade teas and coffees in recognition of *Fairtrade Fortnight*, 27 February - 12 March.

All are welcome to attend and to support the producers who work hard to provide us with quality drinks and foods. Many of these producers are now facing the additional challenges brought about by climate change.

In addition to the hot beverages, there may well be other Fairtrade products available.

## Report from Chivuna

Copies of Sr Mutinta's report are available at the back of both churches.

## Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Paul invites you to join him on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, **21-28 July**.

Booking forms are available at the back of both our churches, or to download on the diocesan Lourdes website: [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk). Alternatively, contact Joe Walsh Tours, 0161-8208790. More information from Linda Wisdom, [operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk).

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## The Catenian Association

The Catenians are a network of Catholic men who meet regularly to enjoy each other's company and to help and support each other. Local Circles meet monthly and arrange activities both for their members and their families: meals together, visits to the theatre and sporting events are all popular. Catenian membership (which is restricted to Catholic men) offers deep and lasting friendship and support to Catholic men at all stages of their lives, whether married or single. This friendship is based on the firm foundation of a shared faith and is enjoyed by their wives (whether Catholic or not).

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the Catenian Association, Garstang Catenian Circle is holding a Valentine's meal for men and their wives, **Thursday 16 February**, 8.15pm, at Garstang Country Hotel where there will be an opportunity to talk with current Catenians.

For further information please contact the secretary Kevin O'Hanlon on 07968-469756 by *Sunday 12 February*.

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## Lent : Stations of the Cross

The Season of Lent is approaching. Once again, I want very much to encourage parishioners from either parish to lead the Stations of the Cross, Fridays of Lent, 6.30pm at Garstang: individuals, couples, friends, parish groups.

If you're willing to take a turn, please let me know, **by Ash Wednesday, 22 February**. Thank you, *Fr Geoffrey*

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## Evenings of Conversation – Reflection – Prayer

The Scottish Laity Network is offering a series of reflections for Lent on *The Common Good*, **Thursdays**, 7.00-8.30pm. <http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk>.

**23 February**, Catholic Social Teaching and the Common Good; Mulumebet Assefa Kassa.

**2 March**, Creation and the Common Good; David Coleman.

**9 March**, Gender and the Common Good; Tina Beattie.

**16 March**, Politics and the Common Good; Philippa Whitford.

**23 March**, Synodality and the Common Good; Birgit Weiler.

**30 March**, Liturgy and the Common Good; Tom O'Loughlin.

To register: <https://forms.gle/uwnKfFp8pjJVPuEq7>

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## Cafod emergency appeal

CAFOD is responding to the Syria-Turkey earthquake with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors.

Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather.

Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

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## Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to both our January winners who have kindly donated their winnings back to the Church.

If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw, contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Stephen Sartin (dear friend of Elizabeth Horn), Jean Andrews, Mary Swarbrick.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Mary Purkis, Teresa Walmsley, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Tony Blunt, 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.** Joseph Rossall, Walter Donovan, Joan Webster, James Richardson, Margaret Walmsley, Veronica Woodruff, Stephen Fox, Margaret Dilworth, Mary Pedder, Mary Sheridan, Horn/Brown Families, Agnes Smith, Thomas Dilworth, Jane Molloy, Henry Davis, Tony Hall, Lillian Williams, Bill Ainsworth, Dennis Bolger, Margaret Mary Carmel Hayden, Anne Josephine (Josie) Higham (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Ann Horn, Ann Cookson, Elsie Tomlinson, Maureen Hall and Mary Miller.