

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Racial Justice Sunday

13 February 2022

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>
Mon	14	..... <b>SS CYRIL</b> <i>religious, missionary &amp; METHODIUS</i> <i>bishop, missionary; patrons of Europe</i>			
		<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Philippa Catterall [TC]
Tue	15	---			
Wed	16	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Alice & John Towers <i>RIP</i>
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	17	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Infirm clergy
Fri	18	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Neal Walmsley <i>RIP</i>
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	19	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Ints. of Ted Richardson <i>98<sup>th</sup> birthday</i>
Sun	20	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Jack Mounsey <i>RIP - 70<sup>th</sup> birthday</i>

## First Holy Communion 2022

If your child was born before September 2014 and you'd like to help them prepare for their First Holy Communion, please request an application form from our parish school office or e-mail the presbytery.

Please return your completed application form to the presbytery by **Monday 28 February**. Thank you. Fr Geoffrey & Mrs Archibald.

## Children's Trail : Saturday 19 February

The Garstang Fairtrade Steering Group has organised a children's trail, **19 February**, 10.00am - noon. Children are to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Entry forms available at the Arts Centre 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.

## Our Lady's Catholic College Uganda Project

"Sixth Form students will be speaking about their project at the Masses next weekend, **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.

## 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**.

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## 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.

The **Holy Water stoups** have been refilled.

For the **distribution of Holy Communion**, Fr Geoffrey and other Ministers will continue to wear face-coverings, for the time being.

We are no longer required to use the Contact Tracing slips of paper or the QR code panels.

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## Synod 2023 : reflection booklets

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>.

**National Survey.** To take part in a national survey on the Synod, visit here: <https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90426005/66ae88ad8e51>

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## Garstang tower

More photographs have been added to our website: <https://www.ssmaryandmichaels-garstang.org.uk/gallery/2021/refurbishment-of-the-church-tower.html>.

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## Lent : Stations of the Cross

The Season of Lent is approaching. If we would like to pray the Stations of the Cross together, we are once again able to do so. I suggest the Fridays of Lent, 6.30pm at Garstang.

I want very much to encourage parishioners from either parish to lead the Stations: individuals, couples, friends, parish groups. If you're willing to take a turn, please let me know, **by Wednesday 23 February**, please.

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## Women who changed the Church

The Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge is hosting an online lecture series entitled Women Who Changed the Church. Throughout history, women have consistently changed church practice, communities, and ideas. This lecture series explores inspirational women whose lives and actions have been transformational within the Church.

You can register for this popular and thought-provoking lecture series happening online on Thursday afternoons 2.00-3.30pm, to 10 March 2022. Each lecture costs £10. They can be booked altogether or individually.

For more details see: [www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/](http://www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/) for more detail or email [apply@mbit.cam.ac.uk](mailto:apply@mbit.cam.ac.uk).

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## Please pray for ...

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

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

**Those whose anniversary we keep:** Walter Donovan, Joan Webster, James Richardson, Margaret Walmsley (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Veronica Woodruff, Stephen Fox, Margaret Dilworth, Mary Pedder, May Sheridan, Horn/Brown Families, Agnes Smith, Thomas Dilworth, Jane Molloy, Henry Davis, Tony Hall, Lillian Williams, Bill Ainsworth, Dennis Bolger, Margaret Mary Carmel Hayden, Ann Horn, Ann Cookson, Elsie Tomlinson, Maureen Hall (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Mary Miller and Winifred Carr.