

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 February 2022

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>
Mon	21	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Austin Smith <i>RIP</i>
Tue	22	---			
Wed	23				<b>St Polycarp</b> <i>bishop, martyr</i>
		<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Mary Winstanley <i>RIP</i>
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	24	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>
		<b>G</b>	noon	<b>Burial of Ashes : Marjorie &amp; David Condon</b>	
Fri	25	<b>G</b>	11.00am	<b>Funeral Mass : Betty Ball</b>	
Sat	26	<b>G</b>	12.15pm	<b>Baptism : Ayda Sophia Hunt</b>	

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Unemployed People

Sat	26	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	William & Ellen Greenall <i>anniversary</i> [AC]
Sun	27	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Ross, Holland, Tebay families <i>RIP</i> [HL]

## 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.

## Our Lady's Catholic College Uganda Project

"Sixth Form students will be speaking about their project at the Masses this 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.

## Music for Lent : rehearsal this Sunday

Anyone who plays an instrument or sings and who is interested in being involved with the music for Lent is invited to come to a rehearsal after 10.30am Mass **this Sunday, 20 February**.

## Fairtrade Fortnight : 21 February - 6 March

What does the Lord require of us: to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Micah 6:8.

The climate crisis in South Sudan is polluting fragile water sources, killing crops and destroying homes. Dirty water, or none at all? A morsel of food for each, or a bigger portion for one? School fees, or materials to rebuild the family home? Meanwhile, seventeen people from Côte d'Ivoire have the same carbon footprint as one person in the UK, but studies have shown that Africa is the continent most vulnerable to climate change.

**Fairtrade is part of the solution.** Through your shopping choices you could help families in South Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire and around the world stand strong with more boreholes, farming support and the chance to earn a decent living.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

For the parishes of our Deanery, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral on the feast of Pentecost, **Sunday 5 June**, 2.00pm. Candidates are to be in Year 7 or above. Preparations will be held centrally in Lancaster, and details will be available next month.

## 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**.

## 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.

## Garstang tower

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

## Synod 2023 : reflection booklets

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.

## 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. You would be shown how to do it, and you might have ideas of your own.

If you're willing to take a turn, please let me know, **by Wednesday 23 February**. Fr Geoffrey

## 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.

Thursday afternoons, 2.00-3.30pm, to 10 March 2022. Each lecture costs £10. They can be booked altogether or individually. For more details and to register: [www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/](http://www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/) or email [apply@mbit.cam.ac.uk](mailto:apply@mbit.cam.ac.uk).

## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Josie Higham, Betty Ball, Jack Hornby.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Agnes Gallagher, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, 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:** Winifred Carr, John Horn, Thomas Ibison, Marjorie Edge, Henry Gornall, John Dilworth, Mary Gillett, Margaret McKevitt, Marjorie Kirkman, John McHale, James Houlihan, Robert Winder, Samuel Smith, Robert Hull, Grace Barton, Frank Richardson, Catherine Eastham, Agnes St John Firth, Dorothea Agnes Mary Rafferty, Tom Rawlinson, Neil McLaughlin, Christine Ackers and Rev Robert Turpin (builder of Ss Mary & James church).