

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

18 December 2022

Sat 17	G	6.00pm	Mass	Mary Agnes Ibison <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 18	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Alice <i>anniversary</i> & John Towers <i>RIP</i>
Mon 19	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass : Molly Singleton	
Tue 20	--			
Wed 21	G	6.30pm	Mass	David Carr <i>1st anniversary</i>
Thu 22	S	10.00am	Mass	Phyllis Steel <i>1st anniversary</i>
Fri 23	G	10.00am	Mass	Penny Stiles <i>lately dead</i>

The Birth of the Lord

Sat 24	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.00pm	Mass	Revd John Horn <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 25	S	8.30am	Mass	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Bob Billington <i>anniversary</i>

Scorton carol service

There will be a carol service, **Sunday 18 December**, 10.45am, Scorton Methodist Chapel. All welcome.

Warm Spaces initiative

Thank you to everyone who has donated refreshments and/or their time to this initiative. We have an embarrassment of riches.

The warm space will be available for one further **Saturday, 24 December**. Do come along from 10.30am-12.30pm for warmth, good company, a free brew and festive treats.

Christmas flower arranging at Garstang

Christmas flower arranging will take place on **Friday 23 December**, 11.00am in the Plessington chapel. All welcome to come and help. Any greenery would be appreciated. Thank you.

6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass

We are operating an allocated seating plan for this Mass. If you wish to attend, please complete the Seat Request form or email directly to ssmm.christmas.mass@gmail.com. Please supply: your name; number of seats required; number of those U12; any special requests / considerations (e.g. mobility issues, etc); contact phone number (mobile preferred).

Seat allocation

Thank you for all those who have requested seats at this Mass. We are happy to report that all requests have been met and, if you have applied, a seat(s) will have been allocated. If you have not already received confirmation of your seat allocation, this will arrive in the next few days.

Red Missions' Box

Mission calendars for 2023 can be collected from the church porch at Garstang, even if you do not have a mission box. If you do have a box and would like it emptying, please bring it into church next weekend. Thank you.

Events at Hying monastery

Hying monastery, near Carnforth, is now fully reopened following a refurbishment: <https://www.bernardine.org/hying-programme>

Christmas Collection

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

Cemetery update

Work to prepare the new section for use is now complete, and we have so far raised **£14,354** towards the **£20,000** cost of that work. Many thanks for your generous response. Further donations would be most welcome.

Work has also concluded to replace the three badly damaged paved paths with tarmac. This has been largely paid for by a bequest to the parish from the late Brenda Richardson.

The next area of work is to make good the path around the side of church from the West Door to the new section of the cemetery. Quotations are being sought; watch this space. We'll need to appeal for your help again.

Homes for Ukraine : matching service

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Service, an international Catholic charity with many services for vulnerable people in the UK and Ireland, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed, the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa.

We know that coping with the cost-of-living crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter, but if you have room in your home and a place in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then these Catholic services would like to hear from you.

For more information: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>

Lancaster Singers recent concert

The Choir's chairman has written: Dear Fr Geoffrey, on behalf of Lancaster Singers may I offer a formal vote of thanks and gratitude for your allowing us to use your wonderful Church on Friday. The occasion was memorable in so many ways and we have, of course, written to the children to say how pleased we were with their efforts. You couldn't have been more welcoming and helpful to us as we invaded and took over your space, so thanks for that.

We look forward to future collaborations, in particular our concert there on **Sunday 25 June**, 7.30pm. All the best, *Chris*.

Cards of St Mary & St Michael's

Pauline Warriner, a local artist, very kindly donated her original painting of the Church to us. We have decided to reproduce it on cards to be sold to raise funds for the cemetery work.

Price: **£1 per card and envelope** or **£4.50 for 5 cards and envelopes**.

Two versions are available: *No message*; **OR** *Message*: 'I lit a candle for you in St Mary and St Michael's Church, Garstang.'

Cards will be on sale after Mass on Saturday from Helen Forshaw and on Sunday from Janet Worthington in December (except 24th/25th), or direct from Helen, 01995 603944.

A3 full-sized mounted print available; price depends on the level of interest.

Christmas cards & gifts ...

... are on sale in the church shop in Garstang.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Molly Singleton, Eileen Bolton.

Those who are ill or infirm. Fr Harry Holden, Annie Billington, 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, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, 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. Gregory Place, Sally Foley, Joan Norcross, Josephine Black, Helen Holland, Rev. Patrick Flynn, Ann Nugent, Jack Singleton, Ada Rawlinson, Annie Cusack, Phyllis Steel (1st anniversary), David Thomas Carr (1st anniversary), Jim Winstanley, Mary Grayston, Margaret Nixon, John Francis Green, Thomas Leo Horn, Doris Mary Wilson, Mary Winstanley, James G. Hall, Keith Barton, Kathleen Boden, Ronald Clifton (1st anniversary), John Kirby and Winifred Bracegirdle.