

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Palm Sunday

13 April 2025

Sat 12	G	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	In thanksgiving [N+CB]
Sun 13	S	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Neal Walmsley & Diane Pattinson <i>RIP</i>
Mon 14	S	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Muriel Metcalfe <i>RIP</i>
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Wed 16	G	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Joyce Bilsborrow <i>RIP-birthday</i>
		7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>

## The Easter Triduum

**Holy Thursday, 17 April**

G	6.30pm	<b>EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>
		In thanksgiving [J]

**Good Friday, 18 April**

S	10.00am	Stations of the Cross
G	11.00am	Stations of the Cross <i>led by our children</i>

G	3.00pm	<b>CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>
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**Easter Eve, 19 April**

G	8.00pm	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>	Carmel Hayden & Sr Aiden Mary
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**Easter Day, 20 April**

S	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
G	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Edith Holland <i>RIP</i>

## Palm Sunday

We'll celebrate Palm Sunday in both parishes using the simpler form we adopted in recent years. Palms will be blessed within all three Masses.

## Ecumenical prayer on Palm Sunday

There will be a short time of prayer on **Palm Sunday, 13 April, 10am**, at Moss Lane Park. All are welcome to attend.

## Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 15 April, 6.30pm**, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

## Holy Thursday

Those who have a small bell at home might like to bring it and ring it at the consecration.

## Good Friday : Scorton Walk of Witness

Churches Together in Scorton invite you to gather in the Methodist Chapel, **11.00am**, followed by a short walk of witness through the village to the Church Field.

## Good Friday : Stations of the Cross : our children

Stations of the Cross at Garstang on Good Friday, **11.00am**, will be led by our children and their liturgy leaders. All welcome.

## Easter flowers at Garstang

Flower arranging will be on **Good Friday, 9.30am**, in the Plessington Chapel. *All welcome*. Any enquiries to Liz Billington, directly or through the office.

## Easter Vigil : key jobs

We still need people to prepare the Easter fire; and to help spread the candlelight around the church. Many thanks, *Fr Geoffrey*.

## A B Grace Trust : many thanks

St Mary & St Michael's parish gratefully acknowledges the receipt of £1,000 from the AB Grace Trust. It was Mrs Grace's wish that the funds be used for the upkeep of the cemetery. This we will do.

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## Easter Vigil

Those who have a small bell at home might like to bring it and ring it during the *Gloria in excelsis Deo* and at the consecration.

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## Easter collection

In our diocese the Easter collection forms a significant portion of the priests' income for the year. Thank you for your support. *Fr Geoffrey.*

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## Easter Morning on Nicky Nook

Churches Together in Scorton invite you to walk to the top of Nicky Nook to watch the sunrise on Easter morning. 6.30am, meet at Nicky Nook Stile; 7.00am, arrive at the top to see the sunrise over the Bowland Fells. Join in a short sunrise service of Easter hymns and Prayers led by all the Churches.

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## Parish Coffee Morning

March's event raised £100 for CAFOD which has been added to the Lent Family Fast collection. To avoid Holy Week, the next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 23 April**, 10.00am to 12 noon, Plessington Chapel, Garstang. Do come along and celebrate the Resurrection with friends old and new. Our 'good cause' will be the North West Air Ambulance: a charity we can no longer easily support since the closure of their Garstang charity shop. We hope to see you there. *The Coffee Morning Team*

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## Cafod Myanmar earthquake appeal

Thank you once again for your generosity for the Lent Fast Day Appeal and following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets.

If you want to donate further, you can do so by giving to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Collection baskets are available at the back of the church for donations and envelopes for those who wish to gift aid: or you can donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/Myanmar](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Myanmar). Thank you.

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## Scorton coffee morning : many thanks

The recent coffee morning in Scorton raised an excellent **£740** for Christian Aid. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event.

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## Pastoral Letter on Assisted Suicide

Last weekend, Bishop Paul, in conjunction with all the Bishops of England and Wales, issued a Pastoral Letter on this important matter currently before Parliament. Some copies are at the back of church. Also at the back of church are copies of an A5-sized postcard which we are urged to complete and send to our MP. Please do.

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## VAT rebate for listed churches

Many thanks to those of you who contacted your MP or the Government directly about the importance of maintaining the VAT rebate for works carried out on listed churches.

St Mary & St Michael's has received a rebate of **£2,112.55** for various works carried out in recent months. This will be used to pay for the cleaning and sealing of the church floor and cleaning of the carpets, and the remainder will go towards the cost of treating the West and North Doors.

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## Monthly parish collections : March

Collections for March: **Garstang**, £1,456.00, plus £2,100.00 Standing Orders; **Scorton**, £271.50, plus £677.67 Standing Orders. *Thank you.*

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Vera Towers, Rosemary Walmsley.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Celia & Bert Lowe, Evelyn Steel, Gerry & Rita Marley, Joseph Hardacre, Liz Boden, Bob Tomlinson, Fr Tony Walsh, Steve Masterman, Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Margaret Brocklehurst, Mary Jo Counsell, Caroline Nurse, 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.

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** Jack Metcalf, James Parker Richardson, Veronica Pickering, Rose Skillen, Bob Miller, Kevin Kavanagh, William Barnes, Bernadette Paton, Joan Preston, Anthony Atherton, Thomas James Horn, Ellen (Nellie) Swarbrick, Anthony (Tony) James Monks, Anne Fitzgerald, Winifride Nickson, Margaret Towers, William Rawlinson, Fr Gerard Bilsborrow, Jim Walmsley, Ellen Flood, and Cecil Clarke.