

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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First Sunday of Advent

Day of Prayer for Migrants

3 December 2023

Sat	2	G	6.00pm	Mass	Joan Walbank <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	3	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Bolton & Langley families <i>RIP</i> [V]
Mon	4	S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Tue	5	--			
Wed	6	G	6.30pm	Mass	Intentions of the Lancaster family [A]
Thu	7				St Ambrose <i>bishop, doctor of the Church</i>
		S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
		G	12 noon	Funeral Liturgy	: Ian Shepherd
Fri	8				IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY
		G	10.00am	Mass with the school	<i>all welcome</i>
					Canon Denis Corbishley <i>anniversary</i> [HF]
			10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat	9	G	10.00am	Advent Liturgy of Reconciliation	

Second Sunday of Advent

Sat	9	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun	10	S	8.30am	Mass	Fr Joe O'Connor <i>lately dead</i> [TR]
		G	10.30am	Mass	Robert Billington <i>anniversary</i>

Christmas cards & gifts ...

... are on sale in the church shop at Garstang. All profits to parish funds.

Special collection this weekend: Diocesan Poor Missions Fund

This weekend there is the annual collection for the *poor parishes of our diocese*. There will be a second basket at the back of both churches.

Tea & coffee : Children's Liturgy of the Word

Both on offer at / after 10.30am Mass this Sunday, **3 December**.

Nativity Crib Festival

Forton URC is hosting a Nativity Crib Festival, **Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 December**. Church open 10.30am – 3.00pm; refreshments available.

Sunday 2 December, 2.00pm, Crib Festival with Broughton Handbell Ringers.

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 5 December**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

A Festive Christmas

Preston Orpheus Choir invites you to *A Festive Christmas* with Music Director Dan Adams, accompanist Paul Greenhalgh and featuring Freckleton Brass Band and St Pius X Catholic Preparatory School Choir. **Saturday 9 December**, 7.00pm, St Michael and All Angels' church, Egerton Road, Preston PR2 1AJ.

Christmas music old and new with opportunities for audience participation.

Adults £13, under 18s £5, family £30 (2 adults and 2 under 18s). Advance tickets available from: <https://tinyurl.com/2smjyb0k> (no booking fees) or pay on the door: cash, card, contactless or cheque.

More details at: www.prestonorpheuschoir.org

Faith resources for children

New items are available in the Children's Library at the back of church in Garstang: Faith in Phonics books for early readers, puzzles, and colouring.

Votive candle stands at Garstang

I'm looking for someone to take care of the votive candle stands, and clean them as necessary. Please have a word with me. Many thanks, Fr G.

Christmas concert by Lancaster Singers

If you like to hear live choral music at Christmas, including carol arrangements and other larger-scale works, then you're in luck. The Lancaster Singers are coming to our church in Garstang once again.

Following last year's successful collaboration with a group of young singers from our school, this year's concert will take place in church, **Tuesday 12 December**, 7.30pm. Parents, carers, and families of children at the school: apply for tickets at the school.

Tickets on general sale are £12 and will be available from the Lancaster Singers website at www.lancastersingers.org or you could turn up on the day and pay at the door. We hope to see you there for what promises to be another exciting, heart-warming, and uplifting concert.

Parish Coffee Mornings

After two coffee mornings, £150 has been handed to Fr Geoffrey for parish funds. *Thank you all very much for your support.*

The next coffee morning will raise funds for Cafod's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal [Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://cafod.org.uk): **Wednesday 13 December**, 10.00am-12 noon, Plessington Chapel, Garstang.

Hopefully, there will be mince pies. At the same time there will be a sale of homemade cakes. Christmas jumpers or accessories are not obligatory but do feel free to wear them! *The Coffee Morning Team.*

Safe in Faith

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), together with *Safe in Faith*, have compiled a number of acts in which you can partake as part of their campaign *Invest to prevent violence against women and girls.*

Investing can take many forms, whether it be donation of money, time, or resources.

To find out more, see the poster at back of Church, or visit <https://www.csan.org.uk>.

Red Mission Boxes

2024 calendars are now at the back of church, feel free to take one even if you do not have a mission box.

Any boxes to be emptied, please bring them to church next weekend.

Don't know what to buy friends and family?

This Christmas you can choose a meaningful "good gift" which makes a real difference to the poor and vulnerable, as well as being a joy to receive.

Some options below. More information in the church porch.

CAFOD: World Gifts - catalogues available in Church porch or order online at <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Aid to the Church in Need helping persecuted and vulnerable Christians and the those who minister to them. Visit <https://acnuk.org/> to buy *Gifts of Faith* (search "Gifts of Faith" in the online shop).

Refugee Gifts available online from the **Jesuit Refugee Service** <https://www.jrsuk.net/>.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Ian Shepherd, Peter Lancaster, Fr James William (Billy) Bootle, Revd Graham Lavery.

Those who are ill or infirm. Fr Jim Allen (retired priest of the diocese), Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Carley Cowburn, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Grace Lillian Salles, May Ball, Bridie O'Connor, James Aloysius Horn, William Morrison, Robert Bilsborrow, Mary Bilsborrow, Lucy Walmsley, Richard Noel Bamber (10th anniversary), Joan Wilcock, William Norman Nixon, Winifred Storey, John Skillen, Marie McGrath, Catherine Mary Andrews, Marie Clark, Thomas Moxham and Aidan Fleming.