

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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First Sunday of Lent

9 March 2025

Sat	8	G	6.00pm	Mass	Tom Ibison snr <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	9	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Thomas & Eleanor Bolton <i>RIP</i>
Mon	10	S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
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Wed	12	G	6.30pm	Mass	Pauline & Harry Payne <i>lately dead</i> [v]
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	13	S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [u]
Fri	14	G	10.00am	Mass	Infirm and ill parishioners [svp]
		S	10.00am	Stations of the Cross	
		G	10.30am	Baptism of Logan Southwell & Ruby Thompson	
		G	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	

Second Sunday of Lent

Sat	15	G	6.00pm	Mass	Mary Mason <i>lately dead</i> [L]
Sun	16	S	8.30am	Mass	Dick Gornall <i>1st anniversary</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our parishes

Lenten lunches for *Christian Aid*

Lent lunch will be served by our parish this **Wednesday, 12 March**, URC hall, Garstang, 12noon - 1.00pm. Please come and enjoy a meal of soup, bread and cheese in a warm and friendly environment. Donate the cost of lunch (if you are able) to *Christian Aid*. As you all know *Christian Aid* needs as much as it can gather in donations to supply aid to areas in desperate need.

As a bonus, of course, Lent lunches give us a splendid excuse to socialise ecumenically. Other dates are 19 & 26 March, and 2 & 9 April.

If you can help, please contact Brenda on 07821-392809. Thank you.

SVP Mass 14 March

Mass at Garstang on **14 March** is being offered as an Easter gift for our Housebound and Sick parishioners from our SVP.

CAFOD Fast Day collection : 14 March

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty, and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text: CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Parish Coffee Morning

February's event raised £90 for CRY for which the charity is very grateful because it will help fund more screenings for local young people.

The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 19 March**, 10.00am - 12 noon, in the Plessington Chapel, Garstang. Do come along to catch-up with friends old and new. We'll be raising funds for CAFOD on this occasion and we look forward to seeing you there. *The Coffee Morning Team*

Lenten challenge for Stella Maris

Calling all knitters! Can we knit 40 hats during the 40 days of Lent for sailors supported by Stella Maris? There are small bags containing wool, needles, and patterns in the box in the narthex at St Mary & St Michael's.

Simply take a bag, knit a hat, return it (together with the needles and left-over wool) to the same box. If you have wool you'd rather use, feel free - the world (or the hats) are your oyster. Thank you. *SVP and Stella Maris*.

Brass cleaning at St Mary & St Michael's

The brass cleaning in our church has been praised by visitors, but our small team of volunteers has dwindled due to ill health. So we need more people to help. We meet in the sacristy every other Wednesday morning and enjoy a chat and a laugh while we polish for approximately an hour and a half. Please contact Marion on 01995 601469 or Celia on 01995 602341 if you feel you could help. Thank you.

Garstang Parish Draw yearly subs

It is that time of year again that we ask you to pay your yearly subs which will stay at £20 per number for the coming year.

This year we would like as many of you as possible to pay by standing order or one-off BACs payment directly with your bank as this has worked well over the last couple of years. Below are ways you can pay this year's subs:

1. If you already have a yearly standing order in place – no action is required.
2. By setting up a yearly standing order-on-line or direct with your bank (see details below)
3. By making a one-off BACs payment for this year's subs (see details below). BACs Payments to be set up by: 31 March 2025.

If you are not in a position to pay by standing order/BACs, we would prefer you to pay by cash as the Bank is now charging us for any cheques we submit. Place your cash in an envelope enclosing your full name, address and contact number. Label the envelope 'Parish Draw Subs' and drop it in at the presbytery or place in the collection tray at the back of church.

This year we will also be collecting subs before and after each Mass **this weekend, 8 & 9 March**.

Bank details: LRC DTR Charity No 234331 Parish of SS Mary & Michael - Draw Account (On-line set up select – add Business); Account no: 01589091 Sort Code: 40-27-02 Bank: HSBC; Reference: Please use your initial and surname so we can match the payment against our list of members. (e.g: JP SMITH)

If you have any problems with any of the above payment methods this year, please contact us via the Parish office, ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com (please put Parish Draw in the subject heading), or call 01995 602164; please leave your name and number and we will contact you as soon as we can.

Joyce Bilsborrow RIP : many thanks

Edward and the Bilsborrow family would like to express their gratitude to Fr Geoffrey and Canon Dunstan for the Reception into Church and Funeral Mass for Joyce.

We would like to thank our friends and parishioners for their sympathetic words and cards received during our recent sad time and loss of Joyce, and for your donations at Joyce's funeral to support the parish.

We are forever grateful for your kindness.

Thanks from the parish: St Mary & St Michael's is very grateful for donations to the parish of **£215**, made in memory of Joyce at her funeral.

Robert Ball RIP : many thanks

St Mary & St Michael's is very grateful for donations to the parish of **£129**, made in memory of Robert at his funeral.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring to church next weekend any boxes to be emptied, and also pick up a copy of *Mission Today*. Thank you.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Jim Cottle, Ellis Preston.

Those who are ill or infirm. 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, Bert Lowe, 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. The Cookson & Hine Families, Edward Hodgson, Joan McCall, Richard Hogarth, Leo Wells, Constance Mary Rogers, Marie Kelly, Annie Lillian Henderson, Thomas Bolton, John Towers, Alice Rustidge, Jane Fleming, Sue Tomlinson, Ellen Ryan, John Smith, Edward (Ted) Robinson, Alice Wright, Winifrede Ainsworth, John Grayston, James Thomas Slater, Agnes Horn, Eddie Walmsley, John Hindle Law, Thomas Gornall, Ellen Wells, John James Dewhurst, Celia Lamoury, and Agnes Rossall.