Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 September 2026

Sat	5	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Eugene Lynch *lately dead* [LY]
Sun	6	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	In thanksgiving for MBA

No Mass on Monday or Tuesday

Wed	9	**G**	6.30pm	**Mass**	Margaret Barton *38th anniversary*
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	

No Mass on Thursday or Friday

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for all involved in Education

Sat	12	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Ibison family *RIP*
Sun	13	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	Helen & Edward Brennan *anniv.* [VS]
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Freda Gidlow *anniversary* [LB]

No Mass during the week

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	19	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Jim Costain *RIP-90th birthday* [HL]
Sun	20	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	Stephen Bates *lately dead* [VS]
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Michael Hendry *RIP-33rd birthday*

No Mass on Monday or Tuesday

Wed	**23**	**St Pius of Pietrelcina** (Padre Pio) *priest, religious*			
		G	6.30pm	**Mass**	Susan Wade-Smyth *lately dead* [GB]
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	**24**	**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**			
		S	10.00am	**Mass**	Anne Gelderd *RIP*
Fri	25	**G**	10.00am	**Mass**	Infirm clergy
			10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	26	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Barbara Barton
Sun	27	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Matthew Pearson *anniversary*
			12 noon	**Baptism of Chideziri Ossai**	

OLCC Uganda Project

The OLCC Uganda Project group warmly invites you to a presentation evening about their recent trip to Uganda, **Friday 11 September**, 5.00-6.00pm, Our Lady's school hall. Enter through the main reception doors.

A copy of their report on their recent trip is at the back of both churches. If anyone would like an e-copy, please contact the parish office.

Protecting unborn children

The next SPUC meeting will be on **Saturday 12 September**, Saint Joseph's church, Skeffington Road, Preston PR1 5UQ. There will be refreshments including cake. 1.30pm for the Rosary; the meeting starts at 2.00pm. If the main church door is closed, the side door will be open.

Mission Appeal : special collection

The weekend of **19-20 September**, Fr Thomas Ryan will be speaking at the Masses about the ministry of the Society of African Missions. There will be a special collection for the Society. Thank you for your support.

School open day

Saint Mary & Saint Michael's Catholic primary School is having an open day, **Tuesday 22 September**, 10.00am & 2.00pm. Please do come and see us and what we are all about. We welcome you. *Mrs. Dodd*.

Parish Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along in August, when £120 was donated to the DEC Venezuelan Appeal. It was lovely to see some new faces.

The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 23 September**, 10.00am - 12 noon (NB a week later than normal)**.**

We will be raising money for North West Children's Support Group (NWCSG) to help fund next year's holidays for Lancashire children with disabilities or additional needs.

As always: lovely cake and good company. It would be great to see even more new faces: you'd be made very welcome. *The Coffee Morning Team*

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The diocesan pilgrimage to St Mary's Fernyhalgh & Ladyewell shrine will be on **Saturday 26 September**, 11.00am, led by Bishop Paul.

Bishop Paul invites all Altar Servers to join the pilgrimage. Please take your cassock & cotta and walk together in the procession. Afterwards, there will be a barbecue for all servers in the grounds.

Attending servers are to meet at St Mary's, Fernyhalgh, 10.30am. To facilitate planning, if you are intending to go, please contact Ian Mulholland, mulholland.id@gmail.com or 07944-857813.

Special Collection : Bishop's administration fund

Each year, parishes in the diocese take a collection to help fund Bishop Paul's ministry to us: his office, house, travel, and so on.

This will take place the weekend of **26-27 September**. *Thank* you.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations to our August winners, Helena Leaper and Paul McCann.

This month we were able to donate **£1820** to the Parish from the funds raised running the Parish Draw. This amount includes £120 in donations given back to the Parish from some of our monthly winners.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year.

If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Fr John Gibson : many thanks …

… to Fr John, for celebrating the Masses next weekend, and to those who will be opening church and preparing things for Mass. I'm very grateful. *Fr G.*

If you need a priest in an emergency, please contact Fr John: 07772-244784.

Evergreen Nursery, formerly Hummingbirds

The nursery has recently had a successful Ofsted inspection, and a link to the report is on the parish website. Congratulations to the staff and thanks to all who helped make Hummingbirds such a success.

It is good to see it has continued to blossom.

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Noel Paul Smith.

Those who are ill or infirm. Brian Holden, Bryan Ingleby, Rich & Anne Ranker, Jack Garner, Christine Rowthorn, Evelyn Steel, John Page, Kathryn Lee, Mary Evans, Harold Jepson, Celia Lowe, Gerry Marley, Bob Cookson, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Mary Jo Counsell, Caroline Nurse, Yvonne Shaw, Simon Crossley, Peter Holland, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. **6 - 13 September**: Matthew Maguire, Agnes James, Malcolm Mayo, Richard Pawlowski, Ellen Elizabeth (Ella) Richmond, Michael Sheridan, Nora Jacques, Dorothy Towers, Moira Adamson, Benedict Joseph Johnson, Bernard Francis Clive Burton (5th anniversary), Robert Horn, Harvey Snaith, Helen Mary Brennan, Eve Porteous, John Isles, Julie Beatty.

13 - 20 September: Julie Beatty, Teresa Swarbrick, Winnie Taylor, Edmond Job Lowe, Michael Dias, Henry (Harry) Heyes, Mary McKevitt, Edward Brennan, Norman Turton, William Eastham, Pamela Mary Elletson (5th anniversary).

20 - 27 September: Norman Turton, William Eastham, Pamela Mary Elletson (5th anniversary), Anne Birchall, Brian Campbell, James Coyne, John Billington, Arnold Hargreaves, William (Bill) Acton, Patricia Mary (Pat) Atkins, Bernard Gornall (5th anniversary), Mary Watson, Thomas Swarbrick, Doreen Cummins, Anne Lister, Barbara Barton, Eric Fishwick, Mary Agnes Edwards, William Gerard Richmond.