Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 September 2026

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**	
Mon	28	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Revd John Horn *RIP*
Tue	29	---			
Wed	**30**	**St Jerome** *priest, doctor of the Church*			
		G	6.30pm	**Mass**	Intentions of Fr Tom Butler [JT]
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	**1**	**G**	**11.00am**	**Funeral Liturgy: Edwin Dodd**	
Fri	**2**	**The Guardian Angels : HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY**			
		G	10.00am	**Mass**	Freda Gidlow *RIP* [MC]
			10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	3	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	William *anniv.* & Ellen Greenall *RIP*
Sun	4	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Maureen Sweeney *lately dead* [BB]

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 this weekend, **26 -27 September**. *Thank* you.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2026

This until **4 October**. If possible, can we look out for fairtrade alternatives to some of our usual purchases so making a difference to some of the world's poorest producers?

Fairtrade helps small-scale farmers and workers around the world to build a fairer trade system; one where they can earn a fair income, work in safe conditions, and invest in their futures.

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 29 September**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

Day of renewal

Being lost, being found. This is the theme of a day of renewal offered at St Clare's Parish Hall, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston PR2 9HH, **Saturday 3 October**, 10.00am-4.00pm, beginning with Mass at 10.00am. Led by Fr Stephen Bamber, a priest of our diocese who has previously worked in the drug and alcohol treatment sector in a variety of roles.

Please take a packed lunch; tea & coffee available. For more information: Christine, 07745-009694; Annette, 07954-429333.

Mass for Healthcare Workers

All those working in healthcare (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, receptionists, porters, chaplains and many more) are invited to Mass with our bishop, **Saturday 17 October**, 12.15pm, Lancaster Cathedral. The bishop will celebrate a votive Mass of St Luke, the patron saint of doctors, praying for all those in our diocese who work in healthcare and all those they care for.

There will be a chance to meet up with other Catholic healthcare workers over a cup of tea in the social centre afterwards.

Quiet retreats for adults at Castlerigg

During October half term, the team at Castlerigg Manor, Keswick, is running a quiet retreat for individual adults.

Each day brings a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, with plenty of time to explore, pray, or simply rest.

Book at www.castleriggmanor.com/events, or call 017687 72711, or e-mail director@castleriggmanor.co.uk.

Admissions to Our Catholic Schools

We warmly encourage families considering one of our Catholic schools to apply for a place for their child.

All applications for school places must be submitted through the Lancashire County Council admissions process. However, for Catholic families, it is **essential** that you also complete and return the school's **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**. This form enables the school to apply its Catholic admissions criteria and helps ensure that Catholic applicants from our parishes are considered appropriately for places.

Completed Supplementary Information Forms should be returned directly to the school you are applying for.

To make the process as straightforward as possible, please scan the QR code visit the Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi Academy Trust admissions page. From there, you can access detailed admissions information and the individual admissions pages for each of our Catholic schools.

Please also refer to the application timeline table below for key dates and deadlines for both primary and secondary school applications.

We look forward to welcoming new families into our Catholic school communities.

For primary school places: *Applications Open***:** 1 September 2026; *Application Deadline***:** 15 January 2027; *National Offer Day***:** 16 April 2027 (when you find out which school your child has been offered).

For secondary school places: *Applications Open***:** 1 September 2026; *Application Deadline***:** 31 October 2026; **National Offer Day:** You will receive your school place offer on 1 March 2027.

Fr John Gibson : many thanks …

… to Fr John, who celebrated Mass while I was on holiday; also, to those who opened church and prepared everything for Mass, and those who kept an eye on the properties and the office. I'm very grateful.

Also thanks to Fr Tom Ryan SMA, for saying the Masses last weekend and for your generous response to his appeal. Fr G

CAFOD *Family Fast Day* Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope,** or call **0303 303 3030**.

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Mary Hodges (Scorton), Edwin Dodd, Noel Paul Smith.

Those who are ill or infirm. Liz Boden, 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. Mary Agnes Edwards, William Gerard Richmond, Bernard Joseph Swarbrick, Thomas Taylor, Jack Delaney, Francis (Frank) Joseph Purkis, Richard Hall Gelderd, Eleanor Woodhams, Joseph Speight, Gerard Rigby, Hannah Wheatley, Mary Gertrude Green, Francis Eastham, William Greenall, Arthur Conlong, Gerald Whittaker, John Towers, Hilda Redhead.