

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 October 2023

Sat 14	G	6.00pm	Mass	Agnes Gallagher <i>RIP</i>
Sun 15	S	8.30am	Mass	Austin Walmsley <i>RIP-birthday</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
Mon 16	S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Danny Gallagher
Tue 17	--			
Wed 18	<b>ST LUKE</b> <i>apostle, evangelist</i>			
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Janet Pearson <i>3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary</i>
Thu 19	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Brendan Alger <i>RIP</i>
	G	6.30pm	Mass	<i>with the Catenians, all welcome</i> Deceased members of the Catenians
Fri 20	G	10.00am	Mass	For peace in our hearts [PC]
		10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for World Mission

Sat 21	G	6.00pm	Mass	Wilding family <i>RIP</i>
Sun 22	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	John Bolton <i>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i>

### This weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection this weekend, **14-15 October**, in both our parishes to support the work of our parish St Vincent de Paul society.

### Cafod harvest fast day

Please return your CAFOD Fast Day envelopes **this weekend**; spare envelopes are available at the back of both churches. Alternatively, you may prefer to give online at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk). Thank you.

### On the way to a better Church?

*Insights from the Synod on Synodality.* This synod is the most important meeting of bishops in Rome since Vatican II – sixty years ago. It promises to inaugurate a “synodal Church”. But what does this mean?

Thomas O’Loughlin, Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology, University of Nottingham, in conversation with Tina Beattie, Catholic theologian and novelist, and Robert Burnett & Rose Murray from the Scottish Laity Network. **Tuesday 17 October**, 6.00-7.00pm. For tickets: [www.thetablet.co.uk/events](http://www.thetablet.co.uk/events).

### Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes’ St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 17 October**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

### Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who baked, washed-up and helped in any way. Also, thank you to those who attended and donated so generously to Macmillan Cancer Care. We raised £274 which covers more than one day’s care from a Macmillan nurse.

By popular demand, we will have further coffee mornings to raise funds for the Church on the third Wednesday of each month for the rest of the year.

The next one will be on **Wednesday 18 October**, 10am - 12 noon, in the Plessington Chapel.

It was so good to see everyone at the coffee morning; please put the dates in your diary as a good chance to get together again as a Parish. There will be cake! Thank you, again. *Helen Forshaw*

## Podcast on the Synod

Sister Gill Goulding CJ, Professor of Systematic Theology at Regis College, University of Toronto, has also been deeply involved in the synodal process initiated by Pope Francis and culminating in the current Synod in Rome.

In this interview with Pat Coyle of Irish Jesuit Communications, she explains her role as a theologian and participant in the processes over the last two years. She outlines the main themes that have arisen for consideration by this latest synod, and she tells of her own experience at previous synods, noting how different the look and feel of the present one is from its predecessors. <https://jesuit.ie/podcasts/explaining-the-synod-in-rome/>

## Open day at our school

St Mary & Michael's Primary School is holding an open day, **Wednesday 18 October**, 9.30am - 5.00pm.

## Day of Prayer for World Mission : special collection

World Mission Sunday, **21-22 October**, is celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

By supporting *Missio*, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help in this work. Envelopes are included with the newsletters; spare envelopes are at the back of church. Please return your envelope next weekend. Thank you.

## Heads up : Mass for All Saints Day

Because *All Saints' Day*, **1 November**, falls on a Wednesday this year, Mass at Garstang will be on the Wednesday evening, at the usual time of 6.30pm.

Mass at Scorton is also on the Wednesday, 10.00am, courtesy of Fr Gibson.

*All Souls Day* will be celebrated on **Thursday 2 November**, 10.00am, **Scorton**.

## Preston Orpheus Choir

An evening of poetry & music, **Saturday 11 November**, 7.00pm, St Leonard's church, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA. Tickets £13; under 18s, £5.

## Dates for your diary

- Advent Liturgy of Reconciliation, **Saturday 9 December**, 10.00am, SSMM.
- Concert by Lancaster Singers and children from our school, **Tuesday 12 December**, 7.30pm, SSMM.

## Parishes' insurance renewal

So that parishioners are aware of our obligatory outgoings, our annual insurance renewal is as follows: **Garstang, £3,951.65; Scorton, £3,204.68.**

## Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Frank Carter and Tricia & Mick Pearson for being our September winners. This month we were able to donate **£1200** to the parish from the funds raised running the Parish Draw. Thank you for all your support.

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

## Rosary

As it is the month of October, and the world is very much in need of our prayers, there will be a small display on the Rosary in the porch at Garstang.

This is aimed at children as well as those who would like to deepen their Rosary devotions with the help of one of the booklets available. Parents and grandparents, please take this opportunity to introduce our young parishioners to the powerful prayer of the Rosary.

## Please pray for ...

**The Synod in Rome, 4-29 October.** All those participating; for attentive listening to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

**Those who have died recently.** Fr Joe O'Connor (retired priest of the diocese).

**Those who are ill or infirm.** 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.** Elizabeth Pedder, Connie Acton, John Waring, Joseph Speight, Lucas Backhouse, Isabel Berry, Peter Ibison, John Dickinson, Bert Addison, Janet Pearson, Edward Swarbrick, Bob Thompson, Catherine Price, Anne Miller and John Joseph Reid.