

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for World Mission

22 October 2023

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>1st anniversary</i>
Mon 23	S	10.00am	Mass	Kath Wilson <i>lately dead</i>
Tue 24	--			
Wed 25	G	6.30pm	Mass	Henry Gornall <i>RIP</i>
Thu 26	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Brendan Alger <i>RIP</i>
Fri 27	G	10.00am	Mass	Violet Walmsley <i>anniversary</i>
		10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 28	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun 29	S	8.30am	Mass	John McNulty <i>30th anniversary</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Don Porteous <i>1st anniversary</i>

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 this weekend. Thank you.

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.

Special collection : Sick & Retired Priests

Next weekend, **28-29 October**, we have the annual collection to support and care for the sick and retired priests in our diocese. Each parish is levied for this, to ensure sufficient funding.

Thank you for your donations. Please be generous.

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.

St Paul Sunday Missal 2024

If you'd like a personal copy of the 2024 edition of the St Paul Sunday Missal, cost £8.00: e-mail the parish office, phone and leave a message, or post a note through the letter box. Deadline for orders: **19 November**.

Gift Aid : many thanks ...

... to those parishioners who support the parishes by designating your offerings as Gift Aid. We have recently been credited as follows: **Garstang, £7537.62, Scorton, £2680.80**. Many thanks, also, to our parishioners who prepare and submit the Gift Aid claim for our parishes, Karine Rennie-Bloor and Barry Fitzgibbon.

To all parishioners: If you are a UK tax payer, *please* complete a Gift Aid declaration for the parish. It costs you absolutely nothing. You are giving to your parish anyway; this simply asks the Government to redirect to the Church some of the tax you have paid to the Government. For every £1 you give, the Church can reclaim 25p of tax. Thank you.

Standing Order forms and **Gift Aid declarations** are available at the back of both churches; alternatively, download them for either parish from our website, or e-mail or phone the parish office.

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/>

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.

Free to a good home

If anyone has any use for a very good condition dark blue, floor-standing four-drawer filing cabinet with keys, and a desktop multi-drawer silver filing cabinet, please contact the parish office.

SVP Conference

Members would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to support the work of the SVP locally and abroad. A total of **£439.59** was collected, including £63 from Scorton. The support of parishioners is vital to enable us to help those in need and we are most grateful to you all.

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.

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 Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. John Joseph Reid, Canon Arthur Fleming, Margaret Hargreaves, John Bolton (1st anniversary), Harold Rawlinson, Agnes Thompson, Shaun Foley, Mgr Gregory Turner, Frank Newsham, Conrad Christian Maule, Ellen Ormerod, Mary Pemberton, Violet Walmsley, Ann Helena Grayston, Agnes Dixon, Ann Harwood and Sarah Davis.