

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 January 2023

- Sat 21 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Sheila Murphy *RIP-birthday*
Sun 22 **S** 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes
G 10.30am **Mass** Intentions of Teresa & Jim Thompson

No Mass on Monday or Tuesday

Wed 25 **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends**

- G** 6.30pm **Mass** Anne Hunt *lately dead* [AC]
7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*

No Mass on Thursday or Friday

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sat 28 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Molly Singleton *lately dead* [SVP]
Sun 29 **S** 8.30am **Mass** John McArdle *anniversary* [DR]
G 10.30am **Mass** John Bolton *lately dead* [SL]

No Mass on Monday or Tuesday

- Wed 1 **G** 6.30pm **Mass** William Myerscough *2nd anniversary*
7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*

- Thu 2 **S** 10.00am **Mass** Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families *RIP*

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- Fri 3 **G** 10.00am **Mass** Phyllis Steel *RIP-birthday*
10.30am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sat 4 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** David Pyke *anniversary*
Sun 5 **S** 8.30am **Mass** Margaret Walmsley *2nd anniversary*
G 10.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

Welcome ...

... to **Fr John Gibson**, a (cough) retired priest of our diocese, now living in our neighbourhood.

Fr John will be celebrating the Masses on Wednesday 25, and the weekend of 28-29 January.

CAFOD : can you help?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission.

Could you help in our parishes, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese?

Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided.

See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with Emma and Patrick at lancaster@cafod.org.uk.

Events at Hyning monastery

Hyning Monastery has just released a programme of events for the coming months: <https://www.bernardine.org/hyning-programme>

In particular, Sr Elizabeth Mary is offering a Zoom Retreat Day on the theme Living the Paschal Mystery today. **Saturday 20 & Wednesday 24 February.**

Alternative homilies

For an alternative reflection on the Scripture Readings, take a look at: <https://www.catholicwomenpreach.org/>

Lancaster Infirmary : can you help?

Fr Chapple the Chaplain at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary is seeking volunteers to help with the provision to Catholic patients in the hospital. This will involve the general visiting of Catholic patients and to take Holy Communion to those who wish to receive. Days for volunteering can be flexible in consultation with Fr Chapple.

Please speak to Fr Chapple if you are interested in this ministry: schapple@lancastercathedral.org.uk or by telephone at the cathedral: 01524 384820.

Homes for Ukraine : matching service

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Service, an international Catholic charity with many services for vulnerable people in the UK and Ireland, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed, the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa.

We know that coping with the cost-of-living crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter, but if you have room in your home and a place in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then these Catholic services would like to hear from you.

For more information: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>

Spire at Night

An opportunity to climb the spire of St Walburge's church, Preston, **21 January & 4 February**, 4.00-8.00pm. All proceeds will go to help maintaining this structure and especially the restoration of the Rose Window.

Every 45 minutes, 15 people will be able to climb the 172 steps; tours of the Church will be offered, and refreshments served in the hall. Children over 7 years welcome. Tickets, £10, plus booking fee, available on line at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spire-at-night-tickets469175465447?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>. Not on sale at the door.

Tea & coffee after 10.30am Sunday Mass

If you'd like to take a turn helping, please contact Mirko Sose; e-mail him: mirkosose@hotmail.com, or leave a note for him on the collection plate.

Spiritual help on the www

The Jesuits in Britain produce various resources to help nourish and develop our personal prayer:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/> and <https://www.thinkingfaith.org/>

Fr Richard Rohr offers his daily meditations here: www.cacradicalgrace.org

The Jesuit Creighton University offers many resources for prayer and reflection. Search for 'onlineministries' and click on the link to www.creighton.edu.

Donna Worthington offers various reflections and opportunities for making a Retreat: <https://christianretreats.live/>

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Jean Andrews, Mary Swarbrick, Greg Dewhurst, Anne Hunt, Fr Peter Chappell, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Those who are ill or infirm. Mary Purkis, Teresa Walmsley, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Tony Blunt, 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:

22-29 January. Leonard Sinar, Jack Rawlinson, Frederick W. Garvey, Greg Eastham, Elizabeth Ellen Pedder, Renee Williams, David Trevor Orr, Tom Thompson, Thomas Henry (Harry) Horn, Eileen Darby, Ann Swarbrick, John Joseph Heyes and Elizabeth McGolderick.

29 January - 5 February. Ruth Fairey, William (Bill) Myerscough, Tony Waters, Joan Finlay, Robert Edwin Brown, Rev Francis Carr, Alice Winstanley, Robert Tomlinson, Michael McBride, Agnes Evans, Tony Derbyshire, Elizabeth Cook, Harold Harwood, Ernest Cecil Clark Firth, Molly Walmsley, David Anthony Pyke, Kathleen Myerscough, Marino Habeishy, Carmen Cristancho, Enrico Escobar, Marino Lemos, Hannah Marie Swarbrick, James Carter, Bill Jennings, Mary Whiteside and Angela Mary O'Regan.