

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 October 2023

Sat 28	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun 29	S	8.30am	Mass	John McNulty 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
	G	10.30am	Mass	Don Porteous 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary
Mon 30	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Brendan Alger RIP
Tue 31	--			

## All Saints

Wed 1	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Michael Tully & Parents RIP
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Don Porteous 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary

## Thu 2 ALL SOULS : Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

S 10.00am Mass Fr Peter Johnson RIP

Fri 3	G	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Rachael Mason
		10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 4	G	6.00pm	Mass	Gordon Johnson anniversary
Sun 5	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	John Bolton RIP

## Special collection this weekend : sick & retired priests

This 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.

## Gaza: fatal aerial assault on church building confirmed

An aerial assault on Gaza on 19 October destroyed a church building killing Christians who were sheltering there. *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) reports that at least 16 Christians, including 10 from one family, were killed during the attack, which caused the total collapse of a building in the compound of the Greek Orthodox Church.

According to ACN's project partners, another 15 Christians were trapped under the debris. <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/48282>

## Race Night at Our Lady's Catholic College

The OLCC Sixth Form Uganda Team invite you to a fun Night at the Races, **Friday 3 November**, 7.30pm, in the School Hall. Admission: £3, adults; £2, for concessions; pay at the door. You are welcome to bring your own drinks, with glasses.

The students are organising and running the event and would really appreciate your support. If you would like to reserve a table, please email me at [r.lowe@olcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:r.lowe@olcc.lancs.sch.uk). The proceeds of the evening are being shared between our Uganda Partner Schools and St John's Hospice. Thank you, *Ruth Lowe*.

## Children's Liturgy : tea & coffee ...

... both next Sunday, **5 November**, 10.30am Mass.

## Month of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

After 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 5 November**, there will be prayers in the cemetery at Fr Hickey's memorial for all who are buried there, our own departed family and friends, and fellow-parishioners.

During the month of November, at Garstang our *Book of Remembrance* will be placed under the altar, and a candle lit during each Mass.

You are welcome to add names to the book, currently in the Lady Chapel.

## 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 claims, 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.

## 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.

## Lancaster diocesan Missio Mass

Bishop Paul invites all Red Box holders and supporters to join him for Mass, **Saturday 18 November**, 11.15am, Sacred Heart church, Beech Grove, Ashton-on-Ribble PR2 1DU. Adoration from 10.30am; buffet lunch after Mass; 12.45pm, presentation by Bishop Paul and a missionary priest.

If you'd like to attend, please let the organisers know **by 6 November**: [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk); 07593-544625.

## 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**.

## 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.

## Growing closer to God through the beauty of art

<https://christian.art/>. The priest who developed this website used to be a Director at Sotheby's.

Here is his inspiring story, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w3ct423x>.

## Free to a good home

If anyone has any use for a desktop multi-drawer silver filing cabinet, please contact 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.** Robert (Bob) Fenna, 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.** Ann Helena Grayston, Agnes Dixon, Ann Harwood, Sarah Davis, Tony Moreland, Peggy Hodgson, John McNulty, Neal John Walmsley, Donald (Don) Porteous (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Ignatius Bullen, William Stopforth, Lawrence Lord, Zona Rigby, Dorothy Robertson, Cath Morris, Thomas Wilding, Alfred Leigh, Jessie Horn, Mary (Molly) Taylor, May Dilworth and Rose Parker.