

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

10 March 2024

Sat	9	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Alice <i>RIP</i> & John Towers <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	10	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	John Yates <i>lately dead</i>
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
Mon	11	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of the Nicol Family [SR]
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Wed	13	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Tony Blunt <i>1<sup>st</sup> anniversary</i>
Thu	14	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Revd John Horn <i>RIP</i>
Fri	15	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
		<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Kieran Cooper
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
		<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
Sat	16	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Liturgy of Reconciliation</b>	

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sat	16	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	William <i>RIP</i> & Ellen <i>anniv.</i> Greenall
Sun	17	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Joe Smith <i>lately dead</i> [V]

## Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 12 March**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

## Liturgy of Reconciliation

We will celebrate the Lenten Liturgy of Reconciliation for our parishes on **Saturday 16 March**, 10.00am, at Garstang.

## Lenten lunches, Garstang

Supported by *Christians Together in Garstang*, **Wednesdays, to 20 March**, 12noon-1.00pm, Garstang URC Hall, Croston Road.

Enjoy a meal of soup, bread & cheese in a warm & friendly environment. Donate the cost of your lunch, if you are able, to Christian Aid. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer.

## The National Novena to St Joseph

This will take place **10 - 18 March**, St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary Outreach, and for the intentions of all who support their work.

Mass at 10.00am every day of the Novena except Sunday, 11.00am. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena).

Also available on Zoom will be Evening Prayer together with the Novena Prayer at 6.00pm every day during the Novena. This year, a special Novena Booklet has been prepared, and is available on request for a suggested donation. There are a few petition forms at the back of church and you are welcome to send in your petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet by writing to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

## Ecumenical prayer on Palm Sunday

There will be a short time of prayer on **Palm Sunday, 24 March**, 10am, at Moss Lane Park. All are welcome to attend, and if someone is willing to lead a prayer on behalf of our parishes, please let me know. Many thanks, Fr G

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## Garstang Parish Draw yearly subs

It is that time of year again that we ask you to pay your yearly subs which will stay at £20 per number for the coming year.

This year we would like as many of you as possible to pay by standing order or one-off BACs payment directly with your bank as this has worked well over the last couple of years.

Below are ways you can pay this year's subs:

1. If you already have a yearly standing order in place – no action is required.
2. By setting up a yearly standing order-on-line or direct with your bank (see details below)
3. By making a one-off BACs payment for this year's subs (see details below). BACs Payments to be set up by: 31 March 2023.

If you are not in a position to pay by standing order/BACs, we would prefer you to pay by cash as the Bank is now charging us for any cheques we submit.

Place your cash in an envelope enclosing your full name, address and contact number. Label the envelope 'Parish Draw Subs' and drop it in at the presbytery or place in the collection tray at the back of church.

This year we will also be collecting subs before and after each mass **next weekend, 16 & 17 March.**

Bank details: LRC DTR Charity No 234331 Parish of SS Mary & Michael - Draw Account (On-line set up select – add Business); Account no: 01589091 Sort Code: 40-27-02 Bank: HSBC; Reference: Please use your initial and surname so we can match the payment against our list of members. (e.g: JP SMITH)

If you have any problems with any of the above payment methods this year, please contact us via the Parish office, [ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com](mailto:ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com) (please put Parish Draw in the subject heading), or call 01995 602164; please leave your name and number and we will contact you as soon as we can.

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## Free online course : what it means to become a synodal Church

Following the Synod in Rome, a series of online talks is available helping us to understand and become a more synodal Church:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2024-02/synod-free-theological-course-mooc-synodal-church.html>

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## OLCC Uganda Project

Students and staff from Our Lady's Catholic College would like to say a big *thank you* to all parishioners who made us feel so welcome last weekend. The amount raised was just over £855 which is extremely generous. This money will be allocated to the two health clinics we are visiting on the trip so they can order some much-needed equipment.

A reminder to save the date for a *Concert for Uganda & St John's Hospice, Friday 19 April*, 7.00pm, in school. Thank you for your wonderful support.

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## Ministries and jobs in Holy Week

If you can help in these or any other ways during this busy week, please let me know. Many thanks, Fr Geoffrey We need people to ...

**Holy Thursday, 28 March, 6.30pm.** Take part in the washing of feet; prepare an altar of repose; remove everything from the altar at the end of Mass.

**Good Friday, 29 March, 3.00pm.** Prepare the altar for the Rite of Holy Communion, and remove everything from the altar at the end.

**Easter Vigil, Saturday 30 March, 8.00pm.** Prepare the Easter fire; help spread the candlelight around the church.

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Eileen Smith, Aileen Toole, Paul Rigg, Dick Gornall.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, 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.** Thomas Bolton, John Towers, Alice Rustidge, Jane Fleming, Sue Tomlinson, Ellen Ryan, John Smith, Alice Wright, Winifrede Ainsworth, John Grayston, James Thomas Slater, Agnes Horn (55<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Eddie Walmsley, John Hindle Law, Thomas Gornall, Ellen Wells, John James Dewhurst, Celia Lamoury, Agnes Rossall, John Kirkman, Barbara Nelves and Winifred Moran.