

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

17 March 2024

Sat 16	G	6.00pm	Mass	William <i>RIP</i> & Ellen <i>anniv.</i> Greenall
Sun 17	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Fr Joe Smith <i>lately dead</i> [v]
Mon 18	S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [EH]
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Wed 20	G	6.30pm	Mass	Intentions of Isaac Wilson
Thu 21	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass : Ted Richardson	
Fri 22	S	10.00am	Stations of the Cross	
	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass : Eileen Smith	
	G	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	

Palm Sunday

Sat 23	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our parishes
Sun 24	S	8.30am	Mass	Brian & Stella McVey <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Caroline Spratt <i>1st anniversary</i> [PR]

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.

The National Novena to St Joseph

This is taking place **10 - 18 March**, St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. The Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Patron, with a 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.

Also available on Zoom will be Evening Prayer together with the Novena Prayer at 6.00pm every day during the Novena.

Coffee morning

There will be a coffee morning with a craft stall, **Saturday 23 March**, 10.00am - 12 noon, Scorton Methodist Chapel, to support *Christian Aid*.

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

Red Mission boxes

Please bring boxes into church to be emptied. *Mission* magazines are available at the back of church whether you have a mission box or not.

Spare pyx?

If any of our Ministers have a pyx – the container to take Holy Communion to someone in their home – that they are no longer using, please return it to the sacristy. We have none spare just now. *Thank you*.

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 **this 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 (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.

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>

Thank you for your generosity to CAFOD

Following on from the Parish CAFOD Lent Fast Day Appeal, and £90 donations taken at the coffee morning in the Plessington Chapel, we will be sending **£1197.93** to CAFOD from our two parishes.

This is in addition to parishioners' online donations and regular donations which members of our parishes already make. (The leaflets on Gifts in Wills to CAFOD are at the back of church.)

Thank you again for your continuing wonderful support.

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.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Ted Richardson, 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. John Kirkman, Barbara Nelves, Winifred Moran, Tom Horn, Joseph Seed, John Swift, George Bernard Clarey (10th anniversary), Agnes Marie Swarbrick, André Ferguson, Ann Rigg, Rev Bernard Whiteside, Betty Gornall, Austin Walmsley, Harry Swarbrick, Kate Simkin, John Gillett, Dorothy Rose Kelsall and Francis Ryan.