

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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First Sunday of Advent

28 November 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	6.00pm	Mass	Joan Walbank <i>1st anniversary</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Ed Lowe <i>lately dead</i> [v]
Mon	S	10.00am	Mass	Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families <i>RIP</i>
Tue.....				ST ANDREW <i>apostle, patron of Scotland</i>
Wed	G	6.30pm	Mass	Maureen Pyke <i>anniversary</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	S	10.00am	Mass	Millie McAleer <i>lately dead</i>
Fri.....				St Francis Xavier <i>priest, missionary</i>
				Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees
	G	10.00am	Mass	Joan Walbank <i>1st anniversary</i>
		10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat	G	10.00am	Liturgy of Reconciliation	

Second Sunday of Advent

Sat	G	6.00pm	Mass	Maureen Ingleby <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Richard Gaughan <i>anniversary</i>

Poor Missions Fund

This weekend there is the annual collection for the *poor parishes of the diocese*. There will be a second basket at the back of both churches.

Honouring Sunday – a statement from our Bishops

Following their recent plenary gathering in Leeds, the Bishops have issued a statement *Honouring Sunday*, encouraging us in our keeping of the Lord's Day. Copies are available with the printed newsletters, and the document is on our parish website.

Advent Journey 2021 : Mary of Nazareth, Companion in our Journey

Evenings of conversation, reflection, and prayer, 7.00-8.30pm, with the Scottish Laity Network. For details:

<https://www.acalltoaction.org.uk/news/955-advent-journey-2021-scottish-laity-network>

Advent reflections & resources for use with children

An opportunity to pause and reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Visit Cafod's [Interactive online Advent calendar | CAFOD](#) for more details. There are also free children's Advent liturgy resources that families might find useful: [Children's Liturgy | CAFOD](#)

Advent Liturgy of Reconciliation

We will celebrate our Advent Liturgy for our parishes, **Saturday 4 December**, 10.00am, Garstang.

Lancaster & District Homeless Action Service

LDHAS is preparing for their Christmas shelter. They'll provide their clients with meals and a place to shelter during the day in a congenial atmosphere.

It seems likely that there will be increasing demand for their services.

If you'd like to support this important work:

- Bank transfer: Account name: LDHAS; 40-52-40; 00031967; Ref. "Shelter2021".
- Cheque payable to LDHAS. Post to: LDHAS-Finance, Edward Street, Lancaster LA1 1QH.

For more information, visit www.ldhas.org.uk.

Christmas Masses at Garstang

Our Christmas Masses this year will be:

- Friday 24 December, Christmas Eve, 6.00pm & 10.00pm.
- Saturday 25 December, Christmas Day, 10.30am. (Please note: there will be no Mass on the Saturday evening.)
- Sunday 26 December, Boxing Day, 10.30am.

We are mindful that we want our liturgies to be safe for all who attend. Current mitigations against the virus will remain in place: hand sanitiser will be available as you enter the church, and our Bishops ask that face coverings continue to be worn by all who can and who are over 12 years of age.

In order to plan for this, we are allocating seating for the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; maximum capacity of 200 for each Mass; two households per bench with a maximum of four persons. For extended family households with children, this can be up to seven per bench.

Booking forms are available at the back of church, and are now on our parish website.

Christmas Masses at Scorton

We will not be operating a booking system this year. Our Masses will be:

- Saturday 25 December, Christmas Day, 8.30am.
- Sunday 26 December, Boxing Day, 8.30am.

Christmas Gift ideas

To help transform lives, please consider a **CAFOD** World Gift for Christmas (or baptisms, birthdays, etc); ideal for posting abroad. <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/World-Gifts>. Catalogues are available in the Plessington chapel at Garstang and at the back of church in Scorton.

There is an extensive range, with new gifts including an energy-saving stove and saving the rainforest. Also available: the Real Advent Calendar with Fairtrade Chocolate.

Traidcraft. Although we are not collecting parish orders this year, you can visit Traidcraft's online shop which has many ethical food and gift ideas. Also available this year are crafts made by refugees. <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk>

Parish Christmas cards ...

... are now on sale in the Plessington chapel.

Scorton Mass booklet

If you have borrowed a Blue Mass Book from church, please return it to the book stand at the back of church. You are welcome to borrow the next volume, which begins this Sunday.

Bird tables : open to offers

In the porch at Garstang are two handmade bird tables: wood not treated, legs & main stem new wood, remainder is good quality recycled timber.

The tables have been identified as A and B. Offers over £35, please, for parish funds; be sure to indicate your preferred table. There's a box in which to place your offers. **Closing date: end of November.**

Preston Orpheus Choir

A Christmas Concert with Freckleton Brass Band, **Saturday 11 December**, 7.00pm, St Aidan's Church, Station Road, Bamber Bridge PR5 6QL. Adults £12, under 18s £5, family (2 adults & 2 under 18s) £30.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Bob Cross, Gordon Johnson, Roger Boden, Lucas A Backhouse.

Those who are ill or infirm. Theresa Cole, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, David Carr, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Josie Higham, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Phyllis Steel, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Marie Swarbrick, 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: Mgr Paddy O'Dea, Eugenia McCarthy, Sarah Ingleby, Maureen Pyke, Very Rev Canon Joseph Tootall, Jack Noblett, Margaret Stopforth, Nellie Bateson, John Robert Boulter, William Kelsall, Joseph Smith, Patrick (Pat) Henry (1st anniversary), Grace Lillian Salles, May Ball, Bridie O'Connor, James Aloysius Horn, William Morrison, Robert Bilsborrow, Mary Bilsborrow and Lucy Walmsley.