

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 August 2024

Sat 10	G	6.00pm	Mass	Terry Murphy <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 11	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Josh Hardman <i>lately dead</i> & his family [BP]
Mon 12	S	10.00am	Mass	Len Kittley <i>lately dead</i> [EW]
Tue 13	--			

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven

Wed 14	G	6.30pm	Mass	Martin Horn <i>lately dead</i> [R+EH]
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 15	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Peter Johnson <i>RIP</i>

Fri 16	G	10.00am	Mass	Kathleen & Harold Smith <i>RIP</i> [HF]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 17	G	6.00pm	Mass	Bernard Seed <i>lately dead</i> [M]
Sun 18	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	John Bolton <i>RIP</i> [V]

Centenary of our diocese

In preparation for the centenary of our diocese in 2025, Bishop Paul has issued a prayer card. These are included with the newsletters and are also available at the back of church.

Special collection next weekend : parish levy

The annual special collection for the Catholic Trust for England & Wales (CaTEW) levy will be taken next weekend, **24-25 August**. This funds the work of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales. The amount due from Garstang is **£1,297.82**; from Scorton is **£317.39**.

Thank you for your generosity towards our share of the national levy.

Diocesan Directory 2025

To order a copy of next year's diocesan directory: for *Scorton*, please contact Catherine Pickering; for *Garstang*, please e-mail the parish office, or phone and leave a message, or leave a note in the collection plate.

Please specify which edition: ring-bound, £7.00; standard, £6.00.

Deadline for orders: Friday 23 August, noon.

Summer Holiday idea – get creative!

Cafod is running an online *Favourite Saint Art Competition*. Please see their website www.cafod.org.uk and search "Art Competition". Enter by **1 September**. Also on the website, *KidzZone*: Fun games, films, prayers and activities for children, as well as inspiration for things to do as a family.

Diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady, Cleator

This year's diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 8 September**. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul.

The theme is *Our Lady, Guide of the Wanderer*.

So many in our world are on the move seeking safety, peace, economic security. So many in our world are wandering and rootless in their moral and religious lives. We seek the intercession of Our Lady who gave us Jesus: the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Tea and coffee will be provided; you are welcome to take a packed lunch.

National Adoremus Eucharistic Congress 2024

This will take place on **Saturday 14 September**, 10.30am-6.00pm; Oscott Seminary, Birmingham.

Pilgrims from our diocese are invited to join Catholics from all over the country to a full day of renewing and deepening devotion to the Eucharist; led by Cardinal Nichols and all the bishops of England and Wales.

The event will include Mass, Exposition, Eucharistic procession and benediction, rosary walk, museum visit, presentations, and workshops.

There are only 44 places for our diocese. Booking is essential; email Helen Mackay at: helen.mackay@lrcd.org.uk. Places will be allocated on a first-come basis, following confirmation and payment.

Cost £25.00 to cover travel. Free entry. Coach pick-ups in Lancaster, 6.30am, and Preston, 7.30am. Further details of event schedule: [National Eucharistic Congress 2024 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

See also the posters at the back of church.

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The diocesan pilgrimage to St Mary's Fernyhalgh & Ladyewell shrine will be on **Saturday 21 September**, 11.00am, led by Bishop Paul.

Book-keeper for Scorton parish : can you help?

After eight years, our book-keeper for Scorton parish, Barry Fitzgibbon, will retire at the end of the current financial year, April 2025, and we're looking for someone to replace him.

Barry says: "The work takes up a few hours a week and requires basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel, printer scanning, and computer filing. If not, then very easy to learn. Accounting procedures include bill paying with the banking app, and recording income and expense details in the Parish spreadsheet which automatically produces end of year accounts with each entry. Scorton accounts are paperless."

If you'd like to know more, please contact Barry directly, or through the parish office. Thank you, Fr G.

Catholic News website

Check out: www.indcatholicnews.com. News from our own country and beyond. See the statements from faith leaders on the recent violence here.

Apartment in Scorton presbytery : thank you

The project to convert the upstairs of the presbytery in Scorton into a separate apartment which will generate income for the parish has taken many years to come to fruition.

I am very grateful to the members of the parish council who have persisted with the project, and seen it through. Special thanks to Pete Doyle who has been our link with the architect, diocese, and contractors; also to *Mrs Doyle Interior Design Service*, for her excellent counsel. Fr G

If you'd like to take a look at the apartment, which is now available for rent: <https://preview.mypropertyloop.com/agent?id=29948&hash=829140328&type=2>

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Fiona Brooks and Charlie Price for being our July winners. We would like to thank all our winners who have kindly donated their winnings back to the Parish. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Sr Elizabeth Cahill (sister of Vin).

Those who are ill or infirm. Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, 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 Cross, Geoffrey Smith, Terry Murphy, Adrian Darbyshire (1st anniversary), Gerard Rawlinson, Jack Pinnington, Frances and Gerard Wearden, Joan Swarbrick (1st anniversary), Ethel Davis, Thomas Jennings, Mary Jean Rossall, Elizabeth Wignall, Bernard Cummins, Jane Billington, Francis Purkis, Gladys Mary Stanley, Margaret Gelderd, Margaret Hogg, Jack Carr, Freda Gidlow, Mary Bate and Roger Edward Joseph Bevins.