

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## First Sunday of Lent

26 February 2023

Sat	25	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Thomas Ibison <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	26	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Thomas Bernardo <i>anniversary</i>
Mon	27	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Evelyn Steel [MC.G]
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Wed	1	<b>ST DAVID</b>			<i>bishop, religious, patron of Wales</i>
		<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Jean Andrews <i>lately dead</i> [v]
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	2	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Robert Thompson
Fri	3	<b>FAMILY FAST DAY—Day of Prayer for the Hungry &amp; Needy of the World</b>			
		<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Neal Walmsley <i>RIP-60<sup>th</sup> birthday</i> & Diane Pattinson <i>RIP</i>
			10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
			6.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	

## Second Sunday of Lent

Sat	4	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Revd John Horn <i>RIP</i>
Sun	5	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Maureen Ingleby <i>anniversary</i>

## Tea & Coffee : this Sunday

On **Sunday 26 February, after 10.30am Mass** at Garstang, the SVP are serving Fairtrade teas and coffees in recognition of *Fairtrade Fortnight*, 27 February - 12 March. There may well be other Fairtrade products available.

All are welcome to attend and to support the producers who work hard to provide us with quality drinks and foods. Many of these producers are now facing the additional challenges brought about by climate change.

## Keeping a holy Lent

Talk of "giving things up," "doing without" can make Lent seem dull, negative even; as if we hadn't enough to contend with at the moment.

But Lent's not an end in itself; it's the season in which we prepare joyfully to celebrate the mystery of Easter with mind and heart renewed.

In Lent, the community of faith is blessed with a spirit of loving reverence for God and of willing service to neighbour. Thus, Lent is a time for more intense prayer and reflection and for particular attention to the word of God, especially the Sunday readings.

Our Lenten penance is not only inward and personal but also outward and social. How might our prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and other works of charity deepen our conversion to Christ and be of benefit to others?

Above all, what is it that we'd like God to do for us this Lent?

## Resources for Lent

A great collection of online resources for Lent: talks, retreats, Stations of the Cross, and so on: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/44124>

## Imagine

A creative way of praying for others in their need, that is *with*, and *in* and *through* Christ. Accompany him on a compassionate house call. This will be live on zoom, with others, guided by Stephen Holyland, mostly with your camera off. **Wednesday 1 March**, 8.00-9.00pm.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81534467879?pwd=c1FzYnd0RHoxdE5FYkp1MXdZUTBnUT09>

Meeting ID: 815 3446 7879 Passcode: 380690.

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## Lent : Stations of the Cross

Once again, I want very much to encourage parishioners from either parish to lead the Stations of the Cross, Fridays of Lent, 6.30pm at Garstang: individuals, couples, friends, parish groups. If you're willing to take a turn, please let me know. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey

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## CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or <https://cafod.org.uk/give> and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

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## Lenten Lunches 2023

These ecumenical lunches will again be held in Garstang United Reformed Church Hall from 12 noon to 1.00pm. We have been asked to cater with soup, bread and cheese on **Wednesday 29 March**.

The only payment requested from those attending is a donation to Christian Aid. If you are able to help by donating food or a couple of hours to serve, please contact Philippa Catterall on 01995 238331 by 20 February.

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## Evenings of Conversation – Reflection – Prayer

The Scottish Laity Network is offering a series of reflections for Lent on *The Common Good*, **Thursdays**, 7.00-8.30pm. <http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk>.

**2 March**, Creation and the Common Good; David Coleman.

**9 March**, Gender and the Common Good; Tina Beattie.

**16 March**, Politics and the Common Good; Philippa Whitford.

**23 March**, Synodality and the Common Good; Birgit Weiler.

**30 March**, Liturgy and the Common Good; Tom O'Loughlin.

To register: <https://forms.gle/uwnKfFp8pjJVPuEq7>

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## Liturgy of Reconciliation

We will celebrate the Lenten Liturgy of Reconciliation for our parishes on **Saturday 18 March**, 10.00am, at Garstang.

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## Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Frances Johnson & Christine Stuart for being our February winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

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## Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Paul invites you to join him on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, **21-28 July**.

Booking forms are available at the back of both our churches, or to download on the diocesan Lourdes website: [www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk](http://www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk). Alternatively, contact Joe Walsh Tours, 0161-8208790. More information from Linda Wisdom, [operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk](mailto:operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk).

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## Report from Chivuna

Copies of Sr Mutinta's report are available at the back of both churches.

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## Please pray for ...

**Deacon D'Arcy**. Celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this week.

**Those who have died recently**. Roger Slater, Stephen Sartin.

**Those who are ill or infirm**. Evelyn Steel (mother of Fr G), Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Tony Blunt, 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**. Tom Rawlinson, Neil McLaughlin, Christine Ackers, Rev. Robert Turpin (builder of SSMJ church), Teresa Smith, Josephine Wright, Eileen Fenna, Frank Moreland, Teresa Langley, James Foy, Ruth Curwen, Pauline Lord, Robert Waddington, Richard Dodd, Donald Slater, Ellen Greenall, Margaret Mary Holden, John Foley, Eileen Gleeson, Sister Catherine Waring, Martin Mears, Dorothy Hayes, Elizabeth Griffin, Jane Brown, Annie Grayston, Maureen Hollis (20<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Maureen Ingleby and George Pearce.