

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Second Sunday of Advent

6 December 2020

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Anthony Ingleby <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
	G	10.30am	Mass	Maureen Pyke <i>anniversary</i>
Mon.....				St Ambrose <i>bishop, doctor of the Church</i>
	S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [J]
	G	12 noon	Burial Liturgy : Pat Nickson	
Tue.....				IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY
	G	10.30am	Funeral Mass : Joan Walbank	<i>by invitation only</i>
	G	c.11.15am	Burial Liturgy : Joan Walbank	
Wed	G	6.30pm	Mass	Marie Clark <i>anniversary</i> & Maureen Clark <i>RIP</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	S	10.00am	Mass	Dennis Vincent Wilkes <i>RIP</i>
Fri		---	Mass	For all mothers, living and departed [MC.G]
	G	11.00am	Burial of Ashes : Greg West	
Sat	G	10.00am	Mass	Brenda Richardson <i>RIP</i> [AP]

Third Sunday of Advent

Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
	G	10.30am	Mass	Winnie Kennedy <i>lately dead</i> [TC]

Advent Carol Service

Churches Together in Scorton's Advent Carol Service is by Zoom this year, from St John's, Calder Vale. **Sunday 6 December**, 4.00pm. To join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84637810751?pwd=YzhFQ1BNbzM1c04zL3NCeGZSSWk4QT09>

Prayerful preparation during Advent

Accompanying the newsletter are some prayer prompts to help our Advent preparation. These are also on our website: Liturgical Seasons / Advent.

Advent Retreat

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow, is offering a virtual Advent Retreat: <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/adventpilgrimage.html>.

Send a Christmas message to the brave

Each day, human rights defenders and environmental activists worldwide are risking everything to defend our brothers and sisters and protect our common home. Cafod invites you to send a card of solidarity to the brave.

Visit www.cafod.org.uk and support people like Fr Alfred Buju (defending local communities against mining companies in DRC), and Palwasha Hassan (fighting for women's rights in Afghanistan). Click on: campaigns > latest campaigns > peace and human rights > messages to the brave. Deadline: **7 December**.

RISE // Online Youth Group for Year 7-9s

Organised and presented by our diocesan team at Castlerigg Manor, this online group is a place for young people (Year 7-9, or equivalent age) to explore faith and make some friends. **Starts Thursday 10 December**.

Sign up at <https://lancasteryouthservice.churchsuite.com/events/0wf7layy>

Catholic Miracle Rally online

Inspirational talks, praise and worship, adoration, prophetic ministry, prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a Miracle Healing Service, **Friday 11-Saturday 12 December**. To register, and for full details:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catholic-miracle-rally-registration-96872266557>

Journey to the manger : prayer series

An invitation from Cafod for students, house mates, parents, teachers, family and friends to take a moment to pause and reflect in the lead up to Christmas. **Every Sunday in Advent**, 6.00pm, join for a 20 minutes' prayer session and feel reconnected in a relaxed online event.

To register: https://www.bigmarker.com/series/advent/series_summit .

Celebrate Advent with CAFOD

After a year of uncertainty, we need the hope, peace and true comfort and joy that the Advent season can offer. CAFOD has a range of resources and virtual events to help us come together online to pray, reflect and celebrate as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Visit cafod.org.uk/parishes to learn more. We can stretch out our hands to people living in poverty and refugees by donating to CAFOD's Advent Appeal at cafod.org.uk/advent.

Also: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Advent-for-children>

Coming to Mass at Christmas

In order to make best use of the capacity of our churches at Christmas, we need you to book for Mass. A link to the booking form is on the Homepage of our website, and copies are available in the presbytery yard.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses at Garstang are fully booked, and we'll be unable to allow people to enter who are not already booked in.

Post your completed form through the presbytery letterbox, or scan it and e-mail it to the parish office. Thank you, *Fr Geoffrey*.

Morecambe Bay Foodbank

For obvious reasons we're unable to collect food at church this Advent to send to the foodbank. If you'd like to support this important work financially:

- Bank transfer: Morecambe Bay Foodbank. 01-05-78. 42209552. Ref: SSM&M RC.
- Cheque payable to Morecambe Bay Foodbank. Send to 48 Euston Road, Morecambe LA4 5LE, or post through the presbytery letterbox.

Musings from my hermitage ... Fr Geoffrey

This weekend, have a muse with Bishop Paul in his Pastoral Letter, included with this newsletter and available also on our website.

Finding Light in the Deepest Dark

Christian mental health charity *Sanctuary UK* is offering a free self-guided tool to help Christians prepare for a Christmas like no other.

Finding Light in the Deepest Dark: Journeying through Lament into Gratitude has been created to help Christians explore experiences of loss that have accompanied this year while rediscovering the hope of Christmas.

It combines biblical reflection with activities and music. Designed to be used in one sitting, either by an individual or in a group, it has also been tailored to be fully user-friendly over Zoom or video platform. Available as a free download on Sanctuary's website: www.sanctuarymentalhealth.org/uk

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to our November winners, Heather Every, Angela Carr, Trish O'Hanlon & Agnes Gallagher. If you'd 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. Ann Wicks (friend of Philippa Catterall), Joan Walbank, Pat Nickson, Paul Cain (relative of Teresa Cole), Sarah Davis, David Leece (related to Frank Miller).

Those who are ill or infirm. John Cadden, Margaret Walmsley, Ethel Davis, Anne Hunt, John Skillen, Joyce Bilsborrow, Alice Towers, Caroline Nurse, Jean Andrews, Keith Jones, Tony Smith, Sarah Preston, Roger Bevins, Margaret Pendleton, Janet Howarth, Austin Walmsley, Eileen Cartner, Andrew Whipp, Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Simon Crossley, Mary Winstanley, Kevin Horan, Jean Dunne, Louise Williams, Teresa Smith, John Cookson, Revd Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Colin & Marie Swarbrick, Seamus Martin, Peter Holland, Vin Cahill, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes & Phoebe.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Richard Noel Bamber, Joan Wilcock, William Norman Nixon, Winifred Storey, John Skillen, Marie McGrath, Catherine Mary Andrews, Marie Clark, Thomas Moxham, Aiden Flemming, John Gavin Nixon, George Cowburn, Annie Gregson, Lucy Madeleine Price-Jones, Monica Carr, Vincent Swarbrick and Grace Ross Darling.