

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Peace

14 January 2024

Sat	13	G	6.00pm	Mass	Mary Swarbrick <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	14	S	8.30am	Mass	Donald Lynch <i>lately dead</i> [v]
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
Mon	15	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
Tue	16	--			
Wed	17	St Anthony <i>abbot</i>			
		G	6.30pm	Mass	Intentions of Liz & John Billington [v]
Thu	18	Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>begins</i>			
		S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Peter Johnson <i>RIP</i>
		G	6.30pm	Mass	with the Catenians <i>all welcome</i>
Fri	19	G	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Rachael Mason [sp]
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat	20	G	12 noon	Baptism : Conor James Guiver-Wells	

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	20	G	6.00pm	Mass	Sheila Murphy <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun	21	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Ian Shepherd <i>RIP</i>
			12 noon	Burial of Ashes : Ian Shepherd	

Climbing St Walburge's spire

The spire of St Walburge's church, Preston, is the tallest church spire in England. There's an opportunity to climb the 172-steps, 309 feet, 94 metre, and enjoy the views of the city and surrounding countryside. Those heading up later will catch the sunset and see the cityscape at night.

Saturdays 13, 20 & 27 January, 1.00pm-5.00pm. Children aged seven and over are allowed if accompanied by an adult. All proceeds from the tours go to the restoration and maintenance of St Walburge's. Tickets are £12 and available from [Ticket Tailor](#).

Parish Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday 17 January**, 10am-noon, Plessington Chapel, Garstang. It's free to attend but donations are invited for charitable purposes. If you've not been before, do think about coming: it's a good opportunity to meet up with old friends and make some new ones. Hope to see you there. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

Men's trainers?

If you have any pairs of these spare, a box for collection will be at the back of church in Garstang, near the stairs, until **Sunday 28 January**. At Scorton, you can leave them near the stairs up to the organ loft.

They will be forwarded to the *Jesuit Refugee Service* who have an ongoing need. *Many thanks*.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Paul invites you to join him on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, **21-28 July**. Booking forms are available at the back of our churches, or to download on the diocesan Lourdes website: www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk. Alternatively, contact Joe Walsh Tours, 0161-8208790. More information from Linda Wisdom, operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk.

Big Lent Walk

Sign up for CAFOD's *Big Lent Walk* and challenge yourself to walk 200km in forty days. You can sign up as an individual, or as a group from the parish or school. Please see poster at the back of church or visit www.cafod.org.uk. *Thank you*.

Tuesday morning prayer

A small group of Christians from different churches gather at St Thomas', Garstang, for Morning Prayer on **Tuesdays**, 8.55-9.25am. *All welcome.*

Hospice : can you help?

"I have been a Spiritual Care Volunteer at St John's Hospice Lancaster for the past year and a half and am finishing next month. This opportunity has been rich and rewarding, meeting patients, their loved ones and staff and listening to their concerns, hopes, needs and lives. I wonder if anyone in the congregation may feel called to offering a session a week or a fortnight to be a spiritual care volunteer?

"If you feel this might suit you I would be happy to have a chat, answer questions and outline the expectations." Please contact Mark Brackley, through the parish office.

A quiet community?

What if the Church were deliberately to be quiet? How might a contemplative Church connect with and communicate to our age?

Eleven years ago, Sarah Bachelard founded Benedictus Contemplative Church. Watch the latest conversation between Sarah and Laurence Freeman reflecting on what is being learned and on questions emerging in the collection, *What happens when Church goes quiet*, on WCCM+.

WCCM+ is the new video streaming platform from the World Community for Christian Meditation. You can watch over 300 hours of talks, retreats, led meditations and major events, with new titles added every month.

You can watch the first video and, if interested, you can subscribe. Try it for seven days, cancel anytime:

<https://wccmplus.org/programs/collection-eexpwmeosk?categoryId=115012>

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Alternative homilies

For an alternative reflection on the Scripture Readings, take a look at: <https://www.catholicwomenpreach.org/>

Cemeteries and grounds

Many thanks indeed to all those who have helped to maintain our cemeteries over the past year, and a special thanks to the ladies – we hope the gents don't mind – who have worked tirelessly on the pots, planted areas, shrubbery, and bushes. We hope you have gained a certain amount of satisfaction from all your efforts.

To other parishioners: if you would like to help over the coming year, please let me know and I will point you in the appropriate direction. Fr G

Molly Singleton RIP

St Mary & St Michael's is very grateful to Laurence Singleton, for a donation of £500 donation in memory of his late mother, Molly.

We'll put the donation towards the cost of repairing the next section of our cemetery paths, which we'll need to attend to during this year.

Ways into prayer

Here's an initiative from the Diocese of Southwark:

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer>

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. George Williams.

Those who are ill or infirm. Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Carley Cowburn, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Rita Whittaker, 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. Winifred Kavanagh, Paul Haslehurst, John Tully, George & Anne Gibson (parents of Fr John), Leonard Sinar, Jack Rawlinson, Frederick W. Garvey, Greg Eastham, Elizabeth Ellen Pedder (10th anniversary), Renee Williams, David Trevor Orr, Tom Thompson, Thomas Henry (Harry) Horn, Eileen Darby, Ann Swarbrick, John Joseph Heyes and Elizabeth McGolderick.