

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Second Sunday of Advent

5 December 2021

Liturgies this week

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>
Mon				
Tue				
Wed				IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Mary Clarke <i>lately dead</i> [G+RM]
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	S	10.00am	Mass	Gordon Wright <i>anniversary</i>
Fri	G	10.00am	Mass	Phyllis & intentions of the Steel family [LB]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Third Sunday of Advent

Sat	G	6.00pm	Mass	John & Cathie Cadden <i>anniversary / birthday</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Roger Boden <i>lately dead</i> [LB]

Let it be done to me ...

A series of online sessions via Zoom, exploring Mary's journey to Christmas through prayer and reflection on Scripture, led by Anna Dimond. **Mondays in Advent**, 7.00-8.00pm. Email gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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

Exploring experiences of young women in Catholic Church

A webinar, **Tuesday 7 December**, 7.00pm, to discuss the experiences of young women in the Catholic Church. The keynote speaker will be Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ who, with other panellists, will be taking an honest, hopeful and loving look at the ways in which the Church could better minister to young women. To register click here: www.tfaforms.com/4942600.

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.

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>

Bird tables

Many thanks to Edward Bilsborrow for his hard work on the bird tables to support the parish. £85 has been raised. ... Not exactly birdfeed.

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](#)

Bikeathon in Memory of Lucas A Backhouse

Two Wyre Explorer Scouts have organised a 24-hour bikeathon to raise money for *Papyrus*, a prevention of youth suicide charity, so that they can be there for young people who need them to prevent future tragedies. 6.00pm to 6.00pm, **10-11 December**, 1st Garstang Scouts HQ, Kepple Lane.

From 11.00am, **Saturday 11 December**, there will be a whole range of activities for anyone to take part in, along with a cake sale, all of which are open to all. Everyone welcome.

To donate to this: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wyrescouts>

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.

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.

Church Christmas decoration, Garstang

Would any of our parish families like to take charge of decorating the church, ready for our first Mass of Christmas Eve, 6.00pm? You can use your creativity within the realms of the season. It would be nice for some of our younger families to work together. Contact Bernadette Ferguson, either directly or through the parish office.

Music rehearsal for Christmas at Garstang

Anyone who'd like to be involved with the music for Christmas is invited to come to a rehearsal after 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 19 December**. This will be to run through all the music for the 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass, and to look at the psalm setting we'll be using through the Christmas Season.

Hummingbirds : anyone have a few minutes?

The management committee for our parish nursery, Hummingbirds, is looking for a Minutes' Secretary to help the smooth running of things. Four or five meetings a year, Thursdays, usually 5.00pm.

If you can help, please contact Frank Miller, either directly or through the parish office. Many thanks.

Free to a good home

One combined Sunday & Weekday Missal; as good as new. Contact Peter Gelderd, either directly or through the parish office.

Honouring Sunday – a statement from our Bishops

The Bishops have issued a statement *Honouring Sunday*, encouraging us in our keeping of the Lord's Day. Copies are at the back of church, and the document is on our website.

Please pray for ...

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

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: James Aloysius Horn, William Morrison, Robert Bilsborrow, Mary Bilsborrow, Lucy Walmsley, Richard Noel Bamber, Joan Wilcock, William Norman Nixon, Winifred Storey, John Skillen, Marie McGrath, Catherine Mary Andrews, Marie Clark, Thomas Moxham, Aidan Flemming, John Gavin Nixon, George Cowburn, Annie Gregson, Lucy Madeleine Price-Jones, Monica Carr and Vincent Swarbrick.