

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Second Sunday of Advent

8 December 2024

Sat	7	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Terry & Sheila Murphy <i>RIP</i>
Sun	8	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Keith Donoghue [M+P]
		<b>G</b>	12 noon	<b>Baptism of Harlie Lillian Czarnota-Bond</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY</b>			
		<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Austin Kelly <i>anniversary</i>
Tue	10	--			
Wed	11	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	David Stubbs <i>lately dead</i>
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	12	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Pat Milner <i>RIP</i> [W+M]
Fri	13	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Canon Dennis Corbishley <i>anniversary</i> [HF]
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	

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Sat	14	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
Sun	15	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Alf Parker <i>lately dead</i> [T+S]
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Alice <i>anniversary</i> & John Towers <i>RIP</i>

### Calling all Readers : new Lectionary

Those of you who are reading over the coming weeks might like to photograph the relevant pages from the *Lectionary*, to assist your preparation. Alternatively, there are a couple of copies of the Sunday Missal 2025 in the sacristies for Readers to borrow. But the layout of the Sunday Missal is not the same as the layout of the Lectionary.

**Additional Readers?** This is an opportunity to invite anyone who attends Mass with us to discern whether you might serve the liturgy as a Reader. If you'd like to, please let me know. I'll gladly offer some preparation; you won't be left to sink or swim. Many thanks, Fr *Geoffrey*.

### Advent reflection

Our Bishops' Conference website has a reflection for each of the Sundays of Advent: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-gift-of-your-presence-peace/>

### Parish Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parishioners who donated **£95** to support the work of *Hospice Africa* at the November event - what a busy morning!

The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 11 December**, 10am-12 noon in the Plessington Chapel at Garstang, raising funds for St John's Hospice. We look forward to seeing you. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

### Fr Bob Horn : funeral arrangements

Fr Bob's Vigil Mass of Reception is on **Wednesday 11 December**, 6.00pm, and his Funeral Mass on **Thursday 12 December**, 11.30am, both at Our Lady & St Edward's, Marlborough Drive, Preston PR2 9UE.

Fr Bob will be buried at St Mary's, Newhouse. *May he rest in peace*.

### Dates for your diary

*Deanery Liturgy of Reconciliation*, **Thursday 12 December**, 6.00pm, at the cathedral. An opportunity for individual confession.

Concert by Lancaster Singers and children from our school, **Tuesday 17 December**, 7.30pm, SSMM.

*Christmas Masses*: As last year: **Tuesday 24 December**, 6.00pm, Garstang; **Wednesday 25 December**, 8.30am, Scorton; 10.30am, Garstang.

## Christmas Concert

St Peter's church, Scorton, is holding a Christmas Concert, **Saturday 14 December**, 7.30pm, with around forty choristers of Blackburn People's Choir. A festive evening of carols and song; mulled wine and mince pies, and other refreshments. Buy tickets on the door or pre-book through [contact@unitedparish.co.uk](mailto:contact@unitedparish.co.uk). £5 for adults, £3 for concessions, children free.

## Sticky toffee pudding, anyone?

Thomas Hogarth is making sticky toffee puddings in December to raise money for a local charity, Thumbs up for Charlie. He will be taking orders for pickup or local delivery on **Saturday 14 & Saturday 21 December**.

A cake serves 4-6 and costs £4.50. There are posters at the back of the church with further details. To make an order please contact Lee, 07415-308186. Gluten free available on request. Thank you for your support.

## 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Once again, we are operating an allocated seating plan for this Mass. If you wish to attend, please complete the Seat Request form or email directly [ssmm.christmas.mass@gmail.com](mailto:ssmm.christmas.mass@gmail.com).

Please supply the following information: Your name; number of seats required; number of those U12; any special requests/considerations (e.g. mobility issues, disabled parking space); contact phone number (mobile preferred).

Please note that we will only be using the main body of the church: current fire regulations mean we cannot use the balcony or have parishioners standing at the back of church.

Seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis, and every effort will be made to accommodate everyone who wants to attend. There are no restrictions on the number in a bench and all rows will be filled to their safe capacity. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

## Advent Appeal : CAFOD

Your support this Advent will help CAFOD continue providing urgent support to families fleeing conflict in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and across the world. Please visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk). There is also a QR code on the poster in the church porch.

## Monthly parish collections : November

Collections for November: **Garstang**, £1,438.55, plus £2,122.00 Standing Orders; **Scorton**, £128.50, plus £677.67 Standing Orders. *Thank you.*

## Next weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend, **14-15 December**, in both our churches to support the work of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul society.

## Big Quiz : many thanks ...

... to everyone who came along, bought raffle tickets or donated prizes. We enjoyed a lovely time together and **£371** was raised for SVP South Sudan *Be in Hope* project which supports homeless boys with safe accommodation, and educational and training opportunities.

Many thanks, also, to Mrs Archibald, for our use of the school hall.

## Red Mission Boxes

Please bring boxes to be emptied to church next weekend. Thank you.

## Christmas cards

Christmas cards and gifts are now available from the church shop at Garstang. All proceeds to the upkeep of the church. *Thank you.*

## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Fr Bob Horn, David Stubbs.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Deacon Jim Maguire, Liz Boden, Deacon Michael Dolan, Bob Tomlinson, Fr Tony Walsh, Steve Masterman, Rita Marley, Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, 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.

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** Aidan Fleming, John Gavin Nixon, George Curwen, Annie Gregson, Lucy Madeleine Price-Jones, Monica Carr, Vincent Swarbrick, Grace Ross Darling, John Paul Cadden, Ethel Carroll, Alice Towers.