

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 August 2023

Sat 26	G	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Margaret Barton <i>35<sup>th</sup> anniversary</i>
Sun 27	S	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Lowe & Fitzpatrick families <i>RIP</i>
		2.00pm	<b>Baptism : Kaden Anthony Martin</b>	
Mon 28	S	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Charles & Evelyn Langley <i>RIP</i> [V]
Tue 29	--			
Wed 30	G	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Jack Mounsey <i>anniversary</i>
		7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 31	G	11.00am	<b>Funeral Liturgy : Adrian Darbyshire</b>	
Fri 1	G	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Peter O'Brien
		10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
Sat 2	G	12.15pm	<b>Burial of Ashes : Elizabeth Burton</b>	

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 2	G	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Alan Bradley <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 3	S	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	George Holden <i>lately dead</i> [MG]
		12.15pm	<b>Baptism : Ada Sienna Walmsley</b>	

### Special collection this weekend

The special collection for the Catholic Trust for England & Wales (CaTEW) levy is scheduled to be taken this weekend, **26-27 August**.

The Bishops Conference of England & Wales, whose work is funded by the CaTEW levy, has again reduced the amount of levy to recognise the financial impact on parishes across England & Wales of the Covid-19 Pandemic. This reduction is expected to be only temporary.

The amount of levy due for Garstang is **£1512.74**; for Scorton is **£359.29**.

**Thank you for your generosity towards our share of the national levy.**

### The Millers on the Jumble Trail

The Millers have booked a pitch for the *Jumble Trail* around Garstang on **Bank Holiday Monday, 28 August**. We're raising money for our parish nursery, *Hummingbirds*, who are hoping to re-furbish their outdoor area.

If you have anything you would like to donate then please get in touch – or maybe just call at 1 Linden Grove, 10.00am-3.00pm on Bank Holiday Monday and snap up a bargain. We're praying to the patron saint of Jumble Sales and good weather for a decent day.

Anne and Frank Miller 01995 604030. Any goods remaining will be passed onto the Refurb Shop and/or local charity shops.

### Safeguarding

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency has commissioned the services of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (Scie) to review their Safeguarding policies and procedures.

To ensure that the review team together with associated reference groups take into consideration as many views as possible, parishioners are invited and encouraged to complete a survey.

This is an opportunity to help shape the future of safeguarding within the Catholic Church and make representations where it is evident or perceived that the current policies and procedures are outdated, difficult to interpret, there is a gap or no policy or for other reasons.

Here is the link to the survey <https://forms.office.com/e/PavSuixHim>

Deadline for completion of the survey: **31 August 2023**.

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## Funeral of Fr John Dobson

Fr John Dobson's Funeral Mass will be on **Wednesday 30 August**, 11.00am, at St Thomas the Apostle, Claughton on Brock. Canon Paul Embery will be the principal celebrant. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in Claughton Village Hall. All are welcome.

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## Diocesan pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell is on **Saturday 2 September**. Mass with Bishop Paul at St Mary's Church, Fernyhalgh (PR2 5ST), at 11.00am, followed by a Rosary/Blessed Sacrament procession down the lanes to Ladyewell for Benediction.

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## Diocesan pilgrimage to Cleator

The annual pilgrimage to the diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 10 September**. Mass & Blessing of the Sick, 3.00pm. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul.

The theme this year is *Our Lady, star of the Sea, Guide of the Wanderer here below*. Tea & coffee will be provided; people are welcome to bring a packed lunch. Further details: 01946-810324; [stmandstj@gmail.com](mailto:stmandstj@gmail.com).

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## St Mary's Pilgrims Way – sponsored walk

Two trustees of the Rwanda Group Trust, Mark and Michael, are walking the 67 miles of St Mary's Way from Lancaster Cathedral to St Mary's shrine at Cleator. They are scheduled to arrive for the diocesan pilgrimage there on **Sunday 10 September**.

They would be very grateful for sponsors as the needs are very great and funds are somewhat depleted – every penny raised goes direct to Rwanda as the charity has no overheads.

If you feel able to donate, please see our website [www.rwandagrouptrust.org](http://www.rwandagrouptrust.org) or telephone Michael Donlan, 07864-990941.

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## Children's Liturgy of the Word

The catechists who support children's Liturgy of the Word are taking a break over the summer. The next children's liturgy will be on **Sunday 10 September**, then 1 October, 5 November, and 3 December.

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## SPUC Pro-Life Evening

You are warmly invited to an information evening organised by the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* (SPUC) which will be held at the SPUC Preston Office, Unit 10, Lockside Office Park, Lockside Road, Preston PR2 2YS, **Friday 8 September**, 7.00pm.

Hear about SPUC's current campaign on coerced abortion and to find out about the wide-ranging work that SPUC is involved in to protect women and unborn children from the tragedy of abortion. It is hoped that this meeting will encourage local pro-lifers to form a new Preston SPUC Branch.

For further information, contact SPUC Northern Development Officer, Terry Graham, on 07549-068226 or [terrygraham@spuc.org.uk](mailto:terrygraham@spuc.org.uk).

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## Formation in the Word of God

For a rich collection of resources & reflections, see the website <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>

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## Need a wheelchair?

There are two wheelchairs in the old porch at Garstang, under the tower. These are available for people to borrow on short loan. Just take one, letting the SVP have your name. SVP: 07535-736975.

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Adrian Darbyshire, Joan Swarbrick, Celia Smith, Mother Elvira Petrozzi, Fr John Dobson.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Joyce Bilsborrow, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Carley Cowburn, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, 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 Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** John Green, Francis Xavier Andrews, John Cahill, John Andrews, Katherine Piela, Raymond Bisby, Anne Lyford, Joe Kendall, Alan Bradley, John "Jack" Mounsey, Rev Joseph Mary Ilsley, Brian Dickinson, Alfred Evans, David Gornall, Harry Kelly, Sarah Adelaide Darwen, Ronald Park, Rosie Cousins and Wilfrid Hull.