

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 August 2024

Sat 24	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our parishes
Sun 25	S	8.30am	Mass	Mary Lawton <i>lately dead</i> [LV]
	G	10.30am	Mass	Intentions of the Ibison Family
Mon 26	S	10.00am	Mass	Mgr Michael Regan <i>anniversary</i>
Tue 27	--			
Wed 28				<b>St Augustine of Hippo</b> <i>bishop, doctor of the Church</i>
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Charles & Evelyn Langley <i>RIP</i> [v]
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 29	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass	: Pat Errington
Fri 30				<b>SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward</b> <i>married women, martyrs</i>
	G	10.00am	Mass	Gerry Steel <i>RIP-birthday</i>
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	G	12 noon	Burial Liturgy	: Henry Teddy Robinson

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 31	G	6.00pm	Mass	Alan Bradley <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 1	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Jack Mounsey <i>3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary</i>

### Special collection this weekend : parish levy

The annual special collection for the Catholic Trust for England & Wales (CaTEW) levy will be taken this weekend, **24-25 August**. This funds the work of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales. The amount due from Garstang is **£1,297.82**; from Scorton is **£317.39**.

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

### Safeguarding Audit : your views are being sought

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA), will be conducting an audit of safeguarding processes in our Diocese in September 2024.

As part of this audit, they would like to hear the views of as many people as possible about safeguarding in the Diocese and are particularly interested in the views of victims and survivors of abuse, whether you have previously had contact with the safeguarding team or not. Please see the words of Rebecca, a survivor of abuse, and Nazir Afzal, Chair of CSSA [HERE](#).

More widely, whether you are a parishioner, volunteer, employee, have no or many roles, we are also interested to hear from you. This could be about any aspect of safeguarding within the Diocese.

You can let us know your views by completing the form [HERE](#). There are three boxes to complete (one question, one comment section, one optional contact details). Forms are completely anonymous unless you choose to provide your name or other identifying information. Alternatively, if you would like to speak to a member of the audit team, simply leave your contact details within the survey form and they will contact you directly.

The survey remains open until **1 September 2024**.

More information about the CSSA audit programme and a privacy notice can be found [HERE](#).

### Summer Holiday idea – get creative!

Cafod is running an online *Favourite Saint Art Competition*. Please see their website [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) and search “Art Competition”. Enter by **1 September**. Also on the website, *KidzZone*: Fun games, films, prayers and activities for children, as well as inspiration for things to do as a family.

### Centenary of our diocese

In preparation for the centenary of our diocese, 2024-25, Bishop Paul has issued a prayer card. These are available at the back of church.

### Book-keeper for Scorton parish : can you help?

After eight years, our book-keeper for Scorton parish, Barry Fitzgibbon, will retire at the end of the current financial year, April 2025, and we're looking for someone to replace him.

Barry says: "The work takes two or three hours a week and requires basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel, printer scanning, and computer filing. If not, then very easy to learn. Accounting procedures include bill paying with the banking app, and recording income and expense details in the Parish spreadsheet which automatically produces end of year accounts with each entry. Scorton accounts are paperless."

If you'd like to know more, please contact Barry directly, or through the parish office. Thank you, Fr G.

### Diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady, Cleator

This year's diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator is on **Sunday 8 September**. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul.

The theme is *Our Lady, Guide of the Wanderer*.

So many in our world are on the move seeking safety, peace, economic security. So many in our world are wandering and rootless in their moral and religious lives. We seek the intercession of Our Lady who gave us Jesus: the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Tea and coffee will be provided; you are welcome to take a packed lunch.

### Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

The diocesan pilgrimage to St Mary's Fernyhalgh & Ladyewell shrine will be on **Saturday 21 September**, 11.00am, led by Bishop Paul.

### Keeping church open

It's great that parishioners and visitors alike pop into St Mary & St Michael's during the day, to pray, light candles, or just to walk around the building.

I'm wondering whether we might be able to keep church open also on the days when I'm not here, or am returning late?

If any of our many keyholders are willing to take a turn opening and / or closing church, please let me know. We might be able to organise a roster. Many thanks, Fr G.

### Legacies to St Mary & St Michael's

Many thanks indeed to the **anonymous donor of a £10,000** legacy to St Mary & St Michael's.

Also, we have also just received **£9,700** from the estate of our late parishioner, **Rita Whittaker**.

Currently, we have a grant application pending to help with the cost of renovating the cemetery paths around to the front door of the church. Even if we are successful, however, it is unlikely to meet the entire cost, and so we will be able to use some of these funds for this work.

When preparing or revising your will, please remember your parish. In this way, just as we benefit from the generosity of those who have gone before us, so those who follow us will benefit from our generosity to them. Fr G.

### SVP : many thanks

Members would like to thank parishioners for your generous donations totalling £441, including £88.65 from Scorton. Thank you for your continued support of our work with the needy, locally and overseas. God bless.

### Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** John Helm, Henry Teddy Robinson, Pat Errington, Sr Elizabeth Cahill.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Fr Bob Horn, 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.** Robert Horn, Wilfred Garstang, John N. Bamber, Stephen Copple (70<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Alan Bradley, George Armer, Margaret Barton, Brian Eydman, Alan Bury, John Green, Francis Xavier Andrews, John Cahill, John Andrews, Katherine Piela, Raymond Bisby, Anne Lyford, Joe Kendall, John "Jack" Mounsey, Rev Joseph Mary Ilsley, Brian Dickinson (5<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Alfred Evans, David Gornall, Harry Kelly and Sarah Adelaide Darwen.