

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

I September 2024

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| 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>3rd anniversary</i> |
| Mon | 2 | G | 11.00am | Funeral Mass : John Helm | |
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| Wed | 4 | | | St Cuthbert | <i>priest, religious, patron of the diocese</i> |
| | | G | 6.30pm | Mass | Harry Payne <i>lately dead</i> [v] |
| | | | 7.00pm | Rosary | <i>in our homes</i> |
| Thu | 5 | S | 10.00am | Mass | Intentions of Eileen & Bob Clare <i>50th wedding anniversary</i> |
| Fri | 6 | G | 10.00am | Mass | <i>with the school: all welcome</i> |
| | | | | | Pat Errington <i>lately dead</i> [svp] |
| | | G | 10.45am | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| | | G | 2.00pm | Ecumenical Schools' Prayer Group | <i>all welcome</i> |

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for all involved in Education

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| Sat | 7 | G | 6.00pm | Mass | |
| Sun | 8 | S | 8.30am | Mass | People of our parishes |
| | | G | 10.30am | Mass | Helen & Edward Brennan <i>RIP</i> [vs] |

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 3 September**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

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.

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.

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 Fernyhagh & 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.

Fairtrade Fortnight

This takes place **9-22 September** this year. Please take the opportunity to have a think if you could make any *Fairtrade* swaps in your weekly shop, and use your power as a consumer to make a difference and ensure justice for the world's food producers. *Thank you.*

Parish Coffee Morning

Our parish coffee morning returns on **Wednesday 18 September**, 10.00am-12 noon, when we will raise funds for the *Toybox* project which helps street children in developing countries. All welcome. *The Coffee Morning Team.*

Sacred Space Prayerbook

The *Sacred Space Prayerbook* collates material and resources from the Irish Jesuits' website in one volume and guides the reader through a complete year of prayer.

Each day includes Scripture readings and points of reflection, as well as a weekly topic enhanced by six steps of prayer and reflection.

The prayers and reflections are written by members of the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits.

This prayer companion aims to provide a rich and rewarding way of developing a more personal and enriching relationship with God.

Published in Ireland and the UK by Messenger Publications, *Sacred Space: The Prayer Book 2025.*

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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.

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.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Sadie O'Neil and Anne Cahill for being our August winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. John Helm, Henry Teddy Robinson, Pat Errington.

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. Alfred Evans, David Gornall, Harry Kelly, Sarah Adelaide Darwen, Ronald Park, Rosie Cousins, Wilfrid Hull, Henry (Harry) Richardson, Clare Theresa McManmon, Dennis Chapman, Richard Winstanley, Carl Gerard Wilkes, James Parker, Hilda Yates, Peter Thomas Davis, Ken Shaw, Matthew Maguire, Agnes James, Malcolm Mayo, Richard Pawlowski, Ella (Ellen Elizabeth) Richmond, Michael Sheridan and Nora Jacques.