

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 September 2021

### Liturgies this week

Sat	<b>G</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Funeral Mass : Roger Bevins</b>
	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> Alan Bradley <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b> Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b> People of our Parishes
Mon	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b> Brian Winstanley <i>RIP</i>
Tue		---	<b>Mass</b>
Wed.....			<b>THE BIRTH OF THE VIRGIN MARY</b>
	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b> Matthew Haythorn & Joanne Crossley <i>marrying on 10 September [GS]</i>
		7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b> <i>in our homes</i>
Thu	<b>G</b>	11.00am	<b>Funeral Mass : Jack Mounsey</b>
Fri	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Memorial Mass &amp; Burial of Ashes : Jean Rossall</b>

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for all involved in Education

Sat	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> Roger Bevins <i>lately dead</i> [T]
Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b> Joe & Dorothy Nugent <i>anniversary</i> [L]
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b> People of our Parishes

### Sunday – it is our day

**Beginning on 4 September, our Mass on Saturday will be at 6.00pm**, as the Vigil Mass for Sunday.

At the Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday, we'll restore the *Gloria in excelsis Deo* and the Nicene Creed, "I believe in one God, ...".

We're still in need of additional Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion and stewards / welcomers at Garstang, to help share the load.

In particular we are very short of Readers for Sunday Mass. Please consider offering to serve the liturgy in this way and, if you're willing to take a turn, please let me know. You don't need to have read at this church before. Any new readers will be shown how to use the microphone and taken through the procedure well in advance of when you read. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey

### Synodality

Parishioners will be aware that Pope Francis is promoting synodality in the church: a sharing of responsibility among all the baptised.

You might wish to explore this further at a forthcoming on-line event with a range of excellent, experienced, and engaging speakers. The evenings of **5-8 September**, and **10-12 September**. <https://www.rootandbranchsynod.org/>

### Faith in Action Day

**Saturday 11 September**, 11am, Join CAFOD online for a day of inspiration and action. Learn about the COP26 climate talks, how environmental defenders are fighting for the Amazon, and how these issues are linked to our Climate Crisis Appeal. [Book your place at www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk).

### Diocesan pilgrimage to Cleator

*Our Lady, Help of the Sick, pray for us.* **Sunday 12 September**, Mass & Blessing of the Sick, 3.00pm; principal celebrant & preacher: Bishop Paul.

"Everyone is invited who feels safe to come along. Our hope is that the weather will allow us to celebrate mass outside. And we expect that infection levels etc will not cause us to cancel the Pilgrimage. But if we feel constrained to do so, for whatever reason, we will give as much notice as possible." Fr Paul Johnstone *parish priest*.

For further details: St Mary's Priory, Cleator CA23 3AB; 01946-810324; [stmandstj@gmail.com](mailto:stmandstj@gmail.com).

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## Education Sunday 2021

The Day of Prayer for all involved in Education is marked this year on **12 September**, to mark the beginning of the new academic year. The theme is 'A word in season', taken from Isaiah 50:4.

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## Prayers for healing

A Jesuit website in the USA has a great collection of prayers for healing:

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/prayers-for-healing>

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## Work on the tower at Garstang

The construction of the scaffolding for the repair work on the tower is now underway. The repair work is planned to last twenty weeks.

If you're interested in a full description of the works, technical drawings and the like, you can view all the documents on the website of the Historic Churches Committee:

<https://catholic-historic-churches.org.uk/applications/north-west-1097>

You might wish to allow plenty of time for a visit to the HCC website: you'll quickly find yourself looking at any number of interesting Catholic churches in the North West of England.

The cost of the work is £103,000 which, thank God and thank you, we have in the account. But this expenditure will pretty much drain the coffers.

If you are recently returning to Mass and have stock-piled your weekly Offertory collection at home, now would be a very good time to send it in!

Thank you to everyone who has a Standing Order for our parishes, or who donates with a regular cheque. This significantly lessens the burden on our parish volunteers. Please avoid donating coins if at all possible.

**Gift Aid.** If you are a UK tax payer, *please* complete a Gift Aid declaration for the parish. It costs you absolutely nothing. You are giving to your parish anyway; this simply asks the Government to redirect to the Church some of the tax you have paid to the Government. For every £1 you give, the Church can reclaim 25p of tax. Let's not waste free money. Thank you.

**Standing Order forms** and **Gift Aid declarations** are available at the back of both churches; alternatively, download them for either parish from our website, or e-mail or phone the parish office.

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## Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, running each year from 1 September to the feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4 October.

Pope Francis states that the Season of Creation is "a season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home." There are many excellent resources that can be found at:

<https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Climate-Sunday-Mass> and an [F&J prayer vigil to the feast day of St Francis](#)

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## Faith & Justice newsletter

The latest edition of the newsletter from our diocesan Faith & Justice Commission can be downloaded at: <https://tinyurl.com/3yb7krv8>.

Reports and newsletters mentioned in this issue are available at:

<http://www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/newsletter/>. These include Season of Creation resources and creation-themed Lectionary notes; Pope Francis' message for *World Migrant & Refugee Day* on **26 September**; Vatican Document *Safeguarding Creation is everyone's responsibility*.

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** John (Jack) Mounsey, Roger Bevins, Freda Gidlow, Mary Jean Rossall, Ethel Davis.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Roger Boden (cousin of David), Bill Hollis, Caroline Rigby, Monica Sanderson, 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, Bob Cross, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** James Parker, Hilda Yates, Peter Thomas Davis, Ken Shaw, Matthew Maguire, Agnes James, Malcolm Mayo, Richard Pawlowski, Michael Sheridan, Nora Jacques, Dorothy Towers, Moira Adamson, Benedict Joseph Johnson, Robert Horn, Harvey Snaith, Helen Mary Brennan and Eve Porteous.