

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 September 2021

### Liturgies this week

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
Mon	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Veronica Joy <i>born sleeping</i> [NW]
Tue		---	<b>Mass</b>	
Wed	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Geoffrey Shaw-Binns <i>lately dead</i> [MS]
		7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 September 2021

Sat	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	John Skillen <i>RIP</i> [V]
Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Betty Gornall <i>RIP</i>
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Helen & Edward Brennan <i>anniversary</i> [VS]

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 September 2021

Sat	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Paul Harrison <i>lately dead</i> [AC]
Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Moirá Porter <i>RIP</i> [HB]

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Fri 1 Oct..... **HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY:**  
**Day of Prayer for the Poor & Needy of the World**

**G** 10.00am **Mass** Fr Peter Johnson *RIP*  
10.30am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 October 2021

Sat	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	William & Ellen Greenall <i>anniversary</i> [AC]
Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Colin Swarbrick <i>RIP</i> [V]

### Increasing our capacity at Garstang

Following last Saturday evening's bumper attendance – thank you! – and that on the previous Sunday – thank you! – we need to increase our capacity. Following our Bishops' guidance and in consultation with our Health & Safety Lead, we have removed the tape from all the benches to allow people to distribute themselves throughout the whole building, including the chapel. Ideally, I would have put something in the newsletter this weekend alerting you, and implemented it the following weekend, but I'll be away that weekend and I didn't think that was appropriate.

In these changed circumstances, please:

- be mindful that others might be more cautious or apprehensive than you;
- respect the space of others;
- avoid crowding one area of the church when there is space elsewhere;
- if one bench has a number of people in it, choose another.

Our Bishops ask that we continue to:

- sanitise our hands;
- wear face-coverings unless exempt: we owe it to others to be prudent;
- use the Track & trace QR code or paper slip.

If last Saturday evening / Sunday morning proves to be typical, then Saturday evening will be the busier of the two Masses by far: 110 v 70. But if the capacity of the church is c.350, then 110 – including couples and family groups – will mean that there is good deal of space for people to spread out. If you're able to attend on Sunday morning as easily as on Saturday evening, please do, to help even the numbers across both Masses. Thank you.

**Communion.** We will continue our present practice: please wait to be directed by the stewards.

**Collection.** There is a basket at the back of church for your offerings.

**Stewards.** Heartfelt thanks to our stewards in both churches, whose service has enabled us to open our churches for public Mass. We will continue to have stewards, not least as a welcoming presence as we enter church.

More stewards would be very helpful. If you're willing to take a turn, for Garstang contact Frank Miller, for Scorton contact Kevin Morley.

Thank you everyone, for your understanding and good will during this time.

*Fr Geoffrey*

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## Hymns at Mass

After the successful singing of hymns at the recent funerals, at Garstang we're introducing some hymns at Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning: a short one or a couple of verses at the beginning, and one towards the end of Holy Communion.

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## CAFOD Harvest Fast Day : 1 October

This year the focus is the Climate Crisis. As we have heard on the news a *Code Red for Humanity* has been issued. July was the hottest month ever in human history. To quote Pope Francis: "We are at the edge. We have the instruments; this is the moment to act. We are at the edge."

There will be several ways to donate to CAFOD this Harvest Fast Day:

- Through the Fast Day Envelope or the collection at Mass;
- Text giving through your phone; Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580.
- Give online at <https://cafod.org.uk>.

If it is possible for you, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. You may like to consider setting up a regular donation.

### *Reclaim Our Common Home*

You can also take action by signing CAFOD's online petition to the Prime Minister urging him to put people hardest hit at the heart of the COP26 Climate Talks: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>  
We are hoping to have some postcards available to sign and send, if you prefer: "The eyes of the world are upon us ..."

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## Fr Ted Gannon : welcome back

Fr Ted Gannon will be celebrating the Masses the weekends of 18-19 & 25-26 September. Ted is based in Keswick, from where he exercises his ministry of spiritual direction and prayer guidance.

You can read Ted's weekly reflections on his website: <https://tedgannon.com/>

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## Red Mission Boxes

These can now be collected from the church porch. If you wish to have your mission box emptied, please contact Celia Horn, directly or through the parish office.

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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, 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 Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

### **Those whose anniversary we keep:**

**12 - 19 September:** Eve Porteous, Julie Beatty, Teresa Swarbrick, Winnie Taylor, Michael Dias, Henry (Harry) Heyes, Mary McKevitt, Edward Brennan.

**19 - 26 September:** Norman Turton, William Eastham, Anne Birchall, Brian Campbell, James Coyne, John Billington, Arnold Hargreaves, William (Bill) Acton, Mary Watson, Thomas Swarbrick, Noreen Cummins, Anne Lister, Barbara Barton, Eric Fishwick, James Coyne.

**26 September - 3 October:** Mary Agnes Edwards, William Gerard Richmond, Bernard Joseph Swarbrick, Thomas Taylor, Jack Delaney, Richard Hall Gelderd, Eleanor Woodhams, Joseph Speight, Gerard Rigby, Hannah Wheatley, Mary Gertrude Green, Francis Eastham, William Greenall, Arthur Conlong, Gerald Whittaker.