

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 October 2024

Sat 5 G 6.00pm **Mass** William *anniv.* & Ellen Greenall *RIP*

Sun 6 S 8.30am **Mass** People of our parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Alice Oxby-Wood *lately dead* [v]

Mon 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

S 10.00am **Mass** Intentions of Philippa Catterall [cwl]

Tue 8 --

Wed 9 ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN *priest, religious founder*

G 6.30pm **Mass** Tomas Bernardo *RIP*

7.00pm **Rosary** *in our homes*

Thu 10 S 10.00am **Mass** Infirm clergy

Fri 11 St John XXIII *pope*

G 10.00am **Mass** Intentions of Rachael Mason [sp]

G 10.30am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 12 G 6.00pm **Mass** People of our parishes

Sun 13 S 8.30am **Mass** Austin Walmsley *RIP-birthday*

G 10.30am **Mass** Rita Whittaker *RIP*

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Harvest Appeal

Our Harvest Fast Day collection for CAFOD was **Friday 4 October**.

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Please give to CAFOD today or next week and you'll fund training, tools, equipment, and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential.

Use the envelope in church or give online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring boxes to be emptied to church this weekend. There are some boxes to be collected in the church porch.

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.

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 8 October**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

Diocesan Faith & Justice Commission

Lancaster Diocese Faith and Justice Commission is holding a *Bringing Communities Alive* event at the Cathedral Social Centre, Balmoral Road Lancaster LA1 3BT on **Saturday 12 October**, 10.00am-3.00pm. Speakers will include: Bishop Paul, Sir John Battle, and Clare Dixon from CAFOD.

You are welcome to attend for some or all of the day; please bring your lunch if you are attending over the lunchtime period; tea & coffee provided.

If you would like to register your interest to come along, please contact Sue Grubic, ldfjsue@gmail.com or by text on 07791-444417.

Parish Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 16 October**, 10.00am - 12 noon in the Plessington Chapel at SS Mary & Michael. If you're new to the parish, it's a good way to meet other parishioners. We look forward to welcoming you. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

St Thomas More and religious freedom

Join Lord Alton and Dr Marcus Cole for a free evening lecture exploring the legacy of the great saint and martyr of the English Reformation, St Thomas More, Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, **Friday 18 October**, 6.30pm.

Dr Cole is the Dean of Law at the University of Notre Dame and winner of the 2023 Becket Canterbury Medal for Religious Liberty. A drinks reception will follow. Registration required:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/st-thomas-more-and-religious-freedom/>

Diocesan Centenary Ball

To celebrate 100 years of our Diocese, enjoy an evening of dining, dancing, and fellowship, **Friday 3 January 2025**, 6.00pm, The Villa at Levens (formerly Brettargh Holt convent). Tickets are available now. For more information and to reserve your spot, please visit www.lancastercentenaryball.com or contact info@lancastercentenaryball.com.

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.

Transform Trade

Transform Trade (formerly Traidcraft Exchange) is a charity that supports producers around the world and fights for a fairer trade system.

They now have Traidcraft bulk toilet roll available online as well as greeting cards and Gifts for Life at www.transform-trade.org. You can visit www.traidcraft.org for the newly available Traidcraft tea - there is a link to purchase through "True Origin".

Homilies by Fr Anthony Keefe

Fr Anthony, now chaplain at the Monastery of Our Lady of Hying, Warton, has published a collection of the homilies he preached in Cloughton and Scorton. A copy for your inspection is at the back of church in Scorton. If you'd like to order one, £5, please add your name to the list.

The Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis

The diocese is launching a new Certificate in Catechesis to assist those engaged in this work in the parishes to deepen their understanding and grow closer in their relationship with the Lord.

This two-year course will be taught through online study with occasional in-person study days held at the Education Centre, Lancaster.

See the poster and leaflets at the back of church. Visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/lancaster>, or contact Jackie at the Education Centre, Jackie.broadley@lrkd.org.uk or 01524-841190.

Donations to St Mary & St Michael's : Stella Iddon

The parish gratefully acknowledges the receipt of **£73**, given in memory of our parishioner, the late Stella Iddon.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently.

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. Margaret McDonald, Edward Ross, Hugh Ferguson (25th anniversary), Gordon Watkins (10th anniversary), Alan John Carter, Joan Farnworth, Richard Wrennall, William (Bill) Hollis, Barry Speak, Rose Ellen Shorrocks, Margaret Horn, Kathleen Barnacle, Cecily Gornall, Florence McHale, Edward Pyke, Charles MacKenzie, Robert Richmond and Bill Backhouse.