

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families

13 October 2024

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| Sat 12 | G | 6.00pm | Mass | People of our parishes |
| Sun 13 | S | 8.30am | Mass | Austin Walmsley <i>RIP-birthday</i> |
| | G | 10.30am | Mass | Rita Whittaker <i>RIP</i> |
| Mon 14 | S | 10.00am | Mass | Intentions of Philippa Catterall [CWL] |
| Tue 15 | -- | | | |
| Wed 16 | | | | <i>No Mass this evening</i> |
| | | 7.00pm | Rosary | <i>in our homes</i> |
| Thu 17 | | | | St Ignatius of Antioch <i>bishop, martyr</i> |
| | S | 10.00am | Mass | Proctor Hall <i>RIP [KT]</i> |
| Fri 18 | | | | ST LUKE <i>apostle, evangelist</i> |
| | G | 10.00am | Mass | Infirm clergy |
| | G | 10.30am | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Day

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| Sat 19 | G | 6.00pm | Mass | Janet Pearson <i>anniversary</i> |
| Sun 20 | S | 8.30am | Mass | Monica Sanderson <i>RIP [MF]</i> |
| | G | 10.30am | Mass | People of our parishes |

Prayer for the Synod of Bishops

The second session of the Synod is now underway. Bishop Marcus Stock of Leeds and Archbishop John Wilson of Southwark are participants.

Pope Francis has requested the prayers of the whole Church during the Synod. In this month, dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, please consider offering a decade of the Rosary each week or each day to pray for the Church and for the members of the Synod.

The *National Catholic Reporter* is running a series of articles on the Synod: <https://www.ncronline.org/feature-series/synod-on-synodality/stories>

World Mission Day

Next Sunday, **20 October**, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to support *Missio*, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world.

To donate, use the *Missio* envelopes that will be available at church, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit www.missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Parish Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is 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*.

Talk by Sr Joan Chichester

Root & Branch Community for Reform is offering an opportunity to listen to a talk by Sr Joan Chichester from their recent lay-led gathering, *Empowering Ourselves*. **Thursday 17 October**, 8.00pm. "It's your name they are waiting for now."

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwuceusqj4iHNz-sqJjTQrX9RVJZ77vUBH3?xzm_rtaid=rDq9TtJSQPWCDQv0_TSI5Q.1728217298749.9c400f019ef2c5dd7af92cecfec95b62&xzm_rhtaid=450#/registration

For a round-up of the news articles following *Empowering Ourselves*, visit their website [here](#).

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 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/>

Online Scripture courses

The Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, is offering two online scripture courses this Autumn, **Tuesday evenings 5.30-7.00pm**:

The Gospel of Luke 6-9: Education for Discipleship: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/luke-6-9-education-for-discipleship-tickets-1007496458027

Beyond the Coat of many Colours: Reading the Joseph Narrative (Genesis 37-50). www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-the-coat-of-many-colours-reading-the-joseph-narrative-tickets-1007489607537

Parliament and assisted dying

There is likely to be a vote on assisted suicide in Parliament before Christmas. Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?* where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada.

Watch free online (you do not need a TV licence): www.righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead.

Letter of Pope Francis to Catholics of the Middle East

On the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, 7 October, Pope Francis wrote to the Catholics of the ancient communities in the Middle East, who are enduring great hardship and destruction.

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50804>

Persecution of Christians : Break the Silence

Aid to the Church in Need's *Break the Silence* podcast is available on [YouTube](#) and across all the popular podcast platforms.

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 Claughton 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@lrcd.org.uk or 01524-841190.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Patrick O'Hanlon (father of Kevin).

Those who are ill or infirm. Steve Masterman, Rita Marley, Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, 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.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Edward Pyke, Charles MacKenzie, Robert Richmond, Bill Backhouse, Mary Constance (Connie) Acton, John Simpson, Elizabeth Pedder, Joseph Speight, John Waring, Lucas Backhouse, Isabel Berry, Peter Ibison, Robert (Bob) Fenna, John Dickinson, Bert Addison, Janet Pearson, Edward Swarbrick, Bob Thompson and Catherine Price (10th anniversary).