

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Day

20 October 2024

Sat 19	G	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Janet Pearson <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 20	S	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Monica Sanderson <i>RIP [MF]</i>
	G	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
Mon 21	S	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Robert & Agnes Thompson <i>RIP</i>
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Wed 23	G	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	John Bolton <i>anniversary</i>
		7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 24	S	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
Fri 25	G	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Peter Johnson <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
	S	12 noon	<b>Wedding of Caris Lake &amp; Nick Turner</b>	

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 26	G	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Marjorie Drake <i>anniversary [JW]</i>
Sun 27	S	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Violet Walmsley <i>anniversary</i>

## 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 : special collection

This 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 are available at church, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

## Special collection : Sick & Retired Priests

Next weekend, **26-27 October**, we have the annual collection to support and care for the sick and retired priests in our diocese. Each parish is levied for this, to ensure sufficient funding.

Thank you for your donations. Please be generous.

## 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](http://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](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-the-coat-of-many-colours-reading-the-joseph-narrative-tickets-1007489607537)

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## New Lectionary

The Bishops of England & Wales, and Scotland, have authorised a new edition of the Lectionary – the collection of scripture texts used at Mass and in the celebration of the sacraments, funerals, and so on. This comes into use on the First Sunday of Advent.

The copies have now arrived and are on display in church for you to take a look. In Garstang, they are on the altar rails; in Scorton, they are on the table at the back of church. The cost of the lectionaries is £590.75; the Book of the Gospels is £233.75. Any donations would be very welcome.

As well as expanding the collection of readings to include recent saints and feasts that have been added to the calendar, our bishops have decided to use a different translation to the one we have been using. We will now have the *English Standard Version*, which I understand to be a conservative updating of the older *Revised Standard Version*.

Interestingly, the Bishops of Ireland, after consulting the parishes, opted to produce a new edition of the Lectionary with Australia and New Zealand, using the latest version of the *Jerusalem Bible* translation that we have been using for the last fifty-five years.

Several publishers are advertising hand Missals for your personal use: Hodder, Redemptorist, CTS. Those of you who like to have your own might like to wait a year until any editorial or proof-reading errors have been corrected. In the meantime, for weekdays there is the *Magnificat* publication, for Sundays, the *St Paul Sunday Missal*. For those who wish, I'll be ordering copies of the latter in the coming weeks. Fr G

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## Letter of Pope Francis to Catholics of the Middle East

Pope Francis has recently written to the Catholics of the ancient communities in the Middle East, who are enduring great hardship and destruction. <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50804>

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## SVP : many thanks

SVP members would like to thank everyone, once again, for their generous donations to the recent collection. A total of **£437.50** was received (including £105 from Scorton). We've recently bought food vouchers for the Food Bank at Ingol where there is great need, whilst also supporting Garstang Food Bank. Thank you, again, for your continued support with our work.

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## 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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead).

Cardinal Vincent Nicols has written a Pastoral Letter on the subject: [www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/10/241013-Pastoral-Letter-VN-Assisted-Suicide.pdf](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/10/241013-Pastoral-Letter-VN-Assisted-Suicide.pdf). Some copies are at the back of church.

There are resources on the Bishops' Conference website that explain why the Church opposes assisted suicide, provide answers to FAQs, enable us to contact our MP quickly and easily, provide resources on hospice and end-of-life care, and more. See: [www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/)

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## 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.

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## Please pray for ...

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

**Those who are ill or infirm.** John Poulton, Fr Tony Walsh, 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 Swarbrick, Bob Thompson, Catherine Price (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Anne Miller, Bert Addison, John Joseph Reid, Canon Arthur Fleming, Margaret Hargreaves, John Bolton, Harold Rawlinson, Agnes Thompson (20<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Shaun Foley, Mgr Gregory Turner, Frank Newsham, Conrad Christian Maule, Ellen Ormerod, Mary Pemberton and Violet Walmsley (15<sup>th</sup> anniversary).