

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 October 2022

Sat 15	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun 16	S	8.30am	Mass	Monica Sanderson <i>RIP</i> [MF]
	G	10.30am	Mass	Betty Carter <i>lately dead</i> [PC]
Mon 17	<b>St Ignatius of Antioch</b> <i>bishop, martyr</i>			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Peter Johnson <i>RIP</i>
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Wed 19	G	6.30pm	Mass	Mary Winstanley <i>RIP</i>
Thu 20	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr James Matthews <i>RIP</i>
	G	6.30pm	Mass with the Catenians	<i>all welcome</i>
	Deceased members			
Fri 21	G	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving for prayers answered [HL]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for World Mission

Sat 22	G	6.00pm	Mass	Peter Ibison <i>RIP-birthday</i>
Sun 23	S	8.30am	Mass	Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes

### SVP : special collection

This weekend, **15-16 October**, there will be a collection to support the local work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. "We are beginning to plan how we support those in need at Christmas. Please be as generous as you are able."

### Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 18 October**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

### The Parish? The Now and Future Church

This ACTA National Conference will take place through Zoom, **Saturday 22 October**, 10.30am-4.30pm.

This year's Conference will examine the role and function of the parish in a technological, post-Covid world. How will our sense of parish be shaped by our experience of synodality? What changes are needed for the parish to be the prophetic voice in our communities? How do we manage ministry in a parish in the coming years?

The principal speaker will be Dr Phyllis Zagano, Senior Research Associate-in-Residence, Hofstra University, New York. She was appointed by Pope Francis to the Commission studying the role of women in the diaconate.

Issues of development and formation (of clergy and laity) were raised in the vast majority of diocesan submissions. There will be reports from the Archdiocese of Liverpool, the Diocese of Salford and the Archdiocese of Cardiff on how they plan to take forward some of these key issues.

All Zoom Conference donations will be forwarded to Dr Zagano's chosen charity. Free for everyone under 25 and those on benefits.

Register your interest at: <https://www.acalltoaction.org.uk>

### Tea & Coffee

On **Sunday 23 October**, members of the SVP will be serving tea & coffee after 10.30am Mass.

### 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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## Communion from the chalice

One of the many great gifts of renewal of the Second Vatican Council was reintroducing the option of receiving Holy Communion from the chalice, faithful to our Lord's command at the Last Supper, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it."

Receiving Holy Communion in this way has been common in our country for the last several decades. Until Covid.

We have had no guidance from the bishops regarding the re-introduction of communion from the chalice, and I suspect that it will not be forthcoming.

**Beginning the weekend of 22-23 October**, whenever possible, and in both parishes, the chalice will be offered to members of the congregation (who will be free to receive from it or not).

Remember, though, that when the rim of the chalice is wiped with a clean purificator after each communicant, the vast majority of bacteria are removed. Wine also has a disinfectant quality, as does the precious metal of the chalices.

**At Garstang**, also beginning the weekend of 22-23 October, we will resume our pre-Covid distribution of Communion: I and a Minister will stand in front of the main altar, two Ministers will stand before the Lady Altar. You are invited to process to Communion **beginning at the front of church and returning to your place via the same aisle**. For the first few weeks, our gallant stewards will assist in this.

**Receiving from the chalice:** As when receiving the Host, please make a bow of reverence before receiving the Chalice. After responding "Amen" to the Minister, take the chalice securely in both hands, take a sip, and hand it back to the Minister. I'm conscious that several of our younger parishioners have made their First Holy Communion when we were unable to offer the Chalice. If they are now going to do so, may I ask their parents to prepare their children to receive in this way, as described just above.

**Additional ministers:** In both parishes, additional Ministers of Holy Communion would be very welcome. Perhaps you've previously served elsewhere, or haven't served before. For Garstang, contact Frank Miller, for Scorton, contact Denise Morley.

Many thanks, everyone. Fr Geoffrey

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## Imagine

On the first Wednesday of each month, 8.00pm, there is an opportunity to pray imaginatively with others through zoom. Called *Imagine*, it is based on an Ignatian approach to encountering God through imagination. Usually based on the Sunday gospel. There is opportunity to meet and speak with a few other people in a small group before the main event of the prayer. For the prayer itself, you can turn off your camera and relax for half an hour of meditation. No booking or charge. All are welcome.

Here's the link to the last one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=if6Ec7uRXYs>

For future meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81534467879?pwd=c1FzYnd0RHoxdE5FYkp1MXdZUTBnUT09>

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## Henry Lamoury : update

"Margaret and I would like to thank all for their kind wishes, thoughts, and prayers during my recent operation. We have no doubt that all this has helped us to come through the pressures and anxieties of the last few months. With our love to you all. Henry & Margaret."

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Brenda Lowe (sister-in-law of Bert), Fr John Michael Walsh, Patricia Atkins.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, Oonagh Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, 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:** Lucas A Backhouse (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Isabel Berry, Peter Ibson, John Dickinson, Bert Addison, Janet Pearson, Edward Swarbrick, Bob Thompson, Catherine Price, Anne Miller, Bert Addison, John Joseph Reid, Canon Arthur Fleming and Margaret Hargreaves.