

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Second Sunday in Lent

25 February 2024

Sat	24	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Ints. of Ted Richardson <i>100<sup>th</sup> birthday</i>
Sun	25	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Betty Ball <i>anniversary</i>
Mon	26	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Infirm clergy
Tue	27	--			
Wed	28	<i>No Mass this evening</i>			
Thu	29	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Peter Johnson <i>RIP</i>
Fri	1	<b>ST DAVID</b> <i>bishop, religious, patron of Wales</i>			
		<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Neal Walmsley <i>RIP-birthday</i> & Diane Pattinson <i>RIP</i>
		<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	

## Third Sunday of Lent

Sat	2	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Tim & Helen Forshaw <i>40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.</i>
Sun	3	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Tony Hall <i>anniversary</i>

## Cafod Family Fast Day : Lent appeal

Please return your Cafod fast day envelope this weekend.

This Lent, your donations to Cafod's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies. Give today using the envelope or <https://cafod.org.uk/give> and please join in praying for Cafod's development and emergency response work all over the world.

## HCPT Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes : cake sale

"This Easter we will be travelling to Lourdes with HCPT Group 72 as part of the Children's pilgrimage. To assist with fundraising, we will be selling cakes after each of the Masses this weekend, **24-25 February**. Thank you." *Debbie, Roisin & Brendan McCann.*

## Tea & coffee

All welcome for tea & coffee after 10.30am Mass **this Sunday, 25 February**.

## Ecumenical Prayer for Schools

All are welcome to gather to pray for our schools, **Friday 1 March**, 2.00-3.00pm, St Mary & St Michael's.

## Day of renewal

*The invisible Father* (Colossians 1.15), is the theme of a day of renewal offered at St Clare's Parish Hall, Preston PR2 9HH, **Saturday 2 March**, 10.00am-4.00pm, beginning with Mass at 10.00am. Led by Gary Stephens. Please take a packed lunch; tea & coffee available. For more information: Christine, 07745-009694; Annette, 07954-429333.

## Talk from Our Lady's Lancaster : Uganda24 Project

Next weekend, **2-3 March**, students from Our Lady's Catholic College will be speaking briefly at the Masses about their Uganda Schools Project. There will be a collection for anyone who would like to donate - no matter how small. Thank you for your support.

## Liturgy of Reconciliation

We will celebrate the Lenten Liturgy of Reconciliation for our parishes on **Saturday 16 March**, 10.00am, at Garstang.

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## Ignatian Prayer and Discernment

An introduction to these helpful Christian approaches. **Tuesday 5 March, 11.30am-3.00pm**, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall PR5 5AA. Led by Donna Worthington, <https://www.christianretreats.live/>. For bookings: 01772-335387 or [office@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk).

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## Lenten lunches, Garstang

Supported by *Christians Together in Garstang*, the lunches take place in Garstang URC Hall, Croston Road, 12noon-1.00pm, each of the six Wednesdays in Lent, **to 20 March**.

Enjoy a meal of soup, bread & cheese in a warm & friendly environment. Donate the cost of your lunch, if you are able, to Christian Aid. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer.

Three parishioners have kindly volunteered to help when it is our turn, 20 March. *Thank you*. If other parishioners can make soup that day, please contact Philippa C on 238331.

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## Thanks from Chivuna

I once more extend our gratitude for your sacrifice of sending baby clothes. We had an incident today. We had a twin delivery; one was born at home and when the other one failed to come out at home they decided to come to our facility and the other twin was delivered three hours later as they come from a neighbouring clinic. The root cause of her delivering at home is lack of birth preparedness. There were no clothes for the babies. The mother only had two old nappies.

The other mother also delivered on the way to the clinic and didn't have baby clothes as well. I had to rush and look for baby clothes. Our three babies have something to wear.

We are so grateful for your support with baby clothes. May God continue blessing you. With kind regards, *Sr Mutinta*. (Photos at the back of church.)

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## Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Liz Rowlandson and Noreen Hargreaves for being our February winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

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## Cake sale : *many thanks*

"I wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who bought a cake or gave me a donation at the cake sale after Mass on Sunday 28 January. Everyone was so lovely and the cake sale raised £142 which was absolutely amazing and has really helped me get close to the fundraising target for my Girl Guides trip to Sweden.

Thank you so much to everyone and I hope you liked the cakes!"

*Isla Sweeney*

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## Resources for Lent

A great collection of online resources for Lent: talks, retreats, Stations of the Cross, and so on: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/49111>.

Also, you might like to make a spiritual journey with Pope Francis: <https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/eight-days-pope>

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who are marrying.** Katie Smith & Sam Johnson, marrying in Middlesbrough, Thursday 29 February.

**Those who have died recently.** Aileen Toole, Paul Rigg, Dick Gornall, Mary McCann.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** 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, Pat Errington, 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.** Grace Barton, Frank Richardson, Catherine Eastham, Agnes St John Frith, Dorothea Agnes Mary Rafferty, Neil Brady, Tom Rawlinson, Neil McLaughlin, Christine Ackers, Rev Robert Turpin (Builder of SSMJ Church), Teresa Smith, Josephine Wright, Eileen Fenna, Frank Moreland, Teresa Langley, James Foy, Ruth Curwen, Pauline Lord, Robert Waddington, Richard Dodd, Donald Slater, Ellen Greenall, Margaret Mary Holden, John Foley, Eileen Gleeson and Sister Catherine Waring.