

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

21 January 2024

Sat 20 G 6.00pm **Mass** Sheila Murphy *RIP-birthday*

Sun 21 S 8.30am **Mass** People of our Parishes

G 10.30am **Mass** Ian Shepherd *RIP*

12 noon **Burial of Ashes : Ian Shepherd**

*No Mass, Monday or Tuesday*

Wed 24 G 6.30pm **Mass** Matt Pedder *RIP*

*No Mass, Thursday or Friday*

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Racial Justice

Sat 27 G 6.00pm **Mass** Mary Agnes Ibison *anniversary*

Sun 28 S 8.30am **Mass** Alan Webber *lately dead* [Y]

G 10.30am **Mass** Jean 1<sup>st</sup> *anniv.* & John Andrews *RIP*

*No Mass, Monday or Tuesday*

**Wed 31 St John Bosco** *priest, religious founder, educator*

G 6.30pm **Mass** Berney Murphy-Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> *anniversary*

Thu 1 S 10.00am **Mass** John McArdle *anniversary* [DR]

## Fri 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

G 10.00am **Mass** Martha & John Bashall *RIP* [HF]

G 10.30am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 3 G 6.00pm **Mass** People of our Parishes

Sun 4 S 8.30am **Mass** Fr Stephen Cooney *lately dead* [Y]

G 10.30am **Mass** Caroline & Elaine Spratt *RIP* [R]

### Many thanks ...

... to Fr John Gibson, who will be celebrating the Masses on Wednesday and the weekend of 27-28 January, while Fr G is taking his post-Christmas break.

### Climbing St Walburge's spire

The spire of St Walburge's church, Preston, is the tallest church spire in England. There's an opportunity to climb the 172-steps, 309 feet, 94 metre, and enjoy the views of the city and surrounding countryside. Those heading up later will catch the sunset and see the cityscape at night.

**Saturdays 20 & 27 January**, 1.00pm-5.00pm. Children aged seven and over are allowed if accompanied by an adult. All proceeds from the tours go to the restoration and maintenance of St Walburge's. Tickets are £12 and available from [Ticket Tailor](#).

### Men's trainers?

If you have any pairs of these spare, a box for collection will be at the back of church in Garstang, near the stairs, until **Sunday 28 January**. At Scorton, you can leave them near the stairs up to the organ loft.

They will be forwarded to the *Jesuit Refugee Service* who have an ongoing need. Thank you for the pairs of trainers received so far.

### Cake sale

Isla Sweeney, age 13, is fundraising to support a trip with Garstang Girl Guides to Sweden, where she will be carrying out volunteer work with local communities. Isla will be running a cake stall after Mass, **Sunday 28 January**, when tea & coffee will also be served. Please do stay and buy some cake, any donations to Isla's fundraising would be very gratefully received; and she is an excellent baker!

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### Sunday tea & coffee

We're currently able to offer tea & coffee after 10.30am Sunday Mass once a month. It's a valuable social opportunity, and it would be lovely if we could offer this more often.

If you'd like to help, please contact Marie Pearson, directly or through the parish office. *Thank you.*

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### Our parish primary school

"Bishop Paul's vision is that all Catholic schools in our diocese will be part of a multi-academy Trust by 2025. This is to ensure our Catholic faith is protected and remains the centre of what we do in schools. The governors had made the decision that school is now ready to start our academisation journey and the consultation process will start on 22 January.

"There is a meeting on the 1 February at 3.30pm in the school hall. This is a very exciting new future for our school. Thank you, Mrs Luena Archibald, Head Teacher."

Copies of the letter from Mrs Archibald and our Chair of Governors, Mr Paul McCann, are available at the back of both our churches.

The full set of documentation is on our school's website: <https://www.st-mary-st-michael.lancs.sch.uk/mater-ecclesiae-multi-academy-trust/>

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### First Holy Communion 2024 : candidates : helpers

If your child was born before September 2016 and you'd like to help them prepare for their First Holy Communion, please request an application form from our parish school office or e-mail the presbytery.

Please return your completed application form to the presbytery by the evening of **Sunday 18 February**. Thank you. Fr Geoffrey & Mrs Luena Archibald.

This year we are looking for volunteers to help prepare our young parishioners for Reconciliation and Holy Communion. If you are willing to be involved in this, please contact Helen Crone, directly or by e-mail, [helencrone@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helencrone@hotmail.co.uk).

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### Lenten lunches, Garstang

Are you willing to co-ordinate our turn of the Lenten Lunches with Sally Watson of the URC? Date to be chosen. Please contact Philippa on 01995 238331 or [mpcatterall@btinternet.com](mailto:mpcatterall@btinternet.com). *Thank you.*

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### Bishop Paul in the Tablet

In the *Tablet*, 11 January 2024, Bishop Paul reflected on the trials and joy of his ministry. You can register to read the article free of charge, and some copies are available at the back of church. Please read and return.

<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/features/2/23896/behind-the-mitre-i-felt-aware-of-being-chosen->

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### Tuesday morning prayer

A small group of Christians from different churches gather at St Thomas', Garstang, for Morning Prayer on **Tuesdays**, 8.55-9.25am. *All welcome.*

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### Ways into prayer

Here's an initiative from the Diocese of Southwark:

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer>

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### Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Mary Josephine Davis, Rita Whittaker.

**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, Mary McCann, 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. 21-28 January.** Elizabeth McGolderick, Thomas F. McNicholas, Jim Bamber, Ben Kelsall, Belle Metcalf, Thomas Bamber, Hugh Grimbaldeston, John (Jack) Hornby, John Thomas Graham, Richard Hargreaves, John McArdle, Edwin Curwen and Jeanie Richmond.

**28 January - 4 February.** Ruth Fairey, William (Bill) Myerscough, Tony Waters, Joan Finlay, Robert Edwin Brown, Rev Francis Carr, Alice Winstanley, Robert Tomlinson, Michael McBride, Agnes Evans, Tony Derbyshire, Elizabeth Cook, Harold Harwood, Ernest Cecil Clark Firth, Molly Walmsley, David Anthony Pyke (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Kathleen Myerscough, Marino Habeishy, Carmen Christancho, Enrique Escobar, Marino Lemos and Hannah Marie Swarbrick.