

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 October 2024

Sat 26	G	6.00pm	Mass	Marjorie Drake <i>anniversary</i> [JW]
Sun 27	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Violet Walmsley <i>anniversary</i>
Mon 28	SS SIMON & JUDE <i>apostles</i>			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Special Intention
Tue 29	--			
Wed 30	G	6.30pm	Mass	Intentions of Jack Garner <i>100th birthday</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 31	S	10.00am	Mass	Canon Tim Sullivan <i>RIP</i>

All Saints

Thu 31	G	6.30pm	Mass	Neal Walmsley <i>anniv.</i> & Diane Pattinson <i>RIP</i>
Fri 1	S	10.00am	Mass	Catterall family <i>RIP</i>

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 2	G	6.00pm	Mass	Gordon Johnson <i>anniversary</i>
Sun 3	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Don Porteous <i>2nd anniversary</i>

Special collection : Sick & Retired Priests

This 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.

Bishop Paul on the crisis in Sudan

It is over 500 days since the start of the civil war in Sudan. The war has escalated; approximately 150,000 people have died in the fighting, and more than 10 million have fled their homes. Aid agencies are struggling to deliver the food needed to prevent mass starvation.

Bishop Paul, Lead Bishop for Africa for the Bishops' Conference, has expressed his solidarity with the people of Sudan who continue to suffer the effects of war.

Some copies of his statement are at the back of church, and can be found online here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-swarbrick-sudan-a-humanitarian-catastrophe-that-can-no-longer-be-ignored/>

Month of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

After 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 3 November**, there will be prayers in the cemetery at Fr Hickey's memorial for all who are buried there, our own departed family and friends, and fellow-parishioners.

During the month of November, at Garstang our *Book of Remembrance* will be placed under the altar, and a candle lit during each Mass.

You are welcome to add names to the book, currently in the Lady Chapel.

Parish Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parishioners (new and old!) who donated £108 to *Mary's Meals* at the October event. This amount will feed five children in Africa every day for a school year.

The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday **20 November**, 10am until 12 noon in the Plessington Chapel at Garstang, raising funds to support *Hospice Africa*.

We look forward to seeing you there: do come along, we're a friendly bunch. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

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. Many thanks indeed to the parishioner who has paid for the lectionaries at Garstang.

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 there's the *CTS Sunday Missal 2025*. Fr G

Sunday Missal 2025

If you'd like a personal copy of the 2025 edition of the *CTS Sunday Missal*, cost £9.95: e-mail the parish office, phone and leave a message, or post a note through the letter box. Deadline for orders: **Sunday 17 November**.

(It looks like St Paul are now only producing their annual Missal for Ireland.)

BIG Quiz 2

Date for your diaries: **Saturday 30 November**, 7.30-10.00pm, SSMM School Hall, Garstang. After the success of Big Quiz 1 we are looking forward to another enjoyable evening of family fun. Christmas themed questions, Jacob's Join, Raffle, Prizes (donations of raffle prizes gratefully received). Entry: £1 per person. Proceeds to charity. All welcome. Tell your friends!

Garstang Parish Draw : October winners

Congratulations to Vee Bolton and an anonymous winner, who have donated their winnings back to the Parish. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

Parliament and assisted dying

There is likely to be a vote in the coming weeks. 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: 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. 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/

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. John Poulton, Patrick O'Hanlon.

Those who are ill or infirm. Bob Tomlinson, 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 Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Ellen Ormerod, Mary Pemberton, Violet Walmsley (15th anniversary), Ann Helena Grayston, Agnes Dixon, Ann Harwood, Sarah Davis, Tony Moreland, Peggy Hodgson, John McNulty, Neal John Walmsley, Donald (Don) Porteous, Ignatius Bullen, William Stopforth, Lawrence Lord, Zona Rigby, Dorothy Robertson, Cath Morris, and Thomas Wilding.