

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 November 2024

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 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>anniversary</i>
Mon	4	<b>St Charles Borromeo</b> <i>bishop</i>			
		S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Philippa Catterall [cwl]
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Wed	6	G	5.30pm	<b>Funeral Vigil : John Poulton</b>	
			6.30pm	Mass	Special Intention [AC]
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b> <i>in our homes</i>	
Thu	7	G	11.00am	<b>Funeral Mass : John Poulton</b>	
Fri	8	G	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Frank Carter
		G	10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday

Sat	9	G	6.00pm	Mass	Peter Ibison <i>RIP</i>
Sun	10	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Canon Tim Sullivan <i>RIP</i>

### Month of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

After 10.30am Mass **this 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.

### Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 5 November**, 6.30pm, in the Plessington Chapel. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

### The Coming of our God : talks for Advent

The London Jesuit Centre is offering online Scripture study to prepare for Advent. **Five Wednesdays, beginning 6 November**, 11.00am or 7.00pm.

[www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org).

### Remembrance concert

St Peter's church, Scorton, will be hosting their annual Remembrance Concert featuring Lancashire Youth Brass Band, **Saturday 9 November**, 7.00pm. There will be refreshments served afterwards and all are welcome.

It is a ticketed event and prices are: adult £7, senior £5, child £3. To book please email [contact@unitedparish.co.uk](mailto:contact@unitedparish.co.uk)

### 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.)

### Mass for the deceased clergy of the Diocese

Bishop Paul will offer Mass for all the deceased clergy of the diocese, **Tuesday 19 November**, 12.15pm, St Peter's Cathedral. All are invited to gather with the Bishop to pray for those priests and deacons, now departed, who have shared in our life of faith. The Mass will be followed by the blessing of the Cathedral graveyard.

## 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 is on **Wednesday 20 November**, 10am - 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*.

## The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Mary's, Newhouse, is hosting a special Rosary service, **Thursday 21 November**, 2.00pm, followed by tea, coffee, and biscuits. All welcome. Station Lane, Barton PR3 5DY. See the posters for all the details.

## Be still and know that I am God

Join Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, for this retreat exploring the human condition with practices common to mindfulness and to Christian contemplative prayer. The retreat will seek to reclaim those practices that share common ground with the tradition of apophatic prayer and theology rooted in the monastic and the Eastern Orthodox traditions. **21-24 November**, the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst. For more information and to register:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

## 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!

## CAFOD-DEC Middle East humanitarian appeal

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

## CAFOD Fast Day collection : many thanks ...

... to everyone who donated to the parish collections. **£824.86** was raised at Garstang and **£45** at Scorton. Plus donations made directly and online.

Thank you for your continuing generosity to CAFOD.

## 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](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/)

## Please pray for ...

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

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Fr Alf Parker, Deacon Michael Dolan, 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 Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** Dorothy Robertson, Cath Morris, Thomas Wilding, Alfred Leigh, Jessie Horn, Mary (Molly) Taylor, May Dilworth, Rose Parker, Edwin Ball, William Critchley, John Carter, Alice Jennings, William Gordon Johnson, James McDonald, Anne Rawlinson, Terry McCann (15<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Josephine Monica Seton, and Ian Shepherd.