

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 November 2021

### Liturgies this week

Sat	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of David & Angela Carr [PG]
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Freda Gidlow <i>lately dead</i> [V]
Mon	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Michelle Feeney <i>lately dead</i> [PG]
Tue		---	<b>Mass</b>	
Wed	<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	George Singleton <i>anniversary</i>
		7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Infirm Clergy
Fri	<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Janet Pearson <i>RIP</i>
		10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
Sat	<b>G</b>	12.15pm	<b>Baptism</b>	<b>Frederick Thomas Wells</b>

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday

Sat	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Freda Gidlow <i>RIP</i>
Sun	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
	<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	In thanksgiving: Pat & Jim Costain [SVP]

### COP26 : pray for those taking part

Please pray for the success of the UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, **to 12 November**. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please take one and pray that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see [cafod.org.uk/COP26](http://cafod.org.uk/COP26)

There is a daily blog on the Catholic website: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/>

For further suggestions for prayer: [www.cafod.org.uk/cop26intercessions](http://www.cafod.org.uk/cop26intercessions). Also a link to Climate Rosary at [www.cafod.org.uk/climaterosary](http://www.cafod.org.uk/climaterosary).

*Holy Spirit, inspire all political leaders at COP26; instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

### Keep Smiling Through

A concert to commemorate Armistice Day 2021 with the Lancashire Youth Brass Band, **Saturday 13 November**, 7.00pm, St Peter's Church, Scorton. Tickets £7, £5 and £3, available from the Spar/Post office or contact: [unitedparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:unitedparishoffice@gmail.com), 01529-791229. Wine, tea, coffee, soft refreshments; licensed bar for wines and ale.

### St Paul Sunday Missal 2022

If you'd like a personal copy of the 2022 edition of the St Paul Sunday Missal, cost £6.00, depending on the numbers ordered: e-mail the parish office, phone and leave a message, or post a note through the letter box.

Deadline for orders: **21 November**.

### Music for Advent at Garstang

At the start of the church's new year, we'll reintroduce singing the acclamations in the Eucharistic Prayer; *Celtic Liturgy* (revised), Holy holy; We proclaim your death, O Lord; Through him, with him, ... Amen.

The pattern of music at Sunday Mass will be: Week 1 of the month, no hymns, unaccompanied sung Gospel Acclamation etc. Week 2: organ. Week 3: singers & musicians. Week 4: organ.

**Rehearsal for Advent.** Anyone who plays an instrument or sings and who is interested in becoming involved with the music for Advent is invited to come to a rehearsal after 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 21 November**.

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## Pope Francis and the synodal journey

Claire Watkins, reader in Ecclesiology and Practical Theology, University of Roehampton, and Director of the Theology Action Research Network, wrote in the *Tablet*, 23 October 2021: "We need only ask, in prayer, this: where is the Spirit at work in the world? And how can we join in?"

Various materials are available on the website of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: [https://www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletters+221021](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Newsletters+221021)

On this link you will find other documentation about the pathway ahead.

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## Christmas Masses at Scorton

We will not be operating a booking system this year. Our Masses will be:

- Saturday 25 December, Christmas Day, 8.30am.
- Sunday 26 December, Boxing Day, 8.30am.

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## Christmas Masses at Garstang

Our Christmas Masses this year will be as follows:

- Friday 24 December, Christmas Eve, 6.00pm & 10.00pm.
- Saturday 25 December, Christmas Day, 10.30am. (No Saturday evening Mass.)
- Sunday 26 December, Boxing Day, 10.30am.

We are mindful that we want our liturgies to be safe for all who attend. Current mitigations against the virus will remain in place: hand sanitiser will be available as you enter the church, and our Bishops ask that face coverings continue to be worn by all who can and who are over 12 years of age.

In order to plan for this, we will be allocating seating, as we did last year, for the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There will be a maximum capacity of 200 for each Mass. There will be two households per bench with a maximum of four persons. For extended family households with children, this maximum can be up to seven per bench. Booking slips will be available soon at all Masses and later from the parish website.

Please be aware that fire regulations mean that we can no longer use the balcony in the church and there can be no standing in the narthex or at the back of the church.

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## Red Wednesday

Your chance to say NO to Christian persecution and NO to religious persecution and to use your voice to call for change. This year the focus is on the kidnap, forced marriage and conversion, rape and sexual enslavement of Christian women and girls.

Organised by *Aid to the Church in Need*, **Wednesday 24 November**. To add your voice please visit <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/>

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## Bird tables : open to offers

In the porch at Garstang are two handmade bird tables: wood not treated, legs & main stem new wood, remainder is good quality recycled timber.

The tables have been identified as A and B. Offers over £35, please, for parish funds; be sure to indicate your preferred table. There's a box in which to place your offers. Closing date: end of November.

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## Parish Christmas cards ...

... will be on sale in the Plessington chapel **from 20-21 November**.

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## Garstang tower

More photographs have been added to our website: <https://www.ssmaryandmichaels-garstang.org.uk/gallery/2021/refurbishment-of-the-church-tower.html>.

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Lucas Backhouse, Bill Hollis.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Gordon Johnson, Pat Kennedy, David Carr, Caroline Nurse, Roger Boden, Caroline Rigby, Josie Higham, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Phyllis Steel, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Marie Swarbrick, Peter Holland, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

**Those whose anniversary we keep:** Alice Jennings, James McDonald, Annie Rawlinson, Terry McCann, Josephine Monica Seton, Joseph Smith, Elizabeth Minnie Fitzpatrick, Edward Cunney, Anne Gelderd, Johnson Cook, Jim Costello, Margaret Ward, William Helme, Louis Gornall and Angela Wallbank.