

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

19 November 2023

Sat	18	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Isabelle Gerrard <i>lately dead</i> [A]
Sun	19	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Jack Mather <i>lately dead</i>
Mon	20	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Intentions of Yvonne Vincent [ES]
Tue	21	--			
<b>Wed</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>St Cecilia</b> <i>virgin, martyr</i>			
		<b>G</b>	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Brian Hargreaves <i>anniversary</i>
Thu	23	<b>S</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Margaret & Richard Gelderd <i>RIP</i>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Ss Andrew Dung-Lac</b> <i>priest, martyr,</i> <b>&amp; his companions</b> <i>martyrs of Vietnam</i>			
		<b>G</b>	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Joe O'Connor <i>lately dead</i> [ES]
			10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
Sat	25	<b>S</b>	12 noon	<b>Baptism : Scarlett Hope Flesher</b>	

## Christ the King

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	25	<b>G</b>	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Maureen Pyke <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	26	<b>S</b>	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Fr Joe O'Connor <i>lately dead</i> [TR]
		<b>G</b>	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our Parishes

## St Paul Sunday Missal 2024

If you'd like a personal copy of the 2024 edition of the St Paul Sunday Missal, cost £8.00: e-mail the parish office, phone and leave a message, or post a note through the letter box. Deadline for orders: **19 November**.

## Christmas cards & gifts ...

... will be on sale in the church shop at Garstang from this Sunday. All profits to parish funds.

## Deanery Mass

On **Tuesday 21 November**, 12.15pm, in Lancaster cathedral, there will be Mass for all deceased clergy who have served in our deanery. All welcome.

## Concert of choral and instrumental music

At St Thomas's Parish Church, Garstang, **Wednesday 22 November**, 7.00pm. Suggested donation, £5, to include refreshments during interval. All proceeds to church funds.

## The ministry of women in the Catholic Church

An international symposium on Women and Diaconia: The Ministry of Women and Diaconal Ordination in the Catholic Church, hosted by the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology and the Faculty of Divinity at the University of Cambridge from **Friday 24 November** 5.00pm to **Saturday 25 November**, 5.30pm. Online participation available:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-ministry-of-women-and-diaconal-ordination-in-the-catholic-church-tickets-545983400047?aff=oddtcreator>

## Special collection next weekend : Diocesan Youth Services

Next weekend is the annual collection to support the work of our Diocesan Youth Services, and the team based at Castlerigg Manor, Keswick.

There will be a second collection plate at the back of both churches.

## Dates for your diary

- Advent Liturgy of Reconciliation, **Saturday 9 December**, 10.00am, SSMM.
- Concert by Lancaster Singers and children from our school, **Tuesday 12 December**, 7.30pm, SSMM.

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## Authorised Person for Scorton?

Are you interested in being the Authorised Person for marriages at St Mary and St James, Scorton?

The person enables marriages to take place without the need for a registrar to be present; usually two marriages a year. Training and support from the Lancaster Registration Office is provided.

For more information: please have a chat with Fr Geoffrey, or email Patrick at [PatHeinz@pm.me](mailto:PatHeinz@pm.me).

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## CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian crisis appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, and emergency shelter to those in need.

Purchasing the [Winter Survival Kit](#) from the CAFOD website or World Gifts catalogue can support communities experiencing the terrible impact of this conflict as the weather gets colder. Thank you for your prayers.

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## Faith resources for children

New items are available from the Children's Library at the back of church in Garstang, including Faith in Phonics books for early readers, puzzles, and colouring.

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## Christmas Masses

The way Christmas falls this year, our Masses will be as follows:

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 23 December, 6.00pm, Garstang.

Sunday, 24 December, 8.30am, Scorton; 10.30am, Garstang.

### Christmas

Sunday, 24 December, 6.00pm, Garstang.

Monday, 25 December, 8.30am, Scorton; 10.30am, Garstang.

(A priest may not celebrate more than three Masses in one day.)

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## Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to our November winners: Nan Horn and Shelagh Cooney. Do you want to join in? Join now to be included in our extra draw for Christmas and the remaining 4 months: £10 per number (pro rata). For details, contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

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## Thanks from Cafod

"Thank you so much those who are supporting us with such a generous donation. We are incredibly grateful to you for thinking of us and helping. It's so heartwarming to know we have friends who are there for us when we need it most. Thank you so much." *Dr Nasha*

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## Sick & retired priests of our diocese : thank you ...

... to all parishioners for your donations to support the sick and retired priests of our diocese: **Garstang, £312.35; Scorton, £61.45.**

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## World Mission Day : thank you ...

... to all parishioners for your donations to the Pope's missionary charities: **Garstang, £229.95; Scorton, £45.00;** plus online donations.

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Revd Graham Lavery (retired deacon of the diocese), Robert (Bob) Fenna.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Bert Lowe, Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Carley Cowburn, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Rita Whittaker, 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.** Stephanie McDonald, Tony Hickey, John Francis Rigby, Bernard Watson, William Haydock Barton, Frank Blessing, Cuthbert Billington, Brian Hargreaves, Robert (Bob) Cross, Sheila Bourke, Edward Storey, Marjorie Addison, Revd Austin William Splain, Mary (Molly) Singleton (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), George Bamber, Nellie Winder, Thomas Cooney, Patricia (Pat) Nickson, Joan Walbank and Gerard Flood.