

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday : World Day of the Poor

14 November 2021

Liturgies this week

Sat	G	6.00pm	Mass	Freda Gidlow <i>RIP</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	In thanksgiving: Pat & Jim Costain [SVP]
Mon	S	10.00am	Mass	John & Martha Bashall <i>RIP</i> [HF]
Tue		12.15pm	Mass at the Cathedral	All deceased clergy
Wed	G	6.30pm	Mass	Peter Cole <i>anniversary</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving to St Martha
Fri	G	10.00am	Mass	Canon Michael McCoy <i>RIP</i> [JBW]
		10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Christ the King

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	G	6.00pm	Mass	Peter & Mary Ibison <i>RIP</i>
Sun	S	8.30am	Mass	Fr Michael Tully & Parents <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes

World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis has declared Sunday 14 November to be the fifth World Day of the Poor. Resources for your prayer can be found here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/World-Day-of-the-Poor>

Annual Mass for deceased clergy

Our cathedral will once again host the annual Mass for deceased clergy, **Tuesday 16 November**, 12.15pm. All are welcome.

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**.

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/>

Advent Liturgy of Reconciliation

We will be able to celebrate our Advent Liturgy for our parishes again this year, **Saturday 4 December**, 10.00am, Garstang.

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=Newsletter+221021

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

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.

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. (Please note: there will be no Mass on the Saturday evening.)
- 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.

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.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to our November winners Jane Greenwood and Margaret Gaughan. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon, directly or via the parish office.

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.

Parish Christmas cards ...

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

Garstang tower

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

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Gordon Johnson, Roger Boden (cousin of David), Lucas A Backhouse.

Those who are ill or infirm. Theresa Thompson (sister of Winifride Adamson), Pat Kennedy, David Carr, Caroline Nurse, 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: Louis Gornall, Angela Wallbank, Margaret Dilworth, George Gidlow, William E. Barton, Imelda Newsham, Joan Baines, Barbara Berry, Mary Coope, Peter Cole, Elizabeth Richmond, Madge Holliday, Stephanie McDonald (10th anniversary), Tony Hickey (10th anniversary), John Francis Rigby and Bernard Watson.