Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Christ the King

(Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)

22 November 2026

Sat	21	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Evelyn Steel *lately dead* [EW]
Sun	22	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	John Sweeney *10th anniversary*
Mon	23	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Francis Carroll *anniversary* [AC]
Tue	24	---			
Wed	25	**G**	6.30pm	**Mass**	Bob Tomlinson *RIP-birthday*
			7.00pm	**Rosary** *in our homes*	
Thu	26	**S**	10.00am	**Mass**	Infirm clergy
Fri	**27**	**G**	**11.00am**	**Funeral Mass : Liz Boden**	

First Sunday of Advent

In the cycle of readings Year B begins

Sat	28	**G**	6.00pm	**Mass**	Maureen Pyke *anniversary*
Sun	29	**S**	8.30am	**Mass**	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	**Mass**	Phil Pickles *lately dead* [V]

Special collection this weekend : Diocesan Youth Services

This weekend, **21-22 November**, 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 plate at the back of both churches.

Light up a Life

Last year, St John's Hospice led a service of remembrance and celebration at Garstang Free Methodists for those who have lost loved ones over the year, to help them to reflect and prepare before Christmas.

It was a really beautiful service last year with readings from staff, volunteers and family members, with a brass band, and mince pies and hot chocolate served at the end.

Garstang Free Methodists are hosting this service again this year, **Thursday 26 November**, 6.30pm, and all are welcome.

Special collection next weekend: Diocesan Poor Missions Fund

Next weekend, **28-29 November**, there is the annual collection for the *poor parishes of our diocese*. There will be a plate at the back of both churches.

Canon Harry Doyle RIP

Fr Harry's Funeral Mass will be on **Friday 4 December**, 11.00am, at Our Lady and St Michael, Alston Lane. The reception of his body and Deanery Mass will take place at 7.00pm on the preceding evening.

Please note onsite parking is limited.

Wreath-making night

Liz Billington will be leading a wreath-making night at Kirkland Memorial Hall, **Friday 4 December**, 7.00pm. Proceeds to the North West Children's Support Group. Materials and refreshments included. £35 per person. Limited places. Please contact Liz, either directly or through the parish office.

KS2 Carol Service

Our parish school warmly invites all parishioners to join them for their *KS2 Carol Service*, **Thursday 10 December**, 5.30pm, in church.

"Come and celebrate the season of Advent through ***scripture and song*** as our children share the Christmas story in a joyful and prayerful service. We look forward to welcoming you." *Mrs Dodd*

Dates for your diary

Advent Liturgy of Reconciliation, **Saturday 12 December**, 10.00am, SSMM.

Christmas Masses: **Thursday 24 December**, 6.00pm, Garstang; **Friday 25 December**, 8.30am, Scorton; 10.30am, Garstang.

The Longest Night : a service of remembrance and light

On **Monday 21 December, 5.30pm**, St Thomas' church, Garstang, is hosting a service of remembrance and light for all those who have been bereaved over the course of the year.

Members of the various churches in Garstang will be taking part, along with the Mayor, and representatives of our funeral homes. *All are welcome*.

Christmas Eve Mass, 6.00pm

Once again, we will be operating an allocated seating plan for this Mass. If you wish to attend, please complete the Seat Request form, or email directly christmas.mass.ssmm@gmail.com

Please supply: Your name; number of seats required; number of those U12; any special requests/considerations (e.g. mobility issues, disabled parking space); contact phone number (mobile preferred).

Please note that we will only be using the main body of the church: current fire regulations mean we cannot use the balcony or have parishioners standing at the back of the church.

Seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis, and every effort will be made to accommodate everyone who wants to attend.

There are no restrictions on the number in a bench, and all rows will be filled to their safe capacity.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

If you will not be able to use any of your allocated seats, please let us know, even if you only find out on Christmas Eve. Others can use your places.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to our November winners; Trish O'Hanlon and Sarah Deed. Do you want to join in? You have the opportunity to be part of our extra draw for Christmas and the remaining 4 months of this financial year's draw for just £10 per number (pro rata).

Sunday Missals

If you ordered a copy of the Sunday Missal 2027, it's in the sacristy with your name on it. Please leave your money in an envelope with your name.

Monthly parish collections : October

Garstang, £1,360.02, plus £2,202.00 Standing Orders; **Scorton**, £194.41, plus £677.67 Standing Orders. *Thank you.*

Church shop

Christmas cards and gifts are now available from the church shop at Garstang. All proceeds to church funds.

Month of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

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

You are welcome to add names to the book at any time.

Please pray for …

Those who have died recently. Bob (Robert) Pearson, Canon Harry Doyle (former curate in Garstang), Liz Boden, Jack Garner.

Those who are ill or infirm. Graham McAleer, Brian Holden, Bryan Ingleby, Rich & Anne Ranker, Christine Rowthorn, John Page, Kathryn Lee, Mary Evans, Harold Jepson, Celia Lowe, Gerry Marley, Bob Cookson, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Mary Jo Counsell, Caroline Nurse, Yvonne Shaw, Simon Crossley, Peter Holland, Martina Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Bernard Watson, William Haydock Barton, Frank Blessing, Cuthbert Billington, Brian Hargreaves, Robert (Bob) Cross, Sheila Bourke, Edward Storey, Marjorie Addison, Megan Doris Clifton, Fr Bob (Robert) Henry Horn, Rev Austin William Splain, Molly (Mary) Singleton, George Bamber, Nellie Winder, Thomas Cooney, Pat (Patricia) Nickson, Joan Walbank, Dr Gerard Flood, Cath Bagot, Bet (Elizabeth) Pinfold, Eleanor Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Mgr Paddy O'Dea, Eugenia McCarthy, Sarah Ingleby.