

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Christ the King

(Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)

20 November 2022

Sat 19	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun 20	S	8.30am	Mass	Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Alma Goddard <i>lately dead</i> [M+P]
Mon 21	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass : Don Porteous	
Tue 22		7.00pm	Deanery Mass for the Faithful Departed <i>at the cathedral; all welcome</i>	
Wed 23	G	6.30pm	Mass	John Bolton <i>lately dead</i> [P+JL]
Thu 24	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac <i>priest, martyr,</i> & his companions <i>martyrs of Vietnam</i>			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Jimmy Hubbard <i>lately dead</i> [MB]
Fri 25	G	10.00am	Mass	Mary Murphy <i>lately dead</i> [EP]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat 26	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass : Celia Hume	

## First Sunday of Advent

Sat 26	G	6.00pm	Mass	Joan Walbank <i>2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary</i>
Sun 27	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Bill & Nellie Bateson <i>anniversary</i>

### Special collection : Diocesan Youth Services

**This 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.

### Special collection : Diocesan Poor Missions Fund

Next weekend there is the annual collection for the *poor parishes of our diocese*. There will be a second basket at the back of both churches.

### Red Wednesday

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), is a Pontifical foundation of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to serving Christians around the world wherever they are persecuted, oppressed, or suffering material need.

Each year in November, ACN nominates a Wednesday, *Red Wednesday*, to highlight its activities and campaigns. ACN encourages people to wear something red, and for schools and other public buildings to be illuminated red on that day to draw attention to the plight of persecuted Christians and others. This year it's **Wednesday 23 November**. Posters will be found at the back of church and more detailed information can be found at [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday). Please give ACN your support.

### The Big Quiz

To help raise much needed funds for the work required in our cemetery, we are holding a quiz night, **Saturday 26 November**, 7.15pm, in our community centre on Castle Lane. See the poster at the back of church.

Raffle prizes and refreshments will be gratefully received, as will any offers of help. Come along, bring friends, for a fun and perhaps enlightening evening out! **Raffle tickets on sale after Garstang Masses this weekend.**

### Dates for your diary

- Deanery Mass for all who have died over the past year, **Tuesday 22 November**, 7.00pm, at the cathedral; all welcome.
- Advent Liturgy of Reconciliation, **Saturday 3 December**, 10.00am, SSMM.
- Mass with the school, **Friday 2 December**, 10.00am. All welcome.
- Concert by Lancaster Singers and children from our school, **Friday 9 December**, 7.30pm, SSMM.

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## Carols in the Square

In the season of Advent Christians Together in Garstang (CTiG) invite you to join other residents for carols in Cherestanc Square, **Saturday 10 December**, 3.00-3.45pm. In case of rain, the event will be held in the URC, Croston Road.

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## Warm Spaces initiative

Churches in Garstang are opening warm spaces on weekdays during the winter. Our contribution is to offer a warm space in the Plessington Chapel, 10.30am-12.30pm, **Saturdays 10, 17, and 24 December**. We will launch the scheme on **Saturday 3 December**, 11.30am-12.30pm, after our Advent Liturgy of Reconciliation.

Warmth and company, as well as free tea, coffee, biscuits and mince pies will be available to anyone who would like to come along. (The provision will be reviewed at the end of the year.)

To make this venture a success we need people to help on the day and/or to offer biscuits, mince pies, etc. If you can assist in any way, please contact Helen Forshaw 01995 603944 or email: [hm.forshaw@btinternet.com](mailto:hm.forshaw@btinternet.com).

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## 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass

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 to [ssmm.christmas.mass@gmail.com](mailto:ssmm.christmas.mass@gmail.com). Please supply the following information: Your name; number of seats required; number of those U12; any special requests/considerations (e.g mobility issues, etc); 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 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. This year there will be 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.

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## Events at Hyning monastery

Hyning monastery, near Carnforth, is now fully reopened following a refurbishment: <https://www.bernardine.org/hyning-programme>

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## St Paul Sunday Missal 2023 – last orders this weekend

If you'd like a personal copy of the 2023 edition of the St Paul Sunday Missal, cost £8.00, depending on the numbers ordered: e-mail the parish office, phone and leave a message, post a note through the letter box, or leave a note on the collection plate. Deadline for orders: **20 November**.

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## Christmas cards & gifts ...

... are now on sale in the church shop in Garstang.

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## Hummingbirds lottery

Our parish educational nursery, Hummingbirds, has launched a lottery to help raise much-needed funds. (Online only.)

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>

select **Buy a Ticket**; type in **Hummingbirds** and press **Search**.

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## Our Lady's Catholic College : Uganda project report

Some months ago, students from OLCC Lancaster spoke at Mass about their forthcoming trip to Uganda. At the back of both churches are copies of their Feedback Report on the work they were able to carry out. Please take one.

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Oonagh Murphy, Celia (Cecilia Anne) Hume, Mary Murphy, Don Porteous, Doreen Lewis, John Bolton.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Eileen Bolton (mother of Janet Place), Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, 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 (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Sheila Bourke, Edward Storey, Marjorie Addison, Rev Austin William Splain, George Bamber, Nellie Winder, Thomas Cooney, Patricia (Pat) Nickson, Joan Walbank, Dr Gerard Flood, Cath Bagot and Eleanor Elizabeth Ratcliffe.