

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Third Sunday of Lent

12 March 2023

Sat 11	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun 12	S	8.30am	Mass	Fr Michael Tully & parents <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Intentions of Tony Clark
Mon 13	S	10.00am	Mass	Stephen Sartin <i>lately dead</i> [CH]
Tue 14	--			
Wed 15	G	6.30pm	Mass	Ella Richmond <i>RIP</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 16	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr James Matthews <i>RIP</i>
Fri 17	ST PATRICK			<i>bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland</i>
	G	10.00am	Mass	Sally Fletcher <i>lately dead</i> [JW]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	G	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 18	G	10.00am	Liturgy of Reconciliation	

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Mothering Sunday

Sat 18	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our Parishes
Sun 19	S	8.30am	Mass	Brian & Stella McVey <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Hugh & André Ferguson <i>anniversary</i> [LB]

### Lent : Stations of the Cross

**Anyone for next week, please?** Once again, I want very much to encourage parishioners from either parish to lead the Stations of the Cross, Fridays of Lent, 6.30pm at Garstang: individuals, couples, friends, parish groups. If you're willing to take a turn, please let me know. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey

### Evenings of Conversation – Reflection – Prayer

The Scottish Laity Network is offering a series of reflections for Lent on *The Common Good*, **Thursdays**, 7.00-8.30pm. <http://scottishlaitynetwork.org.uk>.

**16 March**, Politics and the Common Good; Philippa Whitford.

**23 March**, Synodality and the Common Good; Birgit Weiler.

**30 March**, Liturgy and the Common Good; Tom O'Loughlin.

To register: <https://forms.gle/uwnKfFp8pjJVPuEq7>

### Liturgy of Reconciliation

We will celebrate the Lenten Liturgy of Reconciliation for our parishes on **Saturday 18 March**, 10.00am, at Garstang.

### Handel's Messiah

The Lancaster Singers will be performing the *Messiah*, **Saturday 18 March**, 8.00pm, Lancaster cathedral. Tickets online at [www.lancastersingers.org](http://www.lancastersingers.org), from 07956-115126, and at the door.

### Tea & Coffee after 10.30am Mass

Starting **Sunday 26 March**, tea & coffee will be served after 10.30am Mass, once a month. Please come along and enjoy a brew and a chat.

We may be able to do it more regularly if we have more volunteers. If you'd be happy to take a turn, please contact Marie Pearson via the parish office.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word : can you help?

Children's Liturgy of the Word will continue on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30 Mass. Future dates are **2 April** and **7 May**.

For this important ministry to continue and grow, we need more helpers. Please put your name on the list at the back of Ss Mary and Michael's church if you would be interested in joining the team. Alternatively, contact Nancy Walbank through the parish office.

All volunteers are required to undergo safeguarding checks.

## Garstang Parish Draw yearly subs

It is that time of year again that we ask you to pay your yearly subs. Yearly subs will stay at £20 per number for the coming year.

This year we would like as many of you as possible to pay by standing order-on line or direct with your bank. This has worked well over the last couple of years and we're soon going to be hit with hefty bank charges.

Below are ways you can pay this year's subs:

1. If you already have a yearly standing order in place – no action is required.
2. By setting up a yearly standing order-on-line or direct with your bank (see details below).
3. By making a one-off BACs payment for this year's subs (see details below).
4. If you are not able to pay by standing order, please make your payment by cheque or cash. Place a Cheque (see details below) / Cash in an envelope enclosing your full name, address and contact number. Label the envelope 'Parish Draw Subs' and drop in at the presbytery or place in the collection tray at the back of church.
5. This year we will also be collecting subs before and after each Mass this weekend, **11-12 March**.

BACs Payments to be set up by 31 March 2023. **Bank details:** LRCDTR Charity No 234331 Parish of SS Mary & Michael - Draw Account. (*On-line set up select – add Business*). Account no: 01589091; Sort Code: 40-27-02 Bank: HSBC. **Please use your full name as the reference so we can match the payment against our list of members.**

**Cheques made payable to:** *SS Mary & Michael Parish Draw.*

If you have any problems with any of the above payment methods this year, please contact us via the Parish office [ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com](mailto:ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com) (*please put Parish Draw in the subject heading*) or 01995-602164 please leave your name and number and we will contact you as soon as we can.

## Red Missions Box

Spring magazines are now available from the church porch. All are welcome to take one even if you do not have a mission box. If you would like your box emptying, please bring it into church next weekend.

## National Novena to St Joseph

This is taking place, **11-19 March**. Each year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you would like to join in Masses from St Joseph's church, Maidenhead, they will be available to follow on Zoom via the Mill Hill website [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena), Saturday 18, 10.00am, Sundays 12 & 19, 11.00am, and on Monday 13 & Friday 17, 7.30pm.

There are two Novena booklets available from the church porch. Please take one if you would like to follow the prayers throughout the Novena.

## Theresa & Peter Cole RIP

Garstang parish gratefully acknowledges a donation of £1,000 towards the cemetery works in memory of Theresa & Peter Cole.

This takes our running total to £16,000 of the £20,000 cost of the recent works. Further donations would be very welcome, please.

## Please pray for ...

**Bishop Paul.** Undertaking a three-week pastoral visit to the Church in South Sudan and then Kenya, on behalf of the Bishops of England & Wales.

**Those who have died recently.** Tony Blunt, Yvonne Stewart, Dorothy Relton, Roger Slater, Stephen Sartin.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Fr Michael O'Dowd (Liverpool priest, friend of Fr G), Evelyn Steel, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, 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, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** Ellen Ryan, John Smith, Alice Wright, Winifrede Ainsworth, John Grayston, James Thomas Slater, Agnes Horn, Eddie Walmsley, John Hindle Law, Thomas Gornall, Ellen Wells, John James Dewhurst, Celia Lamoury, Agnes Rossall, John Kirkman, Barbara Nelmes, Winifred Moran and Tom Horn.