

## The Pope at Christmas : broadcast details

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/51320>

## New altar cloths at Garstang

Many thanks indeed to the parishioner who has very kindly paid for three new altar cloths for St Mary & St Michael's church.

## John Poulton RIP : many thanks

St Mary & St Michael's parish is very grateful to John's family for donations of **£105.50** given at his funeral, in memory of their Dad. May he rest in peace.

## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Theresa Thompson (sister of Winifride Adamson), Edith Clarkson (aunt of Anne Miller), Joe Rooney, Kenneth Walsh (father of Shiron Renaghan), Fr Bob Horn.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Deacon Jim Maguire, Liz Boden, Deacon Michael Dolan, Bob Tomlinson, Fr Tony Walsh, Steve Masterman, Rita Marley, Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Bert Lowe, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, 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.

**Those whose anniversary we keep. 23 - 29 December.** Mary Grayston, Margaret Nixon, John Francis Green, Thomas Leo Horn, Doris Mary Wilson, Mary Winstanley, James G Hall, Keith Barton, Kathleen Boden, Ronald Clifton, John Kirby, Winifred Bracegirdle, Thomas Wilcock, Kathleen Collins, Anthony Ingleby, Deacon John Michael Horn, Thomas Francis Horn, Louis Appleton Darbyshire, Mary Ibison, Elizabeth Quick, Katie McDonald, Agnes Cross, and Leonard Lister.

**30 December - 5 January.** Celia Swarbrick, Mary Agnes Ibison, Alice Bernadette Swarbrick, Jim O'Brien, Margaret Walmsley, Frank Piela, Peggy Barton, Ellen Law, Marie Kendall, Diane Elizabeth Pattinson, Robert Ibison, Alice Ibison, Michael Hoyle, Mary Ainsworth, Moya Casey, Richard Swarbrick, Winifred McArdle, William Boden, Mary Teresa (Tess) Rogerson, Eleanor Bolton, Iain Watson, Florence Carter, Edwin Eydmann, Peter Ellwood, Sheila Richardson, Thomas Cross, Tom Wallbank, and Angela Margaret Beirley.

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

22 December 2024

Sat 21	G	6.00pm	Mass	David Carr <i>3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary</i>
Sun 22	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Bob Cross <i>3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary</i>
Mon 23	S	10.00am	Mass	Phyllis Steel <i>3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary</i>

## The Birth of the Lord

Tue 24	G	6.00pm	Mass	Richard Gaughan <i>RIP</i>
Wed 25	S	8.30am	Mass	Agnes & Bob Thompson <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Robert Billington <i>anniversary</i>

Thu 26 *No Mass this morning*

Fri 27 *No Mass this morning*

## The Holy Family

Sat 28	G	6.00pm	Mass	Margaret & Joe Walmsley <i>RIP</i>
Sun 29	S	8.30am	Mass	Gornall family of Scorton <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
Mon 30	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass	: Joe Rooney

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Tue 31 ---

**Wed 1 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – *New Year's Day***

**G** 6.30pm **Mass** Revd John Horn *anniversary*

Thu 2 **S** 10.00am **Mass** Gordon Wright *RIP* [GS]

Fri 3 **G** 10.00am **Mass** Intentions of Rachael Mason [sb]

**G** 10.30am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Sat 4 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Sheila Richardson *anniversary*

Sun 5 **S** 8.30am **Mass** Richard & Betty Gornall  
& Jenny Bottomley *RIP*

**G** 10.30am **Mass** People of our parishes

### Christmas Collection

In this diocese, the Christmas collection forms the major part of the priests' annual salary. *Thank you for your support.*

### Flower arranging for Christmas at Garstang

This will take place on **Monday 23 December**, 9.30am. Everyone welcome. Liz Billington. *Thank you.*

### Christmas Prayer Tree

This Christmas season, we invite all parishioners, visitors, and friends of our church to join us in creating a special *Christmas Prayer Tree* at Garstang.

At the back of the church, you will find a variety of prayer tags and pens. We encourage you to take a tag and write a prayer or message for someone close to your heart: a loved one who is unwell, a cherished soul who is at rest, or simply to offer a prayer of hope and peace this Christmas.

Once completed, place your prayer tag on the Christmas tree, at the front of the church. Together, let us fill the tree with prayers and blessings, offering comfort and unity during this holy season.

Thank you for your participation and prayers. May this tree be a reminder of the light and love of Christ, shared among us all.

*Jude and The Houseman Family XXX*

### Decorating St Mary & St Michael's

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that work will soon begin on the expanse of wall near the pulpit, where the paint was damaged by water ingress, now resolved. The flaking paint will be removed, the plaster checked and, depending on how the bare wall looks, it will be repainted.

Work will begin first on the sections of similarly damaged wall in the balcony, to test any new paint before applying it in the more visible area of the church.

This work will be paid for from an anonymous recent donation. Our sincere thanks to the generous donor.

Redecorating the whole church will be a major project. It will need to be planned and executed with great care, and with respect for the historic fabric. A quotation from 2018 was over £100,000. We can assume an increase of 40% on that by now. (We do not have these funds, ... yet.)

I welcome your thoughts on how we might establish a Parish Steering Group to take this project forward. In the meantime, *Happy Christmas, Fr G.*

### Parish coffee morning

Thank you to the parishioners who donated **£121** to support the work of *St John's Hospice*. Special thanks to Brenda Price who made a Christmas cake for a raffle prize. This was won by Henry Lamoury and added £35 to the donations for refreshments.

The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 15 January**, 10am -12 noon in the Plessington Chapel, Garstang. We'll be raising funds for *Aid to the Church in Need*. Do join us to welcome in 2025. *The Coffee Morning Team.*

### Lancaster & District Homeless Action Service

During the financial year ending March 2024, LDHAS had a footfall of 2836 clients, provided 1808 breakfasts and 1622 lunches, and supported 21 homeless people into accommodation. If you'd like to support this work:

- Bank transfer: Account name: LDHAS; 40-52-40; 00031967; Ref. "Shelter2024".
- Cheque payable to LDHAS. Post to: LDHAS-Finance, Aalborg Place, Lancaster LA1 1BJ.

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