

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

30 March 2025

Sat	29	G	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Mary Mason <i>lately dead</i> [i]
Sun	30	S	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Dick & Betty Gornall, Jenny Bottomley <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
Mon	31	S	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Anne Gelderd <i>RIP</i>
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Wed	2	G	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	Matt Pedder <i>RIP</i>
			7.00pm	<b>Rosary</b>	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	3	S	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Almond & Sweeney families <i>RIP</i>
		G	6.30pm	<b>Liturgy of Reconciliation for First Communion</b>	
Fri	4	G	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Patrick Deehan <i>RIP</i>
		S	10.00am	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
		G	10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
		G	6.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
Sat	5	G	10.00am	<b>Liturgy of Reconciliation</b>	

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sat	5	G	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Wilson Family <i>RIP</i> [JW]
Sun	6	S	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Mary Mason <i>lately dead</i> [FC]

### This weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection this weekend, **29-30 March**, in both our churches to support the work of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul society.

### Jubilee icon visits our diocese

The Jubilee icon is on display in the Lady Chapel at the cathedral **to 1 April**. To find out more about the Jubilee icon visit <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-icon>

We are invited to visit the icon and spend time in meditative prayer, allowing God to speak to us during this Holy Year. CAFOD will be hosting a short prayer and reflection time with the icon in the Lady Chapel after 12.15pm weekday Mass on **Mon 31 March, and Tues 1 April**. All welcome.

### Liturgies of Reconciliation

We will celebrate the Lenten Liturgy of Reconciliation for our parishes on **Saturday 5 April**, 10.00am, at Garstang.

*Deanery Liturgy of Reconciliation, Wednesday 9 April*, 6.30pm, at the cathedral. An opportunity for individual confession.

### A Day of Reflection on the Jubilee Year with Bishop Paul

Keynote speakers: Bishop Paul & Sr Margaret Atkins OSA. Workshops led by CAFOD & Lancaster Diocese Faith and Justice Commission. Our Lady & St Michael's Catholic Church, Workington, **Saturday 5 April**, 11.00am to 3.30pm. All welcome to 10am Mass beforehand.

Please email [sue.grubic@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:sue.grubic@lrcd.org.uk) for details and to confirm attendance. Please bring lunch. For those who would like to join the afternoon walk to the Solway Firth, please bring appropriate footwear.

### Parish Coffee Morning

March's event raised £100 for CAFOD which will be added to the Lent Family Fast collection. To avoid Holy Week, the next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 23 April**, 10.00am to 12 noon, in the Plessington Chapel, Garstang. Do come along and celebrate the Resurrection with friends old and new. Our 'good cause' will be the North West Air Ambulance: a charity we can no longer easily support since the closure of their Garstang charity shop. We hope to see you there. *The Coffee Morning Team*

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## Sunday of Divine Mercy

There will be a Divine Mercy celebration, **Sunday 27 April**, 2.45pm, Our Lady of the Assumption church, Blackpool FY4 5DF. See poster for details.

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## Lenten Challenge for Stella Maris

The hat kits have all gone so we hope you're busy with the needles. If you need more wool, do help yourself to the balls in the box in the narthex at Garstang. Equally, if you have needles and would like a pattern and/or wool just dip into the same box. Please return completed hats (together with the needles and left-over wool) to the same box. If you have wool you'd rather use, feel free. Fingers crossed that we can knit 40 hats during the 40 days of Lent. Thank you in advance for your support. *SVP and Stella Maris*

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## Tea & coffee after Sunday 10.30am Mass

From April, tea and coffee will be served regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, after 10.30am Mass.

We are always happy to have more volunteers to help serve in the kitchen and if you would like to take a turn every few weeks, please contact Marie Pearson or any of the current volunteers.

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## Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to our February & March winners; Ann & John Waite, Fiona Brooks, Sheila Hall, and a winner who has kindly donated their winnings back to the Parish. Just a reminder that Subs are due for this year.

The Parish Draw raises funds for SS Mary & Michael's Parish. Last year after prize money was deducted £1500 was handed over to Fr Geoffrey.

If you would like an opportunity to take part in this year's draw, support our church, and have a chance to win in the monthly draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office. Each number costs £20 per year (you can have more than one number) and each month there are two prizes - £80 & £30 and an extra Christmas draw in December which pays out £100 & £35.

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## Diocesan pilgrimage to Lindisfarne & Holy Island

From Bishop Paul: As part of our diocesan celebrations of the Centenary, I will be leading a pilgrimage to the sites associated with St Cuthbert, co-patron of our Diocese, **21-23 May**. See the poster at the back of church.

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## Stations of the Cross at Garstang

The Stations occupying the south wall were removed prior to the recent decorating. This seemed a good time to obtain an updated quote for having them cleaned and conserved.

Heather Davies, Conservation Manager of Lancashire County Museums Service, who worked on our James Lonsdale *Crucifixion* painting above the sacristy door, and who gave the initial quote, has reviewed them and we are awaiting her update.

This fine set of paintings was presented in 1894 to Fr James Hennessy, parish priest from 1874 to 1914, by one of his former parishioners from St Nicholas' church Liverpool, in recognition of his hard work there especially at the time of a serious outbreak of cholera in 1866.

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## Ministries and jobs in Holy Week

If you can help in these or any other ways during this busy week, please let me know. Many thanks, *Fr Geoffrey*. We need people to ...

**Holy Thursday, 17 April, 6.30pm.** Prepare an altar of repose.

**Easter Vigil, Saturday 19 April, 8.00pm.** Prepare the Easter fire; help spread the candlelight around the church.

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Vera Towers (mother of Fr Adrian), Rosemary Walmsley.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Celia & Bert Lowe, Evelyn Steel, Gerry & Rita Marley, Joseph Hardacre, Liz Boden, Bob Tomlinson, Fr Tony Walsh, Steve Masterman, Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Margaret Brocklehurst, Mary Jo Counsell, Caroline Nurse, 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.** Mary Carr, Mary Carter, Joan Wilkes, Anne Stobbs, Fleetwood Carter, Fr Odran Callan, Alice Helme, Marie Calvert, John Ellwood, Mary Horn, Frank Gornall, William Darwen, Shirley Hawes, John Bevins, and Aileen Dearn.