

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 February 2025

Sat	8	G	6.00pm	Mass	Mary Agnes Ibison <i>RIP</i>
Sun	9	S	8.30am	Mass	John McArdle <i>anniversary</i> & family <i>RIP</i> [DR]
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
Mon	10	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass : Mary Mason	
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Wed	12	G	6.30pm	Mass	Berney Murphy-Smith <i>4th anniversary</i>
Thu	13	S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [J]
Fri	14	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass : Robert Ball	
Sat	15	G	12 noon	Baptism : Harry John Flesher	

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Racial Justice

Sat	15	G	6.00pm	Mass	Mary Davis <i>RIP</i>
Sun	16	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Betty <i>3rd anniv.</i> & Robert Ball <i>lately dead</i>

First Holy Communion 2025

If your child was born before September 2017 and you'd like to help them prepare for their First Holy Communion, please request an application form from our parish school office or e-mail the presbytery.

Please return your completed application form to the presbytery by the evening of **Monday 10 February**. Thank you. Fr Geoffrey & Mrs Archibald.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday 11 February marks the patronal feast of our diocese. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 12.15pm in the cathedral, at which the choir from the cathedral primary school will sing. He will also celebrate Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) at 6.00pm. All welcome.

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 11 February**, 6.30pm, at Philippa's house. (Details from the parish office.) New members and enquirers are always welcome.

Scorton presbytery conversion

Following last year's very successful renovation & renting of the upstairs floor of the presbytery, it has been decided also to renovate the downstairs: this will become a one-bedroom apartment, with the parish retaining one room to function as an office, meeting room, etc.

These works may well start towards the end of February. There are several 'traditional furniture' items which would need to be removed before then, so these are offered to you, as parishioners, should you so wish.

A viewing has been arranged following 8.30am Mass, **Sunday 16 February**. We hope you can all attend & avail yourselves of this opportunity.

Parish Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 19 February**, 10.00am – 12 noon in the Plessington Chapel, Garstang. Funds raised will be for CRY, *Cardiac Risk in the Young*, which offers heart screening for youngsters.

January's event raised £90 for the Ukraine appeal of *Aid to the Church in Need*. Thank you to everyone who supports these get-togethers, which are a great way to raise money for charity and meet old and new friends. We look forward to seeing you. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

Scaffolding in St Mary & St Michael's

During the coming week, scaffolding will be erected over the pews on the south side of church, to allow repair of the damaged paintwork around the window near the pulpit and along the various window-ledges.

This won't restrict the celebration of the liturgy, but it is likely that those pews cannot be used for the duration of the work. Thank you. Fr G

Lenten lunches for Christian Aid

Many thanks to Brenda Price, for taking over co-ordination of our contribution to Garstang's Lenten Lunches. Calling all soup-makers: prepare to make soup for **Wednesday 12 March**. Thank you. Philippa C.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Paul invites you to join him on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, **23-30 July**. Booking forms are available at the back of our churches, or to download on the diocesan Lourdes website: www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk. Alternatively, contact Joe Walsh Tours, 0161-8208790. More information from Linda Wisdom, operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk.

There is also a poster advertising the Youth Group pilgrimage. Bookings made for this **before 11 February** will receive a £100 grant from the diocese. For more information: Katie O'Donnell, youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk.

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**. The three-day pilgrimage will take in Holy Island and Bamburgh and Durham Cathedral, and we will be staying at the historic former seminary of the North of England, Ushaw College.

The cost of the pilgrimage is £310 for shared accommodation and £340 for single rooms, all inclusive, with coach pick-ups at Workington and Carlisle. To request a booking form, email info@christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham

From Bishop Paul: In this Jubilee Year our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place **20-24 October**. I invite you to join me. For details and booking details: Charlie Conner, 07895-742732 or charlie.conner@lrhc.org.uk

Monthly parish collections : January

Collections for January: **Garstang**, £2,958.00, plus £2,202.00 Standing Orders; **Scorton**, £163.00, plus £677.67 Standing Orders. *Thank you.*

The search for Truth : Edith Stein

Fr Matthew Blake OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhust, **14-16 March**. To book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

A Year of Hope : introduction to the Jubilee Year

Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year. There's a video from Cafod. <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

It features Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, and CAFOD Director Christine Allen.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Joyce Bilsborrow, Robert Ball, Mary Mason.

Those who are ill or infirm. Gerry & Rita Marley, Joseph Hardacre, Liz Boden, Deacon Michael Dolan, Bob Tomlinson, Fr Tony Walsh, Steve Masterman, 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, 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. Martha Horn, Stephen Turton, Winifride Swarbrick, Elizabeth Swarbrick, Ted Lydiate, Richard (Dick) Bernard Gornall, Fred Dagger, John Bailey, Harry McNamara, Mary Bilsborrow, Elizabeth (Betty) Ball, William Roland Price-Jones, Joseph Rossall, Walter Donovan, Joan Webster, James Richardson, Margaret Walmsley, Veronica Woodruff, Stephen Fox, Margaret Dilworth, Mary Pedder, May Sheridan, Horn/Brown families, Agnes Smith, Thomas Dilworth, Jane Molloy, Henry Davis, Tony Hall.