

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Sick

11 February 2024

Sat 10	G	6.00pm	Mass	David Pyke <i>10th anniversary</i>
Sun 11	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Tomas Bernardo <i>anniversary</i>
Mon 12	G	11.00am	Funeral Liturgy : Mary Davis	
Tue 13	--			
Wed 14	ASH WEDNESDAY : <i>day of fasting and abstinence</i>			
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Jane Pegg <i>lately dead</i> [AC]
Thu 15	S	10.00am	Mass	Ints. of Sr Agnes Dobson <i>90th birthday</i>
		11.00am	Burial of Ashes : Barbara Rogerson <i>at Barnacre church</i>	
Fri 16	G	10.00am	Mass	Mary McGrail <i>lately dead</i> [JW]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

First Sunday of Lent

Sat 17	G	6.00pm	Mass	Sally Fletcher <i>anniversary</i> [JW]
Sun 18	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Yvonne Guy <i>lately dead</i> [V]

Lenten reflections

CAFOD invites you to join them in seeking to make space and time to draw closer to God and our global family through reflection and prayer this Lent.

This year, as part of their reflections on one of the readings of the day, CAFOD will be sharing the stories of people from a fishing community in Liberia, as well as a daily prayer and suggested action you might like to take.

Join this journey by signing up for Cafod's daily Lent e-mails:
<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>

Lent : Stations of the Cross

Once again, I encourage parishioners from either parish to lead the Stations of the Cross, Fridays of Lent, 6.30pm at Garstang, **beginning Friday 23 February**: individuals, couples, friends, parish groups. If you're willing to take a turn, please let me know, **by Ash Wednesday**. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey

Lenten lunches, Garstang

Supported by *Christians Together in Garstang*, the lunches take place in Garstang URC Hall, Croston Road, 12noon-1.00pm, each of the six Wednesdays in Lent, **14 February to 20 March**.

Enjoy a meal of soup, bread & cheese in a warm & friendly environment. Donate the cost of your lunch, if you are able, to Christian Aid. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer.

Three parishioners have kindly volunteered to help when it is our turn, 20 March. *Thank you*. If other parishioners can make soup that day, please contact Philippa C on 238331.

First Holy Communion 2024 : candidates : helpers

If your child was born before September 2016 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 parish office.

Please return your completed application form to the presbytery by the evening of **Sunday 18 February**. Thank you. Fr Geoffrey & Mrs Luena Archibald.

This year we are looking for volunteers to help prepare our young parishioners for Reconciliation and Holy Communion. If you are willing to be involved in this, please contact Helen Crone, directly or by e-mail, helencrone@hotmail.co.uk.

Parish health & safety : can you help?

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of *H&S Administrator* for St Mary & St Michael's. The current post holder, Michael Hoffman, will be stepping down at the end of March.

This is an administrative role: you would be responsible for raising matters for attention to Fr G through the use of the diocese online tool, *Safety Toolbox*. This involves completing online questionnaires and surveys, giving notice to Fr G of approaching dates for renewal of such things as the annual fire extinguisher check. Confidence and ability in working online is a requirement.

Full support will be provided by the current post holder, together with ongoing support and advice. There is also the team at the diocese who are there to help as well. For further information please speak to Fr G, or Michael Hoffman at ssmm.healthandsafety@gmail.com

Parish Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday 21 February**, 10.00am - 12 noon, in the Plessington Chapel, Garstang. It may be Lent but you can still meet up with friends – old and new – for a chat and a brew.

Thanks to your generosity last month we were able to send £65 to *Toybox* which helps street children in Latin America get birth certificates which mean they can get an education, see a doctor, work, etc.

This month we'll be raising money for Cafod's Lenten Appeal. We look forward to seeing you soon. *The Coffee Morning Team*

Ignatian Prayer and Discernment

An introduction to these helpful Christian approaches. **Tuesday 5 March, 11.30am-3.00pm**, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall PR5 5AA.

Led by Donna Worthington, <https://www.christianretreats.live/>. For bookings: 01772-335387 or office@saintgerards.org.uk.

Inspiring headline

"Malaysia man's viral stunt of planting banana tree in pothole gets road repaired within hour."

Maybe our gardeners could try something like that around here. Fr G

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Helen & Tim Forshaw and Carol Larkin for being our January winners. If you have changed your contact number or removed your landline, please update us by contacting Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office. Thank you, one and all.

Gift Aid : many thanks ...

... to our parishioners who have signed a Gift Aid form in favour of St Mary & St Michael's. We have recently been credited with **£4444.39**.

May I encourage all parishioners who are UK tax-payers to sign a Gift Aid form for their parish: we can't afford to forego free money. Just to illustrate, a set of candles for the Big Six at Garstang costs £233.00.

Big Lent Walk

Sign up for CAFOD's *Big Lent Walk* and challenge yourself to walk 200km in forty days. You can sign up as an individual, or as a group from the parish or school. Please see poster at the back of church or visit www.cafod.org.uk.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Mary McCann, Mary Josephine Davis, Rita Whittaker.

Those who are ill or infirm. Dick Gornall, Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, 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, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. 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 David, Tony Hall (10th Anniversary), Lillian Williams, Bill Ainsworth, Dennis Bolger, Margaret Mary Carmel Hayden, Anne Josephine (Josie) Higham, Ann Horn, Ann Cookson, Elsie Tomlinson and Maureen Hall.