

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Racial Justice

16 February 2025

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 3 rd <i>anniv.</i> & Robert Ball <i>lately dead</i>
Mon 17	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Tim Sullivan <i>RIP</i>
Tue 18	--			
Wed 19	G	6.00pm	Reception into church : Joyce Bilsborrow	
	G	6.30pm	Mass	Charles & Evelyn Langley <i>RIP</i>
Thu 20	G	11.00am	Funeral Mass : Joyce Bilsborrow	
Fri 21	G	10.00am	Mass	Patrick Deehan <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 22	G	6.00pm	Mass	Martha & John Bashall <i>RIP</i> [HF]
Sun 23	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Tony Hall <i>anniversary</i>

Scaffolding in St Mary & St Michael's

Scaffolding has been 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.

Those pews cannot be used for the duration of the work. Thank you. Fr G

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*.

Relics of St Andrew, St Margaret of Scotland & St Columba

Relics of these saints will rest at St John Vianney church, 26 Glastonbury Avenue, Blackpool FY1 6RD, **24 & 25 February**. Details of liturgical events are on the poster displayed in church. Information from: guardianangels.blackpool@lrtdc.org.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@lrtdc.org.uk

Lent : Stations of the Cross

The Season of Lent is fast approaching. Once again, I 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, **by Ash Wednesday, 5 March**. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey

Cafod Lenten reflections

As we seek to draw closer to God and our global family through reflection and prayer during Lent, Cafod will be sharing hope-filled stories from across the world, reflecting on the Scripture readings of the day, and seeking to respond in action and prayer. Sign up for their daily e-mails. www.cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar.

Day of renewal

Do whatever he tells you. (John 2:5). This is the theme of a day of renewal offered at St Clare's Parish Hall, Preston PR2 9HH, **Saturday 1 March**, 10.00am-4.00pm, beginning with Mass at 10.00am. Led by Daniella Stephens of the Prince of Peace Community. Please take a packed lunch; tea & coffee available. Details from Christine, 07745-009694; Annette, 07954-429333.

Lenten lunches for Christian Aid

Lent lunches are being served at the URC Church Hall, Garstang, five Wednesdays during Lent starting on **12 March**, which our parish will be preparing and serving.

We need people to make soup for approximately 40 people. If you are unable to make soup and would like to contribute either with a donation towards bread and cheese or by helping on the day, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Brenda on 07821-392809. Donations can be given to Brenda or Fr G. 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/>

Book-keeper needed for Scorton

The work takes maybe an hour a week and requires basic knowledge of Excel spreadsheets, printer scanning and computer filing. It's very easy to learn.

Accounting procedures include bill paying with the banking app, and recording income and expense details in the Parish spreadsheet which automatically produces end of year accounts with each entry. Scorton accounts are paperless.

If you're willing to help, please have a word with Barry F. or Fr G. Thank you.

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.*

Ways into prayer

Here's an initiative from the Diocese of Southwark:

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ways-into-prayer>

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Ellis Preston, Deacon Michael Dolan, Joyce Bilsborrow, Robert Ball, Mary Mason.

Those who are ill or infirm. 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, 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 Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Horn/Brown Families, Agnes Smith, Thomas Dilworth, Jane Molloy, Henry Davis, Tony Hall, Lillian Williams, Bill Ainsworth, Dennis Bolger, Margaret Mary Carmel Hayden, Anne Josephine (Josie) Higham, Ann Horn, Ann Cookson (2000), Elsie Tomlinson, Maureen Hall, Mary Miller, Winifred Carr, Paul Rigg, Thomas Ibison, Marjorie Edge, Henry Gornall, John Dilworth, Mary Gillett, Margaret McKevitt, Marjorie Kirkman, Agnes Gallagher, and John McHale.