

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 February 2025

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>
Mon 24	S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Tue 25	--			
Wed 26	G	6.30pm	Mass	Muriel Metcalfe <i>RIP</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 27	S	10.00am	Mass	Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families <i>RIP</i>
Fri 28	G	10.00am	Mass	Mike Surridge <i>lately dead</i> [R+GM]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Unemployed People

Sat 1	G	6.00pm	Mass	Ellen & William Greenall <i>RIP</i> [AC]
Sun 2	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Alice <i>RIP</i> & John Towers <i>anniversary</i>

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

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.

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.

Online formation for Lent

The *Tablet* is offering four webinars for Lent, with different speakers, **Wednesdays, 5 - 26 March**, 6.00-7.00pm. Visit www.thetablet.co.uk/events.

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/>

Men's Spiritual Exercises

A five-day version of the Ignatian Exercises, **30 March - 4 April**, offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men with a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks.

Details and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk.

Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

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. 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.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Jim Cottle (Scorton Methodist community), Ellis Preston, Deacon Michael Dolan, Joyce Bilsborrow.

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 Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Henry Gornall, John Dilworth, Mary Gillett, Margaret McKevitt, Marjorie Kirkman, Agnes Gallagher, John McHale, James Houlihan, Robert Winder, Samuel Smith, Robert Hull, Grace Barton, Frank Richardson, Catherine Eastham, Agnes St John Firth, Dorothea Agnes Mary Rafferty, Neil Brady, Tom Rawlinson, Neil McLaughlin, Christine Ackers, Rev Robert Turpin (Builder of SSMJ church), Teresa Smith, Josephine Wright, Eileen Fenna, Frank Moreland, Teresa Langley, James Foy, Ruth Curwen, Pauline Lord, Robert Waddington, and Richard Dodd.