

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Second Sunday of Advent

4 December 2022

Sat	3	G	6.00pm	Mass	Betty Carter <i>RIP</i> [G.MCA]
Sun	4	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Richard Gaughan <i>anniversary</i>
Mon	5	S	10.00am	Mass	John Bolton <i>RIP-birthday</i>
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Wed	7	G	6.30pm	Mass	In thanksgiving, for parishioners <i>family of Theresa Cole</i>
Thu	8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY			
		S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Fri	9	G	10.00am	Mass with the school	<i>all welcome</i> Terry & Sheila Murphy <i>RIP</i>

Third Sunday of Advent

Sat	10	G	6.00pm	Mass	Brenda Richardson <i>RIP</i> [AP]
Sun	11	S	8.30am	Mass	Sarah A Davies <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes

The four candles of Advent

A series of Advent reflection webinars, **Thursdays**, 6.00-7.00pm.

8 December. The Old Testament Prophets: the candle of peace. Sr Imelda Poole IBVM.

15 December. John the Baptist: the candle of love. Dominic White OP.

22 December. Mary, Mother of Jesus: the candle of joy. Fr Nicholas King SJ.

To sign up: www.thetablet.co.uk/events.

Parents and Grandparents

You are welcome to borrow books from the Children's Library at SSMM, if you think they might be useful for reading together.

The Library is available on a Sunday before and after the 10.30am Mass on the low cupboards at the back of Church in the reception area.

Advent and prayer and resources for all ages

Available at cafod.org.uk/advent:

- online daily reflection calendars for all ages; Advent reflection pack.
- a new Nativity play script (coming soon); and children's liturgy resources.

Concert by Lancaster Singers

St Mary & St Michael's is hosting a concert by the Lancaster Singers and children from our school, **Friday 9 December**, 7.30pm.

Carols in the Square

In the season of Advent Christians Together in Garstang (CTiG) invite you to join other residents for carols in Cherestanc Square, **Saturday 10 December**, 3.00-3.45pm. In case of rain, the event will be held in the URC, Croston Road.

Warm Spaces initiative

Churches in Garstang are opening warm spaces on weekdays during the winter. Our contribution is to offer a warm space in the Plessington Chapel, 10.30am-12.30pm, **Saturdays 10, 17, and 24 December**.

Warmth and company, as well as free tea, coffee, biscuits and mince pies will be available to anyone who would like to come along.

To make this venture a success we need people to help on the day and/or to offer biscuits, mince pies, etc. If you can assist in any way, please contact Helen Forshaw 01995 603944 or email: hm.forshaw@btinternet.com.

St Vincent de Paul collection : next weekend

From the organiser of St Thomas' Food Bank: "Thank you so much for the gifts SSMM have donated. It is very much appreciated. It is wonderful to be supported so well by other local churches. We really are working together to shine the Light of Christ into our community. Every blessing." These gifts were purchased with your generous donations.

Next weekend, **10-11 December**, will be the final SVP collection for 2022. We hope to continue to support the Food Bank with weekly donations of food. In addition, we would like to support the SVP Baby Feeding Programme in Sudan where the food situation is dire.

We trust that you will be as generous as you are able. With good wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year.

Advent Meditation by Christmas Candlelight

St Joseph's Church, Lancaster, **Friday 16 December**, 7.30pm. An opportunity to meditate on the coming of Christ at Christmas. Tickets, £5.00, can be bought on the day; proceeds towards the restoration of St Joseph's church.

6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass

We are operating an allocated seating plan for this Mass. If you wish to attend, please complete the Seat Request form or email directly to ssmm.christmas.mass@gmail.com. Please supply: your name; number of seats required; number of those U12; any special requests / considerations (e.g. mobility issues, etc); contact phone number (mobile preferred).

Please note that we will only be using the main body of the church: current fire regulations mean we cannot use the balcony or have parishioners standing at the back of church.

Seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis, and every effort will be made to accommodate everyone who wants to attend. This year there will be no restrictions on the number in a bench and all rows will be filled to their safe capacity. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Red Box

Calendars for 2023 can be collected from the church porch, even if you do not have a mission box. If you do have a box and would like it emptying, please bring it into church next weekend. Thank you.

Cards of St Mary & St Michael's

Pauline Warriner, a local artist, very kindly donated her original painting of the Church to us. We have decided to reproduce it on cards to be sold to raise funds for the cemetery work.

Price: **£1 per card and envelope** or **£4.50 for 5 cards and envelopes**.

Two versions are available: *No message*; **OR** *Message*: 'I lit a candle for you in St Mary and St Michael's Church, Garstang.'

Cards will be on sale **after Mass on Saturdays** in December, or direct from Helen Forshaw 01995 603944.

A3 full-sized mounted print available; price depends on the level of interest.

Quiz Night

The amount raised towards the work in the cemetery was £289. A big thank you to all who gave a donation, provided raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets and attended on the night. It was a very relaxed and laughter-filled evening.

A list of raffle winners is on the church notice board at Garstang.

Many thanks to Jen Horn and her team.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Molly Singleton, Eileen Bolton (mother of Janet Place), Oonagh Murphy, Celia (Cecilia Ann) Hume, Mary Murphy.

Those who are ill or infirm. Jim Costain, Fr Harry Holden, Annie Billington, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Anthony Monks, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, 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: May Ball, Bridie O'Connor, James Aloysius Horn, William Morrison, Robert Bilsborrow, Mary Bilsborrow, Lucy Walmsley, Richard Noel Bamber, Joan Wilcock, William Norman Nixon, Winifred Storey, John Skillen, Marie McGrath, Catherine Mary Andrews, Marie Clark, Thomas Moxham, Aidan Flemming, John Gavin Nixon, George Cowburn, Annie Gregson and Lucy Madeleine Price-Jones.