

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Second Sunday of Lent

16 March 2025

Sat 15	G	6.00pm	Mass	Mary Mason <i>lately dead</i> [L]
Sun 16	S	8.30am	Mass	Dick Gornall <i>1st anniversary</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
Mon 17	ST PATRICK <i>bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland</i>			
	S	10.00am	Mass	Infirm clergy
Tue 18	--			
Wed 19	ST JOSEPH <i>husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
	G	6.30pm	Mass	John Edward & Winifred Carr <i>RIP</i>
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 20	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Peter Johnson <i>RIP</i>
Fri 21	<i>No Mass this morning</i>			
	S	10.00am	Stations of the Cross	
	G	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	

Third Sunday of Lent

Sat 22	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our parishes
Sun 23	S	8.30am	Mass	Brian & Stella McVey <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Tony Blunt <i>2nd anniversary</i>

CAFOD Fast Day collection : 14 March

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty, and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text: CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Parish SVP meeting

The members of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Tuesday 18 March**, 6.30pm, at Philippa's house. New members and enquirers are always welcome.

Parish Coffee Morning

February's event raised £90 for CRY for which the charity is very grateful because it will help fund more screenings for local young people.

The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 19 March**, 10.00am - 12 noon, in the Plessington Chapel, Garstang. Do come along to catch-up with friends old and new. We'll be raising funds for CAFOD on this occasion and we look forward to seeing you there. *The Coffee Morning Team*

Jubilee icon visits our diocese

The Jubilee icon will be on display in the Lady Chapel at the cathedral, **25 March - 1 April**. To find out more about the Jubilee icon visit <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-icon>

We are invited to visit the icon and spend time in meditative and contemplative prayer, allowing God to speak to us during this Holy Year. CAFOD will be hosting a short prayer and reflection time with the icon in the Lady Chapel after 12.15pm weekday Mass on **Wed 26, Thu 27 & Mon 31 March, and Tues 1 April**. All welcome.

Lenten challenge for Stella Maris

Calling all knitters! Can we knit 40 hats during the 40 days of Lent for sailors supported by Stella Maris? There are small bags containing wool, needles, and patterns in the box in the narthex at St Mary & St Michael's.

Simply take a bag, knit a hat, return it (together with the needles and left-over wool) to the same box. If you have wool you'd rather use, feel free - the world (or the hats) are your oyster. Thank you. *SVP and Stella Maris*.

Brass cleaning at St Mary & St Michael's

The brass cleaning in our church has been praised by visitors, but our small team of volunteers has dwindled due to ill health, and we need more people to help. We meet in the sacristy every other Wednesday morning and enjoy a chat and a laugh while we polish for approximately an hour and a half. Please contact Marion on 01995 601469 or Celia on 01995 602341 if you feel you could help. Thank you.

Westminster cathedral's Great Cross: two sides, one story

Christian Art has released new video in which art specialist, Fr Patrick van der Vorst invites viewers to take a fresh look at this extraordinary work of sacred art-work that tells not one, but two intertwined stories of faith, suffering, and victory.

Watch the YouTube video here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mcm-o3BgaOE

Tea & coffee after Sunday 10.30am Mass

From April, tea and coffee will be served regularly on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, after 10.30am Mass.

We are always happy to have more volunteers to help serve in the kitchen and if you would like to take a turn every few weeks, please contact Marie Pearson or any of the current volunteers.

Online formation for Lent

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

A Day of Reflection on the Jubilee Year with Bishop Paul

Keynote speakers: Bishop Paul & Sr Margaret Atkins OSA. Workshops led by CAFOD & Lancaster Diocese Faith and Justice Commission.

Our Lady & St Michael's Catholic Church, Workington, **Saturday 5 April**, 11.00am to 3.30pm. All welcome to 10am Mass beforehand.

Please email sue.grubic@lrcd.org.uk for details and to confirm attendance. Please bring lunch. For those who would like to join the afternoon walk to the Solway Firth, please bring appropriate footwear.

Tuesday morning prayer

Christians from different churches gather at St Thomas' church, Garstang, for Morning Prayer on **Tuesdays**, 8.55-9.25am. *All welcome.*

Monthly parish collections : February

Collections for February: **Garstang**, £1,693.00, plus £2,040.00 Standing Orders; **Scorton**, £145.00, plus £677.67 Standing Orders. *Thank you.*

Stations of the Cross : one more slot to fill, please

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to lead Stations of the Cross during Lent. We have one more slot to fill, please: **Friday 4 April**, 6.30pm.

Liturgy of Reconciliation

We will celebrate the Lenten Liturgy of Reconciliation for our parishes on **Saturday 15 April**, 10.00am, at Garstang.

Ministries and jobs in Holy Week

If you can help in these or any other ways during this busy week, please let me know. Many thanks, Fr *Geoffrey* We need people to ...

Holy Thursday, 17 April, 6.30pm. Take part in the washing of feet; prepare an altar of repose.

Easter Vigil, Saturday 19 April, 8.00pm. Prepare the Easter fire; help spread the candlelight around the church.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Jim Cottle, Ellis Preston.

Those who are ill or infirm. Vera Towers (mother of Fr Adrian), Evelyn Steel, 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. Ellen Wells, John James Dewhurst, Celia Lamoury, Agnes Rossall, John Kirkman, Barbara Nelmes, Winifred Moran, Tom Horn, Josephine Seed, John Swift, George Bernard Clarey, Agnes Marie Swarbrick, André Ferguson, Ann Rigg, Rev Bernard Whiteside, Betty Gornall, Austin Walmsley, Harry Swarbrick, and Kate Simkin.