

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 September 2024

Sat 21	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our parishes
Sun 22	S	8.30am	Mass	Anne Gelderd <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	Christians in the Holy Land (EOHSJ) [EB]
Mon 23				St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) <i>priest, religious</i>
	S	10.00am	Mass	Mary Lawton <i>lately dead</i> [LV]
Tue 24	--			
Wed 25	G	6.30pm	Mass	
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 26	S	10.00am	Mass	Peter O'Brien <i>lately dead</i> [GS]
Fri 27				St Vincent de Paul <i>priest, religious founder</i>
	G	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Helen Forshaw [CM]
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat 28	G	12 noon	Baptism of Verity Davidson	

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 28	G	6.00pm	Mass	Revd John Horn <i>RIP</i>
Sun 29	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
	G	10.30am	Mass	Fr David Elder <i>RIP</i> [LB]

This weekend : special collection : Bishop's administration fund

Each year, parishes in the diocese take a collection to help fund Bishop Paul's ministry to us: his office, house, travel, and so on. *Thank you.*

Next weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend, **28-29 September**, in both our churches to support the work of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul society.

Day of renewal

Forgiveness: following the example of Jesus Christ, is the theme of a day of renewal offered at St Clare's Parish Hall, Preston PR2 9HH, **Saturday 5 October**, 10.00am-4.00pm, beginning with Mass at 10.00am. Led by Mary Hardiman, who works as a person-centred counsellor in Preston, and also for a charity supporting people on Death Row in the USA.

Please take a packed lunch; tea & coffee available. For more information: Christine, 07745-009694; Annette, 07954-429333.

Events at Boarbank Hall

The Sisters at Boarbank Hall, near Grange-over-Sands, are pleased to announce a new programme of residential events at their Guest House. These include *Care for Creation*: a mix of talks, reflection and activities, **5-12 October**. *Hope in Health*: for anyone involved in care or healthcare, to recharge the batteries, **8-10 October**. *Our Lady in Latin*: learning about the language and the music, **25-27 October**.

For the full programme and more details, see: <https://boarbankhall.org.uk/whats-on/>. For more information, please contact Sr Margaret on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk.

Diocesan Faith & Justice Commission

Lancaster Diocese Faith and Justice Commission is holding a *Bringing Communities Alive* event at the Cathedral Social Centre, Balmoral Road Lancaster LA1 3BT on **Saturday 12 October**, 10.00am-3.00pm. Speakers will include: Bishop Paul, Sir John Battle, and Clare Dixon from CAFOD.

You are welcome to attend for some or all of the day; please bring your lunch if you are attending over the lunchtime period; tea & coffee provided.

If you would like to register your interest to come along, please contact Sue Grubic, ldfjsue@gmail.com or by text on 07791-444417.

Christians in the Holy Land

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ) is a Catholic organisation that supports the Christians in the Holy Land. To find out more about this work, visit www.eohsj.org.uk.

Book-keeper for Scorton parish : can you help?

After eight years, our book-keeper for Scorton parish, Barry Fitzgibbon, will retire at the end of the current financial year, April 2025, and we're looking for someone to replace him.

Barry says: "The work takes two or three hours a week and requires basic knowledge of Microsoft Excel, printer scanning, and computer filing. If not, then 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'd like to know more, please contact Barry directly, or through the parish office. Thank you, Fr G.

Parish Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the coffee morning this week. A special thank you to those who donated such lovely cakes. You'll be pleased to know that your generosity raised **£130** for *ToyBox* which helps street children have a better life.

The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 16 October**, 10.00am - 12 noon in the Plessington Chapel at SS Mary & Michael. If you're new to the Parish it's a good way to meet other parishioners. We look forward to welcoming you. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

Centenary of our diocese

In preparation for the centenary of our diocese, 2024-25, Bishop Paul has issued a prayer card. These are available at the back of church.

Fr John Gibson : many thanks ...

... to Fr John, who celebrated the weekend Masses and led the Holy Hour while I was away, to those who opened church and prepared things for Mass, and to those who kept an eye on the properties. I'm very grateful. Fr G.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to Philip Lamoury and Jenn McGuigan for being our September winners.

This month we were able to donate **£1500** to the Parish from the funds raised running the Parish Draw. Thank you for all your support.

If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office.

The Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis

The diocese is launching a new Certificate in Catechesis to assist those engaged in this work in the parishes to deepen their understanding and grow closer in their relationship with the Lord.

This two-year course will be taught through online study with occasional in-person study days held at the Education Centre, Lancaster.

See the poster and leaflets at the back of church. Visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/lancaster>, or contact Jackie at the Education Centre, Jackie.broadley@lrccd.org.uk or 01524-841190.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Stella Mary Iddon.

Those who are ill or infirm. Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, 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, 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. Anne Birchall, Brian Campbell, John Billington, James Coyne, Arnold Hargreaves, William (Bill) Acton, Patricia Mary (Pat) Atkins, Bernard Gornall, Mary Watson, Thomas Swarbrick, Doreen Cummins, Anne Lister, Barbara Barton, Eric Fishwick, Mary Agnes Edwards, William Gerard Richmond, Bernard Joseph Swarbrick and Thomas Taylor (10th anniversary).