

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 September 2024

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]
Mon 30					St Jerome <i>priest, doctor of the Church</i>
		S	10.00am	Mass	Intentions of Philippa Catterall [CWL]
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Wed 2					The Guardian Angels
		G	6.30pm	Mass	Ints. of Ellis Preston <i>90th birthday</i> [v]
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	3	S	10.00am	Mass	Almond & Sweeney families <i>RIP</i>
Fri 4					St Francis of Assisi : HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY : Day of Prayer for the Poor & Needy of the World
		G	10.00am	Mass	James Gore <i>lately dead</i> [B+CL]
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat 5		G	12 noon	Baptism of Tadhg Lowe	

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5	G	6.00pm	Mass	William <i>anniv.</i> & Ellen Greenall <i>RIP</i>
Sun	6	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Alice Oxby-Wood <i>lately dead</i> [v]

This weekend : SVP collection

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Harvest Appeal

Our Harvest Fast Day collection for Cafod is **Friday 4 October**.

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Please give to CAFOD today or next week and you'll fund training, tools, equipment, and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential.

Use the envelope in church or give online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope.

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.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring boxes to be emptied to church next weekend. There are some boxes to be collected in the church porch.

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, ldfsue@gmail.com or by text on 07791-444417.

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 last coffee morning. 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*.

Donations to St Mary & St Michael's : Stella Iddon

The parish gratefully acknowledges the receipt of **£73**, given in memory of our parishioner, the late Stella Iddon.

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@lrcd.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. Thomas Taylor (10th anniversary), Jack Delaney, Francis Joseph (Frank) Purkis, Richard Hall Gelderd, Eleanor Woodhams, Joseph Speight, Gerard Rigby, Hannah Wheatley, Mary Gertrude Green, Francis Eastham, William Greenall, Arthur Conlong, Gerald Whittaker (10th anniversary), John Towers, Hilda Redhead, Jenny Jackson and Margaret McDonald.