

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependents

8 October 2023

Sat	7	G	6.00pm	Mass	William & Ellen Greenall <i>RIP</i>
Sun	8	S	8.30am	Mass	Monica Sanderson <i>anniversary</i> [MF]
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
Mon	9				ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN <i>priest, religious founder</i>
		S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Brendan Alger <i>RIP</i>
Tue	10	--			
Wed	11				<i>No Mass this evening</i>
Thu	12				St Wilfrid <i>bishop, religious, missionary</i>
		S	10.00am	Mass	Almond & Sweeney families <i>RIP</i>
Fri	13				St Edward the Confessor <i>married man, king</i>
		G	10.00am	Mass	Fr Peter Johnson <i>RIP</i>
			10.30am		Sacrament of Reconciliation

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	14	G	6.00pm	Mass	Agnes Gallagher <i>RIP</i>
Sun	15	S	8.30am	Mass	Austin Walmsley <i>RIP-birthday</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes

Cafod harvest fast day : Friday 6 October

Please return your CAFOD Fast Day envelopes **this weekend**; spare envelopes are available at the back of both churches. Alternatively, you may prefer to give online at www.cafod.org.uk. Thank you.

Tea & coffee ...

... will be served after 10.30am Mass this Sunday, **8 October**.

Human rights in the emerging Catholic Church

A lay-led synodal assembly, **8-14 October**, Rome, Bristol, and worldwide online: www.spiritunbounded.org. Organised by *Spirit Unbounded: nurturing the emerging Church*.

Day of renewal

Hearing the heart of Mary in Scripture, is the theme of a day of renewal offered at St Clare's Parish Hall, Preston PR2 9HH, **Saturday 14 October**, 10.00am-4.00pm, beginning with Mass at 10.00am. Led by Br. Jonathan of the Franciscan Friars of Renewal. Please take a packed lunch; tea & coffee available. Contacts: Christine, 07745-009694; Annette, 07954-429333.

Table Top Sale for Rwanda

Come and buy crafts, clothes, presents, cards, miscellaneous goods, **Saturday 14 October**, 11am – 2.00pm, St Anthony's annexe, St Anthony's Drive, off Cadley Causeway, Preston.

Next weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend, **14-15 October**, in both our parishes to support the work of our parish St Vincent de Paul society.

On the way to a better Church?

Insights from the Synod on Synodality. This synod is the most important meeting of bishops in Rome since Vatican II – sixty years ago. It promises to inaugurate a "synodal Church". But what does this mean?

Thomas O'Loughlin, Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology, University of Nottingham, in conversation with Tina Beattie, Catholic theologian and novelist, and Robert Burnett & Rose Murray from the Scottish Laity Network. **Tuesday 17 October**, 6.00-7.00pm. For tickets: www.thetablet.co.uk/events.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who baked, washed-up and helped in any way. Also, thank you to those who attended and donated so generously to Macmillan Cancer Care. We raised £274 which covers more than one day's care from a Macmillan nurse.

By popular demand, we will have further coffee mornings to raise funds for the Church on the third Wednesday of each month for the rest of the year.

The next one will be on **Wednesday 18 October**, 10am - 12 noon, in the Plessington Chapel.

It was so good to see everyone at the coffee morning; please put the dates in your diary as a good chance to get together again as a Parish. There will be cake! Thank you, again. *Helen Forshaw*

Open day at our school

St Mary & Michael's Primary School is holding an open day, **Wednesday 18 October**, 9.30am - 5.00pm.

Heads up : Mass for All Saints Day

Because All Saints' Day, **1 November**, falls on a Wednesday this year, Mass at Garstang will be on the Wednesday evening, at the usual time of 6.30pm.

Mass at Scorton will also be on the Wednesday, 10.00am, courtesy of Fr John Gibson.

Imagine

On the first Wednesday of each month, 8.00pm, there is an opportunity to pray imaginatively with others through zoom.

Called *Imagine*, it is based on an Ignatian approach to encountering God through imagination. Usually based on the Sunday gospel. There is opportunity to meet and speak with a few other people in a small group before the main event of the prayer.

For the prayer itself, you can turn off your camera and relax for half an hour of meditation. No booking or charge. All are welcome. For future meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81534467879?pwd=c1FzYnd0RHoxdE5FYkp1MXdZUTBnUT09>

Quick post-fight update

A massive thank you to my family and friends in attendance on Friday 22 September, to the many of you who've sent donations and kind words, and to all the coaches/staff at WCBL. A huge shout out to my opponent Barney- the fight went the distance and was hopefully quite the show! Despite its physical and mental demands, this has been such a worthwhile experience; your generosity and support have been breathtaking and will make a real difference to a fantastic cause. Thank you! *Shane Gallagher*

<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/shane-gallagher4>

Free to a good home

If anyone has any use for a very good condition dark blue, floor-standing four-drawer filing cabinet with keys, and a desktop multi-drawer silver filing cabinet, please contact the parish office.

Formation in the Word of God

For a rich collection of resources & reflections, see the website <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>

Please pray for ...

The Synod in Rome, 4-29 October. All those participating; for attentive listening to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Those who have died recently.

Those who are ill or infirm. Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Carley Cowburn, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Fr Harry Holden, Federico Lema, Mary McCann, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, Rita Whittaker, Margaret Brocklehurst, Rory Montgomery, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Caroline Nurse, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Peter Holland, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Joan Farnworth, Richard Wrennall, William (Bill) Hollis, Barry Speak, Rose Ellen Shorrocks, Margaret Horn, Kathleen Barnacle, Cecily Gornall, Florence McHale, Edward Pyke, Charles MacKenzie, Robert Richmond, Bill Backhouse, Mary Constance (Connie) Acton, John Simpson, Elizabeth Pedder, Joseph Speight and John Waring.