

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Third Sunday of Lent

23 March 2025

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>
Mon 24	S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [J]
Tue 25	--			
Wed 26	G	6.30pm	Mass	Ellis Preston <i>lately dead</i> [FC]
		7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu 27	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Tim Sullivan <i>RIP</i>
Fri 28	G	10.00am	Mass with the school	<i>all welcome</i> Grayston fam. <i>RIP</i>
	S	10.00am	Stations of the Cross	
	G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	G	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 29	G	11.00am	Wedding Mass : Grace Whitehead & Liam Tillett	<i>all welcome</i>

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat 29	G	6.00pm	Mass	Mary Mason <i>lately dead</i> [I]
Sun 30	S	8.30am	Mass	Dick & Betty Gornall, Jenny Bottomley <i>RIP</i>
	G	10.30am	Mass	People of our parishes

CAFOD Fast Day collection

Thank you for the support you are giving to CAFOD, especially the Lent Fast Day Appeal, and to those who have set up standing orders: a great way to make a pledge this Jubilee Year. Your donations bring your love for your neighbour to people suffering around the world, and give them the support, skills and tools they need to find their hope for the future.

We will let you know the total raised in due course.

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.

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.

Next weekend : SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection next weekend, **29-30 March**, in both our churches to support the work of our parishes' St Vincent de Paul society.

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.

Tuesday morning prayer

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

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 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

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.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lindisfarne & Holy Island

From Bishop Paul: As part of our diocesan celebrations of the Centenary, I will be leading a pilgrimage to the sites associated with St Cuthbert, co-patron of our Diocese, **21-23 May**. The three-day pilgrimage will take in Holy Island and Bamburgh and Durham Cathedral, and we will be staying at the historic former seminary of the North of England, Ushaw College.

The cost of the pilgrimage is £310 for shared accommodation and £340 for single rooms, all inclusive, with coach pick-ups at Workington and Carlisle. To request a booking form, email info@christ-the-good-shepherd.co.uk.

Garstang Parish Draw

Congratulations go to our February & March winners; Ann & John Waite, Fiona Brooks, Sheila Hall, and a winner who has kindly donated their winnings back to the Parish. Just a reminder that Subs are due for this year.

The Parish Draw raises funds for SS Mary & Michael's Parish. Last year after prize money was deducted £1500 was handed over to Fr Geoffrey.

If you would like an opportunity to take part in this year's draw, support our church, and have a chance to win in the monthly draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office. Each number costs £20 per year (you can have more than one number) and each month there are two prizes - £80 & £30 and an extra Christmas draw in December which pays out £100 & £35.

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.*

Liturgies of Reconciliation

We will celebrate the Lenten Liturgy of Reconciliation for our parishes on **Saturday 5 April**, 10.00am, at Garstang. (Not 15 April. Doh!)

Deanery Liturgy of Reconciliation, **Wednesday 9 April**, 6.30pm, at the cathedral. An opportunity for individual confession.

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. Rosemary Walmsley (sister-in-law of Angela Carr), Jim Cottle, Ellis Preston.

Those who are ill or infirm. Celia & Bert Lowe, 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, 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 Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Ann Rigg, Rev Bernard Whiteside, Betty Gornall, Austin Walmsley, Harry Swarbrick, Kate Simkin, John Gillett, Dorothy Rose Kelsall, Francis Bryan, Brian Richardson, Frank Walmsley, Gladys Richardson, Nellie Hodges, Frances Dickinson, James Pooler, James Pedder, Mary Carr, Mary Carter, Joan Wilkes, and Anne Stobbs.