

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday

10 November 2024

Sat	9	G	6.00pm	Mass	Peter Ibison <i>RIP</i>
Sun	10	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Canon Tim Sullivan <i>RIP</i>
Mon	11	St Martin of Tours <i>bishop</i>			
		S	10.00am	Mass	Anne Gelderd <i>15th anniversary</i>
Tue	12	--			
Wed	13	G	6.30pm	Mass	Betty Carter <i>RIP</i>
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	14	S	10.00am	Mass	Price-Jones, Hull, Ackers families <i>RIP</i>
Fri	15	G	10.00am	Mass	Bill Barton <i>30th anniversary</i> [BG]
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	16	G	6.00pm	Mass	Brendan & Oonagh Murphy <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	17	S	8.30am	Mass	Richard & Betty Gornall & Jenny Bottomley <i>RIP</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	People of our parishes

Parish accounts 2023-24

If any parishioner would like an e-copy for your relevant parish, please e-mail. Some paper copies are available at the back of both churches.

My apologies for their late publication. Thank you for the reminder. I simply kept forgetting, and I'm afraid that this is as good as it gets! Fr G.

The latest statistics from the diocese show that the **average weekly giving** per head, including Standing Orders, is **£6.69, Garstang**, and **£7.90, Scorton**.

Perhaps it's some time since you reviewed your weekly giving or Standing Order. May I encourage everyone to do so, to help keep our parishes on a secure financial footing. Fr G.

Gift Aid : many thanks ...

... to parishioners who support our parishes by designating your offerings as Gift Aid. We have recently been credited as follows: **Garstang, £9142.95, Scorton, £2707.03**, and the *Friends of Chivuna* account with **£276.68**.

To all parishioners: If you are a UK tax payer, *please* complete a Gift Aid declaration for your parish. It costs you absolutely nothing. You are giving to your parish anyway; this simply asks the Government to redirect to your parish some of the tax you have paid to the Government. For every £1 you give, your parish can reclaim 25p of tax. Thank you. **We need your Gift Aid.**

Standing Order forms and **Gift Aid declarations** are available at the back of both churches; alternatively, download them for either parish from our website, or e-mail or phone the parish office. Thank you.

Parishes' finances : many thanks ...

... to our parishioners who serve as our book-keepers, Alejandra and Barry; to our external auditors, Helena and Mick; to those who prepare and submit the Gift Aid claims, Karine and Barry; and to those who count the collections: Catherine, Helen, Jo, Marie, Michael, Phil, and Ruth. I am very grateful. Fr G.

Mass for the deceased clergy of the diocese

Bishop Paul will offer Mass for all the deceased clergy of the diocese, **Tuesday 19 November**, 12.15pm, Lancaster cathedral. All are invited to gather with Bishop Paul to pray for those bishops, priests, and deacons, now departed, who have shared in our life of faith. May they rest in peace.

Bequest to St Mary & St Michael's : Muriel Metcalfe

The parish has recently received a bequest of **£10,000** from the estate of the late Muriel Metcalfe, formerly of Leicester Avenue, who died on 4 March 2023. She is buried at Cockerham church with her parents.

Muriel requested that the bequest be used for the general upkeep of the church and cemetery. I am minded to use it to repair the stone wall that runs up from Bonds Lane to the school playing field, and marks the boundary of the new cemetery. The wall has already collapsed at certain points and is in a poor state at others.

When preparing or revising your will, please remember your parish. In this way, just as we benefit from the generosity of those who have gone before us, so those who follow us will benefit from our generosity to them. Fr G.

A B Grace Trust

St Mary & St Michael's gratefully acknowledges receipt of **£1,000** from the A B Grace Trust. It was Mrs Grace's wish that the funds be used for the upkeep of our cemetery. This we will do.

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.

Next weekend : Red Box Appeal for *Missio*

There will be a Red Box appeal at Mass next weekend, **16-17 November**. *Missio* is the Pope's charity for world mission, and through the Red Box we support the Church around the world where it is young and in need. Please consider taking a Red Box or signing up to give by Direct Debit. Thank you.

Sunday Missal 2025

If you'd like a personal copy of the 2025 edition of the *CTS Sunday Missal*, cost £9.95: e-mail the parish office, phone and leave a message, or post a note through the letter box. **Deadline for orders: Sunday 17 November**.

BIG Quiz 2

After the success of Big Quiz 1 we are looking forward to another enjoyable evening of family fun. **Saturday 30 November**, 7.30-10.00pm, SSMM School Hall, Garstang. Christmas themed questions, Jacob's Join, Raffle, Prizes (donations of raffle prizes gratefully received). Entry: £1 per person. Proceeds to charity. All welcome. Tell your friends!

Macmillan coffee morning

The coffee morning at Scorton Methodist Chapel on Saturday 12 October raised **£1000.00** for Macmillan Cancer Support. Many thanks to everyone.

CAFOD Fast Day collection : many thanks ...

... to everyone who donated to the parish collection. **£824.86** was raised at Garstang and **£45** at Scorton. Plus, donations made directly and online. Thank you for your continuing generosity to CAFOD.

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Fr Alf Parker, John Poulton.

Those who are ill or infirm. Deacon Michael Dolan, Bob Tomlinson, Fr Tony Walsh, Steve Masterman, Rita Marley, Bob Cookson, Pat Stockdale, Jim Costain, Fr Michael Murphy, Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, 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.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Joseph Smith, Elizabeth (Minnie) Fitzpatrick, Edward Cunney, Anne Gelderd, Johnson Cook, Jim Costello, Margaret Ward, William Helme, Louis Gornall, Angela Wallbank, Margaret Dilworth, John Cookson, George Gidlow, William E Barton, Imelda Newsham, Joan Baines, Barbara Berry, Oonagh Marie Murphy, Mary Coope, Peter Cole, and Elizabeth Richmond.