

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 November 2024

Sat 16 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** Brendan & Oonagh Murphy *anniversary*

Sun 17 **S** 8.30am **Mass** Richard & Betty Gornall  
& Jenny Bottomley *RIP*

**G** 10.30am **Mass** People of our parishes

Mon 18 **S** 10.00am **Mass** Intentions of Philippa Catterall [cwl]

Tue 19 --

Wed 20 **G** 6.30pm **"Red Mass"** for persecuted Christians  
Brian Hargreaves *anniversary*

7.00pm **Rosary** in our homes

Thu 21 **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**S** 10.00am **Mass** Infirm clergy

**G** 6.30pm **Mass** Deceased Catenians *All welcome*

Fri 22 **St Cecilia virgin, martyr**

**G** 10.00am **Mass** Gordon Wright *10<sup>th</sup> anniversary* [gs]

**G** 10.30am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

## Christ the King

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 23 **G** 6.00pm **Mass** People of our parishes

Sun 24 **S** 8.30am **Mass** Thomas & Mary Wilding *anniversary*

**G** 10.30am **Mass** Mary McLaughlin *90<sup>th</sup> birthday* [w+m]

### This weekend : Red Box Appeal for *Missio*

There will be a Red Box appeal at Mass this 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**.

### 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.

### Parish Coffee Morning

There is a parish coffee morning, **Wednesday 20 November**, 10am - 12 noon in the Plessington Chapel at Garstang, raising funds to support *Hospice Africa*. We look forward to seeing you there: do come along, we're a friendly bunch. *The Coffee Morning Team*.

### "Red Mass" for persecuted Christians

On **Wednesday 20 November**, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites us to be particularly mindful of our brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted and oppressed because of their faith. [www.acn.org.uk](http://www.acn.org.uk)

### The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Mary's, Newhouse, is hosting a special Rosary service, **Thursday 21 November**, 2.00pm, followed by tea, coffee, and biscuits. All welcome. Station Lane, Barton PR3 5DY. See the posters for all the details.

### Special collection next weekend : Diocesan Youth Services

Next weekend is the annual collection to support the work of our Diocesan Youth Services, and the team based at Castlerigg Manor, Keswick.

There will be a second collection plate at the back of both churches.

## Be still and know that I am God

Join Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, for this retreat exploring the human condition with practices common to mindfulness and to Christian contemplative prayer. **21-24 November**, the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst. For more information and to register:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

## Centenary of the Diocese

As part of the launch of the centenary year of our Diocese the Cathedral will be holding the Forty Hours exposition, **Thursday 21 - Saturday 23 November**. The intention of this period of prayer will be in thanksgiving for the mission of the Diocese over the last hundred years, and seeking God's help for the years to come. The hours of exposition will be as follows:

Thursday 21, 4.00pm-12 midnight; Friday 22 5.00am-12 midnight; Saturday 23, 5.00am-6.00pm, concluding with Benediction.

On **Sunday 24**, the opening day of the Centenary year, the Bishop will celebrate Evening Prayer of Christ the King followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 4.00pm, in the cathedral. During Benediction the *Te Deum* will be sung in thanksgiving for all the graces bestowed on the Diocese by God during the last century.

## 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. Please tick the list at the back of church.

## 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. 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.

## Monthly parish collections

Parish collections for October: **Garstang**, £1,613.51, plus £2,479.00 Standing Orders; **Scorton**, £487.60, plus £677.67 Standing Orders. *Thank you.*

## Assisted dying : Statement from Bishop Paul

Copies of the Bishop's statement are at the back of both churches.

## Fr Keefe's book

If you ordered a copy of Fr Anthony's collection of his homilies, they're available for collection in the sacristy. Please leave your money in an envelope with your name on it. Thank you.

## Votive lights : please take care

On the votive candle stands, please only light votive candles within the individual holders. Because of the risk of fire, they are not to be placed anywhere else on the stand, or balanced on top of each other. Thank you.

If no individual holders are available, leave your unlit candles on the altar rails nearby and they will be added to the stand when space becomes free.

## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** David Stubbs (husband of Bridie), Fr Alf Parker, John Poulton.

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

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** Madge Holliday, Stephanie McDonald, Tony Hickey, John Francis Rigby, Bernard Watson, William Haydock Barton, Frank Blessing, Cuthbert Billington, Brian Hargreaves, Robert 'Bob' Cross, Sheila Bourke, Edward Storey, Marjorie Addison, Megan Doris Clifton, and Rev Austin William Splain.