

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Christ the King

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 November 2024

Sat	23	G	6.00pm	Mass	People of our parishes
Sun	24	S	8.30am	Mass	Thomas & Mary Wilding <i>anniversary</i>
		G	10.30am	Mass	Mary McLaughlin <i>90th birthday</i> [W+M]
Mon	25	S	10.00am	Mass	Shirley Darbyshire <i>RIP</i> [G.MCA]
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Wed	27		11.00am	Funeral Mass : David Stubbs	<i>at Great Eccleston</i>
		G	6.30pm	Mass	Rita Whittaker <i>RIP</i>
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	28	S	10.00am	Mass	James T Cowburn <i>in remembrance</i> [WA]
Fri	29	G	10.00am	Mass	Joan Walbank <i>anniversary</i>
		G	10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

First Sunday of Advent

Sat	30	G	6.00pm	Mass	Maureen Pyke <i>anniversary</i>
Sun	1	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Lucas Backhouse <i>RIP</i> [B.MCC]

Calling all Readers : new Lectionary

The new edition of the *Lectionary* comes into use next Sunday, 1st Sunday of Advent. There are enough changes in the text to catch us all out, me included. The layout of the pages is also significantly different.

Those of you who are reading next Sunday might like to photograph the relevant pages from the *Lectionary*, to assist your preparation. It's in the sacristy. There are a couple of copies of the Sunday Missal in the sacristy for Readers to borrow. But the layout of the Sunday Missal is not the same as the layout of the Lectionary.

Additional Readers? We are rather short of Readers for Mass in **Garstang**. If any of you who have previously served as Readers would like to resume your ministry, please contact Frank Miller.

If anyone would like to join the roster for Readers at **Scorton**, you would be very welcome. Please contact Denise Morley.

This is an opportunity to invite anyone who attends Mass with us to discern whether you might serve the liturgy as a Reader. If you'd like to, please let me know. I'll gladly offer some preparation; you won't be left to sink or swim. Many thanks, Fr *Geoffrey*.

Special collection this weekend : Diocesan Youth Services

This 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.

Assisted dying : Statement from Bishop Paul

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

Also at the back of church are A5 postcards: simply add your name, the name of your MP, and pop them in the post. Thank you.

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 SVP's South Sudan *Be in Hope* project for street children. All welcome. Please tick the list at the back of church to help preparations.

Special collection next weekend: Diocesan Poor Missions Fund

Next weekend there is the annual collection for the *poor parishes of our diocese*. There will be a second basket at the back of both churches.

Dates for your diary

Advent Liturgy of Reconciliation, **Saturday 7 December**, 10.00am, SSMM.

Deanery Liturgy of Reconciliation, **Thursday 12 December**, 6.00pm, at the cathedral. An opportunity for individual confession.

Concert by Lancaster Singers and children from our school, **Tuesday 17 December**, 7.30pm, SSMM.

Christmas Masses: As last year, because it worked really well: **Tuesday 24 December**, 6.00pm, Garstang; **Wednesday 25 December**, 8.30am, Scorton; 10.30am, Garstang.

6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Once again, we will be operating an allocated seating plan for this Mass. If you wish to attend, please complete the Seat Request form or email directly ssmm.christmas.mass@gmail.com.

Please supply the following information: Your name; number of seats required; number of those U12; any special requests/considerations (e.g. mobility issues, disabled parking space); contact phone number (mobile preferred).

Please note that we will only be using the main body of the church: current fire regulations mean we cannot use the balcony or have parishioners standing at the back of church.

Seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis, and every effort will be made to accommodate everyone who wants to attend. There are no restrictions on the number in a bench and all rows will be filled to their safe capacity. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Thanks from Chivuna

"Dear Father, Greetings to you and all the Parishioners of St Mary and Michael's Church. I am writing on behalf of Chivuna Mission Rural Health Centre to thank you and all our friends for the money received last month. May the Lord continue blessing you. Kindest regards to all our friends. Sr *Mutinta*." (The parish was able to transfer £2,000 this year.)

Christmas cards

Christmas cards and gifts are now available from the church shop at Garstang. All proceeds to the upkeep of the church. *Thank you*.

Garstang parish draw

Congratulations to our November winners, Helena Blunt and Mary & Roger Mason. Do you want to join in? You can be part of our extra draw for Christmas and the remaining 4 months of this year's draw for just £10 per number. Contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon via the parish office for details.

Fr Keefe's book

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

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, Fr Alf Parker.

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 Copple, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family.

Those whose anniversary we keep. Molly (Mary) Singleton, George Bamber, Nellie Winder, Thomas Cooney, Patricia (Pat) Nickson, Joan Walbank, Dr Gerard Flood, Cath Bagot, Eleanor Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Mgr Paddy O'Dea, Eugenia McCarthy, Sarah Ingleby, Maureen Pyke, Canon Joseph Tootell, Jack Noblett, Margaret Stopforth, Nellie Bateson, and John Robert Boulter.