

# Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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## Third Sunday of Lent

3 March 2024

Sat	2	G	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Tim & Helen Forshaw 40 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.
Sun	3	S	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes
		G	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	Tony Hall anniversary
Mon	4	S	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Maureen Ingleby anniversary
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Wed	6	G	6.30pm	<b>Mass</b>	In thanksgiving to St Martha [HL]
Thu	7	G	11.00am	<b>Funeral Liturgy : Paul Rigg</b>	
Fri	8	S	10.00am	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
		G	10.00am	<b>Mass</b>	Thomas & Eleanor Bolton anniversary
		G	10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
		G	6.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat	9	G	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b>	Alice RIP & John Towers anniversary
Sun	10	S	8.30am	<b>Mass</b>	John Yates lately dead
		G	10.30am	<b>Mass</b>	People of our parishes

## Talk from Our Lady's Lancaster : Uganda24 Project

**This weekend, 2-3 March**, students from Our Lady's Catholic College will be speaking briefly at the Masses about their Uganda Schools Project.

There will be a collection for anyone who would like to donate - no matter how small. Thank you for your support.

## Ignatian Prayer and Discernment

An introduction to these helpful Christian approaches. **Tuesday 5 March, 11.30am-3.00pm**, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall PR5 5AA.

Led by Donna Worthington, <https://www.christianretreats.live/>. For bookings: 01772-335387 or [office@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk).

## Thinking faith : Lent Zoom retreat

Is a group of professional Catholics who meet on zoom and at live retreats hosted by Sr Margaret Atkins, an Augustinian Sister at Boarbank Hall, Cumbria, and Fr Richard Finn, a Dominican at Blackfriars, Oxford (and at times other Dominicans).

Lent Zoom Retreat: **8-10 March**. Evenings only. Theme: *Fasting and Feasting*.

More information from Sr Margaret, [margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk), or visit: [www.boarbankhall.org.uk](http://www.boarbankhall.org.uk).

## Liturgy of Reconciliation

We will celebrate the Lenten Liturgy of Reconciliation for our parishes on **Saturday 16 March**, 10.00am, at Garstang.

## Lenten lunches, Garstang

Supported by *Christians Together in Garstang*, **Wednesdays, to 20 March**, 12noon-1.00pm, Garstang URC Hall, Croston Road.

Enjoy a meal of soup, bread & cheese in a warm & friendly environment. Donate the cost of your lunch, if you are able, to Christian Aid. Please Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer.

Three parishioners have kindly volunteered to help when it is our turn, 20 March. *Thank you*. If other parishioners can make soup that day, please contact Philippa C on 238331.

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## The National Novena to St Joseph

This will take place **10 - 18 March**, St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary Outreach, and for the intentions of all who support their work.

Mass at 10.00am every day of the Novena except Sunday, 11.00am. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena).

Also available on Zoom will be Evening Prayer together with the Novena Prayer at 6.00pm every day during the Novena. This year, a special Novena Booklet has been prepared, and is available on request for a suggested donation. There are a few petition forms at the back of church and you are welcome to send in your petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet by writing to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

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## Ecumenical prayer on Palm Sunday

There will be a short time of prayer on **Palm Sunday, 24 March**, 10am, at Moss Lane Park. All are welcome to attend, and if someone is willing to lead a prayer on behalf of our parishes, please let me know. Many thanks, Fr G

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## 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, 28 March, 6.30pm.** Take part in the washing of feet; prepare an altar of repose; remove everything from the altar at the end of Mass.

**Good Friday, 29 March, 3.00pm.** Prepare the altar for the Rite of Holy Communion, and remove everything from the altar at the end.

**Easter Vigil, Saturday 30 March, 8.00pm.** Prepare the Easter fire; help spread the candlelight around the church.

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## Free online course : what it means to become a synodal Church

Following the recent Synod in Rome, a series of online talks are available helping us to understand and become a more synodal Church:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2024-02/synod-free-theological-course-mooc-synodal-church.html>

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## Parish Coffee Morning

Thank you very much to the hardy souls who braved the rain to attend this week's event. A total of £90 was donated which will be added to the money given in the Lenten Appeal envelopes for transmission to Cafod. *Please note* there will be no coffee morning in March; we will be catering the Lenten Lunch at the URC Hall on that day. We hope to be back in April; watch this space! *The Coffee Morning Team*

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## Men's trainers : thank you ...

... from Sara Adan at the Jesuit Refugee Service for all the men's trainers donated. See the noticeboard inside the church door at Garstang.

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## Pilgrim Way

A pilgrimage walk has been developed from our cathedral in Lancaster to the Syro-Malabar cathedral of St Alphonsa, Preston; formerly St Ignatius' church. <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/the-way-of-our-lady-of-fernyhalgh-and-st-alphonsa-is-ready-to-walk>

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## Please pray for ...

**Those who have died recently.** Aileen Toole, Paul Rigg, Dick Gornall.

**Those who are ill or infirm.** Pat McKenna, Joe Rooney, Bert Lowe, Vicki Doherty, Deacon D'Arcy Ryan, Noreen Hargreaves, Mary Purkis, Harold Jepson, Frank Davis, Federico Lema, Fr Bob Horn, Pat Errington, 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, Jessica Holmes.

**Those whose anniversary we keep.** Donald Slater, Ellen Greenall, Margaret Mary Holden, John Foley, Eileen Gleeson, Sister Catherine Waring, Martin Mears, Dorothy Hayes, Elizabeth Griffin, Jane Brown, Annie Grayston, Maureen Hollis, Maureen Ingleby, George Pearce, Mary Ann Smith, John Conway, Mary Bevins, Madeleine Looby, Alice Ann Lydiate, Dorothy Nugent, Ellen Moxham, The Cookson & Hine Families, Edward Hodgson, Joan McCall, Richard Hogarth, Leo Wells, Constance Mary Rogers, Marie Kelly, Annie Lillian Henderson, Thomas Bolton and John Towers.