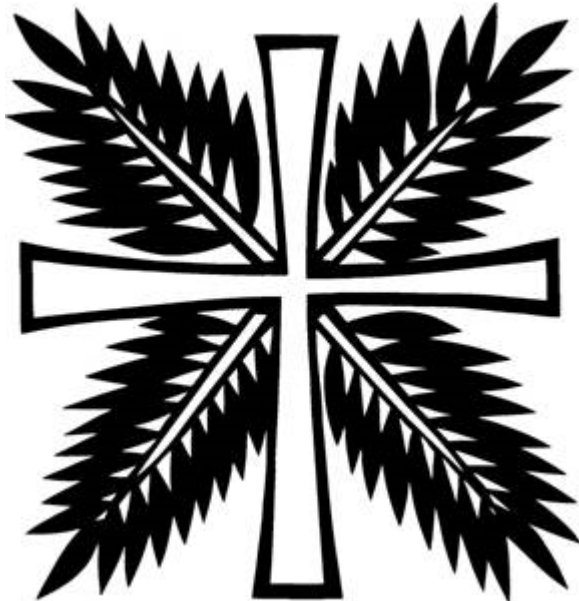


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H O L Y W E E K

2018



25th March – Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

Jesus arrives at Jerusalem, the Holy City, he is welcomed by crowds of people who wave branches in greeting. They are glad to see him, they want a Messiah – perhaps Jesus is the one?
"Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!"

We begin our Celebration in the Plessington Chapel. Palm crosses are blessed. We process into Church and are immediately faced with a waiting cross symbolising the one on which Jesus will be crucified.

Masses: Saturday Vigil – 24th March 6.00 pm (Garstang)
Sunday – 25th March 8.30 am (Scorton) –
10.30 am (Garstang)

**Blessing of Palms in the Plessington Chapel
Procession with Palms into Church.
Celebration of Mass with
the Passion according to St Mark**

Monday 26th March

No Mass

Tuesday 27th March

Mass (Scorton) 12 noon
Maundy Thursday Mass for School in School 2.00 pm

Wednesday 28th March

Good Friday Service for School (in school) 9.30 am
Parish Mass (Garstang) 7.00 pm

Holy Thursday 29th March

The Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, Lancaster - 11.00 am

You are invited to this Mass during which the Holy Oils are consecrated and distributed throughout the Diocese. The Diocesan Priests, together with the Bishop, renew their commitment to Priestly Service.

THE THREE DAY CELEBRATION OF THE SUFFERING, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS, BEGINS.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM 2018

Holy Thursday 29th March

Mass of the Last Supper (Garstang) 7.30 pm

During this Mass we are invited to enter into the drama and intimacy of the last meal which Jesus shared with his closest friends. At the Gloria, bells are rung. Please bring a small bell for you to ring. After this, bells are silent until the Gloria of the Easter Vigil. We watch as Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. Peter refuses to let Jesus wash his feet.

Jesus says: "**If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me!**"

Peter replies: "**Then Lord, not only my feet, but my hands and head as well!**"

The Maundy collection will be given to poor people by our St. Vincent de Paul Society

Altar of Repose:

As the Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession to the altar of repose we follow Jesus, as if to the Garden of Gethsemane. Try to spend a little time with Jesus in the Garden.
"Could you not spend one hour with me?"

We will conclude our time at the altar of repose after an hour.

Good Friday 30th March

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (Garstang) 6.00 am
We will begin in the Castle Lane Community Centre and process up Castle Lane to Greenhalgh Castle, stopping a number of times on the way to remember the last journey of Jesus.

Stations of the Cross – Scorton 10.00 am
Churches Together Service at the Methodist Chapel, (Scorton) followed by a Walk of Witness through the village. 11.00 am
Youth Group Stations of the Cross - Garstang 10.30 am
This is an opportunity to follow Jesus to Calvary as seen through the eyes of our young people.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00 pm
The solemn liturgy is sombre and dramatic. It is a celebration of pain and triumph, suffering and victory, a crown of thorns and a royal kingly crown. As we shout "Crucify him!" during the passion reading, we know that we contribute in our sinfulness to putting Jesus to death.
In faith and love we adore our Lord raised up between heaven and earth for us all.

Holy Saturday 31st March
(No Mass this morning – the church is empty and bare like a tomb)

The Easter Vigil (Garstang) 7.30 pm

The Vigil Celebration is the highlight of the whole of the year!

- It is the time when we celebrate light breaking through the darkness, the dawn of hope.
- Our celebration begins outside the church with the new fire, a pillar of fire.
- When we have welcomed the light in the great Easter Hymn, "The Exultet", we hear the incredible story of how God has pursued his people in love, through the whole of history.
- We all bring a small bell to ring as we sing Gloria and welcome Easter.

- The Easter Water is blessed
- Baptism was the moment of new life for us. We remember our own moment of baptism as we renew our commitment as Christians.
- Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- This Mass is the Saturday Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday 1st April **The Lord is risen ! Alleluia !**

Ecumenical Easter Sunday Service at Nicky Nook (Scorton)

Beginning at 6.25 am at Nicky Nook stile, to meet at the top of Nicky Nook for a dawn prayer service at 7.00 am, followed by refreshments in the Methodist Chapel.

Masses:

8.30 am	Solemn Easter Mass (Scorton)
10.30 am	Solemn Easter Mass (Garstang)

The Lord is risen – Alleluia, Alleluia!

**May the Risen Lord bless your hearts
and homes.**



ALLELUIA!

HE IS RISEN!

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