

St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church
Garstang and Calder Vale
and

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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23rd / 24th DECEMBER 2017 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

30th / 31st DECEMBER 2017 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



New items and information

Decorating the Church for Christmas (Garstang) – Today, Christmas Eve, from 1.30 pm, we would really appreciate your help to decorate the Church ready for tomorrow. Please could you spare an hour or so? It shouldn't take long, because the decorations will all be ready to hang up!

Red Mission Boxes – These have now been emptied and a total of £170.38 has been banked. Please collect your box and a 2018 calendar from the church porch. Thank you.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Thank you to everyone who contributed to the SVP collection last weekend, even though it had not been advertised. £117.75 was collected.

Monthly Coffee Morning – What better way to overcome the post-Christmas blues? On **3rd January 2018** there will be the chance to get together with friends for a chat, a brew, and – if you're not still full of Christmas and New Year fare – cakes and biscuits etc. From 10 am – 12 noon, in the Plessington Chapel. *All welcome!*

Friends of Chivuna – The next meeting is on Friday, 5th January, 7.30 pm, preceded by Mass at 7 pm in the Plessington Chapel.

Journey in Faith – The next meeting of Journey in Faith will be on **11th January 2018, 7.15 for 7.30 pm, in the Plessington Chapel.** Please pray for those people who are considering making this journey. *If you are not a Catholic, but would like to find out more, please do come along; you would be more than welcome.*

Best wishes for Christmas from Hummingbirds and thanks to all who supported the Christmas Fair - £900 was raised! The raffle which was drawn on 3rd December raised £427, £20 of which went towards prizes. (Thank you to everyone who donated the rest of the prizes!)

Diocesan Directories – There are copies of the 2018 Diocesan Directory in the shop, £3.00 each, if you would like one.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Jas. G Hall, Thomas Leo Horn, Doris Mary Wilson, Keith Barton, Kathleen Boden, John Kirby, Winifred Bracegirdle, Kathleen Collins, Anthony Ingleby, Thomas Wilcock, Rev John Michael Horn, Thomas Francis Horn, Louis Appleton Darbyshire, Katie McDonald, Mary Ibison, Elizabeth Quick, Agnes Cross, Leonard Lister, Alice Bernadette Swarbrick, Agnes Cross, Celia Swarbrick, Mary Agnes Ibison, Jim O'Brien, Margaret Walmsley, Frank Piela, Peggy Barton, Ellen Law, Marie Kendall, Robert Ibison, Alice Ibison, Michael Hoyle, Mary Ainsworth, Richard Swarbrick, Winifred McArdle, William Boden, Eleanor Bolton, Iain Watson, Florence Carter, Edwin Eydman, Peter Ellwood, Sheila Richardson, Thomas Cross, Tom Wallbank, Angela Margaret Beirley, Alfred Wheatley, Ann Eastham, John Edwards, Margaret Davis, Fr Arthur Speight, Sarah Ann Garvey, Eira Weaver, John Edwards and Annie Bisby. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends in Scorton and Garstang, including: Stephen Cottam, Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, Pat Hill, Winifred McNulty, Joyce Bilsborrow, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Ros Drake, Margaret Hibberdine, Tony McManmon, Vin Cahill, Anne Miller, Simon Crossley, Alan Lowe, Father Jerome Ainsworth, Joan Place, Bob Cross, Martina Cople, Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, John Fairey, Rod Pearson, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Philomena Morgan, Sheila Murphy, Florence Burgess, Ian Moran, David Winstanley, Pat Hickey, Simone & Nigel Lord, Pat Nickson, Marie Corrigan, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Wayne Martin, Michael Hendry, Fiona Catterall, Lucy and Family, Ann Wicks, Jessica Holmes (6 years old) and Phoebe (6 years old). (If you would like to add someone, please will you write down their name and hand it to Father Tom, D'arcy or Liz, or send in by email, and please let us know when a name is to be removed. Thank you.)

Previously Published Items

Booklets for the Administration of Holy Communion to the Sick – If you are an Extraordinary Minister who takes Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, and you would like one of these leaflets, they are in the Sacristy – ask Father Tom or D'arcy.

The Catholic Teaching Alliance School Direct Programme – Are you thinking of applying to train to become a primary or secondary school teacher in September 2018? If you are (or will be) a graduate you could train with the Catholic Teaching Alliance in schools in the Preston/Blackpool/Lancaster area. The Catholic Teaching Alliance School Direct Programme is a partnership between 70 Catholic schools and the University of Cumbria working together to provide first class initial teacher training within the Catholic community. PGCE and QTS are awarded upon successful completion of the course. Applications are now open; see our website for more details: www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org. **Any questions?** Mr Gormally will be in the Training Centre every Monday from 4 – 5 pm to answer your queries about the Catholic Teaching Alliance and our School Direct training programme. Please email ctaschooldirect@olhs.lancs.sch.uk or phone 01772

326 931 to book an appointment. You may also telephone this number for general enquiries about our teacher training programme.

Lancaster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage (Youth) – Preparations are well under way for next summer, and booking is now open for Young People. Travelling with the Youth Service is a great way for young people to get to know the story of Lourdes and grow in faith through service, prayer, catechesis and time spent with other young Catholics. Many young adults tell me that a pilgrimage to Lourdes was a turning point in their faith life. Our coach journey starts on 19th July, travelling directly to Lourdes where we will be staying in the 4-star hotel Eliseo. We will arrive home on the Saturday, 29th July. Open to ages Year 10+, we are delighted to announce that the price has come down this year to £595. For more information, to book online or download the poster or booking form, please see <http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/new-events/2017/9/19/lourdes-2018>.

St Paul's Sunday Missals for 2018 – These are now available from the Church Shop, price £5 each.

Wednesday Word – There are copies of The Wednesday Word, on green paper, for the Mass of 31st December at the back of church; if you would like one, please help yourself.

*Father Tom and D'arcy
wish all parishioners a very
Happy Christmas, and a
Peaceful New Year.
God bless you all.*



Response to the psalm at 10.30 am Mass:

Praying for a new Bishop of Lancaster: *Almighty God, Eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 23rd December 2017 – Sunday 7th January 2018

See separate sheet

Devotions and Celebrations next 2 weeks:

Wed	3 rd Jan	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Sat	6 th Jan	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service
		10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Confessions

Special Days next 2 weeks:

Sun	24 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Mon	25 th	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Tues	26 th	ST STEPHEN (First Martyr)
Wed	27 th	ST JOHN (Apostle & Evangelist)
Thurs	28 th	THE HOLY INNOCENTS (Martyrs)
Fri	29 th	ST THOMAS BECKET (Bishop & Martyr)
Sun	31 st	THE HOLY FAMILY
Mon	1 st Jan	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Tues	2 nd	St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen (Bishops & Doctors)
Sun	7 th	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Mon	8 th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Meetings next 2 weeks:

Wed	3 rd Jan	10 am – 12 noon	Monthly Coffee Morning (Garstang)
Thurs	4 th	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)
Fri	5 th	7.30 pm	Friends of Chivuna

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	10 th (Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 116	Children: 3	Total: 119
		10.30 am	Adults: 136	Children: 28	Total: 164
		(Scorton) 8.30 am	Total:		Total: 283

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,219; Votive Lights: £41.70; Shop: £100.

Many thanks to you all.

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £; Votive lights: £. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in December at St Mary & St Michael's Church, and at St Thomas's during January.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	112	O come, O come, Emmanuel
Kyrie:		
G.A.:	72	Stay awake, be ready
Off:	609	In bread we bring you
Sanctus:	553	A New Celtic Liturgy
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	106	The King shall come

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	113	The Angel Gabriel
Kyrie:	516	Taizé chant (Berthier)
G.A.:		Triple + Missal
Off:	366	Holy Virgin
Sanctus:	576	German Mass
Amen:	578	
Com: 1)	112	O come, O come, Emmanuel
2)		
Rec:	116	Long ago, prophets knew