

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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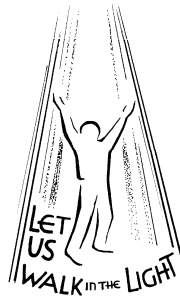
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)



New items and information

Next Sunday is the Day for Seafarers – when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give as generously as you are able, and remember seafarers in your prayers. *Thank you.* For more information on AoS, please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Castle Lane Community Centre – Maintenance of, and bookings for the Centre are now being taken over by **Janet Miller** instead of D'Arcy; please refer all matters to her. Her phone number is 07796 555 231, and her email address is millerja63@gmail.com. Our thanks must go to D'Arcy who has been looking after the Centre for so many years, making himself available – day and night! – to answer queries, contact people about leaks, electrical problems, alarms.....and the list goes on! *Thank you D'Arcy.*

Monthly Coffee Morning (Garstang) – It's that time of the month again! The rain may be raining, and gales may be blowing, but it's always summer in the Plessington Chapel when friends get together for coffee, cakes, and a chat – next Wednesday, 5th July, from 10 am to 12 noon. *Everyone is welcome!*

Friends of Chivuna (Garstang) – The next meeting is on Friday, 7th July, at 7.30 pm, preceded by Mass at 7.00 pm.

Tax Refund – Many thanks to all those who covenant their collection money to the two parishes and to all those who administer it. HMRC has refunded £4,803.83 to Scorton, and £9,965.14 to Garstang.

Red Mission Boxes (Garstang) – Please collect your box and a Mission book from the church porch. A total of £161.38 has been banked. *Thank you.*

SS Mary & Michael Catholic Primary School's annual Open Day is next Friday, 7th July 2017, which is the final day of 'Arts Week'. Tours of the school and grounds are from 9.30 am – 11.15 am, and from 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm. There will be a special Arts Week assembly at 2.30 pm when the children will showcase what they have done throughout the week. Please contact the school in advance if you would like to attend.

Hummingbirds 20th Anniversary Mass and Open Day – Our Celebration Mass takes place next Sunday, 9th July at 10.30 am, followed by an Open Day in Hummingbirds Nursery until 2 pm. Refreshments will be available as well as the chance to reminisce over old photos and meet up with some old friends. Father Jerome plans to join us at about 1.00 pm after celebrating Mass in Penrith! All parishioners will be very welcome to come along and take this opportunity to visit our very successful nursery.

Piano Recital with Fr Manny Gribben – a reminder that this will take place next Wednesday 5th July at 7 pm in the Catholic Chapel at the Chaplaincy Centre, Lancaster University. Entrance is free; donations will go to *Mary's Meals*. This proved to be a very popular and entertaining evening last time; this time a repertoire of Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin and Debussy. Many of the pieces will be played in duet. *See poster at the back of church.*

Did you know...for many farmers in Cambodia, producing enough food to feed their families remains a major challenge? Flooding and droughts are common which makes it especially difficult to grow and harvest crops. CAFOD is supporting families by helping farmers to understand a complex range of agricultural issues and train them on new knowledge, skills and confidence that will reduce their vulnerability. This is done by supporting communities to adapt to climate change and helping them to develop sustainable ways to make an income.

Garstang Parish Draw – June Winners. Congratulations to John Towers and Martina Copple for being our June winners. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw or buy a number to have the chance of being one of our winners, please contact Trish and Kev O'Hanlon on 01995 604 292.

Date for your diary – As part of the Garstang & District Arts Festival, Brian Dickinson will give an Organ Recital here at St Mary & St Michael's on Tuesday, 22nd August at 7.30 pm. The programme will include a wide variety of much-loved music to suit all tastes. So come along and enjoy the sounds of our fine organ. There will be a retiring collection for Festival Proceeds.

Catholic? Going to University this year? Make sure you look out for your Catholic Chaplaincy. Most of Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest

answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome. To find your local Chaplaincy, and for contact details of all the University Chaplains and Catholic Student Societies, visit the Catholics at University website at: www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk.

Please pray for Daisy Mercer who will be baptised at 12 noon next Saturday at Sts Mary & James Church, Scorton.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton : Michael Bamber, Teresa Powell, Freda Nickson, Joseph Norcross Mary Donovan, Charles Langley, Winifred Winstanley, Bill Jennings, Evelyn Langley, Gerard Wearden, Thomas Edgar Darwen and Ruairi Lambert-Heysam. *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: Phoebe (aged 4 with a worrying blood condition), Simon Crossley, Matthew Pearson, Martina Copple, Simone and Nigel Lord, Michael O'Neill, Sean Jepson, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, Kathleen Murphy, Ros Drake, Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Allan Whipp, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy, Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, Rod Pearson, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Ewan, Phillip, John Fairey, Pat Hickey, Sheila Murphy, Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes, Antonio Dilao, Bernadette O'Neill, John Ashcroft, Margaret Shepherd, Christine, Peter Holland, Ian Moran, Tony and David Winstanley, Alyson, Michael Hendry, Christopher Simpson, Auntie Sophie, Christopher Brown, Simon Thompson, Sheila Cookson, Francisca Rainford and Alison Green. (When people whose names are on this sick list have recovered their health, please let us know.)

Previously Published Items

Thank You from Martina Copple for all the prayers and good wishes of the parish while she has been so ill. She is still in hospital, but is making a steady recovery.

Many thanks to the retired Church Cleaning Team who presented the church with a solid oak missal stand. We will put it to good use. May God bless your generosity.

The Solemnity of St John Plessington, St John Wall & Companions – Martyrs of Lancashire is celebrated on 19th July. To commemorate this day, there will be bacon baps and other refreshments served **after 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 23rd July**. There is a list at the back of church for anyone who has any special dietary requirements. If you are one of these people, please would you put your name on the list and tick the relevant box, and we will do our best to meet your needs. *Thank you.*

Dates for your diary – Donna Worthington, who works at Tabor, has written a play entitled “Blackbirds at Dawn”. This is a play about modern slavery, survival, hope... It will be performed at the Black Box Studio Theatre, The University of Cumbria, Lancaster Campus, Bowerham Road, on Friday 15th September at 7.30 pm, and Saturday, 16th September at 2 pm and 7.30 pm. Box Office: 07770 719 198; cost £5; suitable for 16 years +. See poster on notice board at the back of church.

Wednesday Word – Copies of The Wednesday Word on yellow paper, for the Mass of 9th July are at the back of church; if you would like one, help yourself.

Response to the psalm at 10.30 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 1st – Sunday 9th July 2017

Sat	1 st	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Peter Ibison
Sun	2 nd	8.30 am (Scorton)	Ann Gelderd
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Cathie Cadden (7 th Anniversary)
Mon	3 rd	No Mass	
Tue	4 th	12 noon (Scorton)	Mary and Thomas Wilding
Wed	5 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Judith Swarbrick
Thurs	6 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Antonie Biermann
Fri	7 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	(Chivuna Mass) The Grayston Family
Sat	8 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Dennis Vincent Wilkes
Sun	9 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Betty Gornall
		10.30 am (Garstang)	(Hummingbirds Mass) Gerald Whittaker

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	5 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Fri	7 th	No Exposition	
Sat	8 th	10-10.30 am (Garstang)	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	2 nd	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	3 rd	ST THOMAS
Tues	4 th	St Elizabeth of Portugal
Wed	5 th	St Anthony Mary Zaccaria
Thurs	6 th	St Maria Goretti
Sun	9 th	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Day for Seafarers

Meetings this Week:

Wed	5 th	10 am – 12 noon	Coffee Morning (Plessington Chapel)
		7.30 pm (Garstang)	Choir Practice
Fri	7 th	7.30 pm (Garstang)	Friends of Chivuna
Sat	8 th	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	25 th	(Garstang) 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 143	Children: 12	Total: 155
		10.30 am	Adults: 99	Children: 21	Total: 120
		(Scorton) 8.30 am	Total: 52		
Thurs	29 th	(Garstang) 7.00 pm (Vigil)	76 adults: 9.30 am: 49 adults, 166 children. Total: 291		

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,066.05; Votive Lights: £36.20; Shop: £5; Sts Peter & Paul: £198.20. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £348.40; Votive Lights: £5.50. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held 07.45 am each Tuesday in July at the United Reformed Church..

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	466	All people that on Earth
Gloria:	527	Duffy
G.A.:		Easter Alleluia
Off:	872	My God, accept my heart
Sanctus:	576	Schubert
Amen:		
Com:	913	Jesus my Lord, my God
Rec:	907	Abide with me

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	924	Servant Song
Gloria:	527	Duffy
G.A.	544	Russian
Off:	608	Take my hands
S,M,D	553, 554a, 555	Celtic
A.D.	591	Celtic
Com: 1)	748	Unless a grain of wheat
	2)	
Rec:	860	Fight the good fight