

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)



"We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed."

New items and information

This Sunday, 3rd December, is the First Sunday in Advent (Year B). Our school will be joining in the singing at the 10.30 am Mass, and there is a Special Collection for the Diocesan Poor Missions Fund after all Masses.

Hummingbirds Christmas Fair – This will take place after 10.30 am Mass this Sunday, 3rd December. Everyone most welcome. Refreshments, raffle, craft stalls, tombola **AND** Father Christmas will be visiting too!

Advance Notice

Times of Christmas Masses (Corrected) (Garstang and Scorton)

Saturday 23 rd December	6.30 Vigil Mass for Sunday	Garstang
Christmas Eve (Sunday)	8.30 am	Scorton
	10.30 am	Garstang
	6.30 pm Vigil for Christmas	Garstang
Christmas Day (Monday)	8.30 am	Scorton
	10.30 am	Garstang

Monthly Coffee Morning – Last chance before Christmas! Next Wednesday, 6th December, 10 am – 12 noon, in the Plessington Chapel. Great company, cake, teas and coffees, ***and*** the added pleasure of children singing!

Journey in Faith (Garstang) – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 7th December, 7.15 for 7.30 pm start, in the Plessington Chapel.

Stars at Christmas (Garstang) – We are well aware that Christmas is a time when the people we have loved but sadly lost are foremost in our thoughts. For some years it has been the custom in our parish to hang stars in church, marked individually with the name or names of those dear to us, so that they can be the focus of our prayers at this special time. There is no charge for the stars but should you care to make a charitable donation – say 50p – it would, as always, help to support the poor people of Chivuna in Zambia. Stars will be available on the weekends commencing 9th & 16th December 2017.

The Churches of Scorton – Christmas Meal Together 2017 at The Priory on Friday 8th December, 6.30 pm for 7. Cost: £18. All welcome. See poster at back of church for menu and further details.

Has anyone had trouble hearing since the weekend? **Found** on Castle Lane last Sunday: one hearing aid. If this belongs to you, please contact Liz Billington on 01995 640467.

Date for your diaries – Friday 22nd December, 1.30 pm – Flower arranging for Christmas. All help welcome. Also, if you have any greenery to spare, please could you bring it to church on Friday morning? *Thank you.*

Cardinal Newman College invites you to their **Advent Vigil** – a Service of prayer, reflection and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, on **Tuesday, 5th December at 6.30 pm** in the College Chapel, Lark Hill, followed by festive refreshments.

Our Lady's Catholic High School are holding a Mission Week from 11th – 15th December. Our theme for the week is "Travelling Together in Faith" and we would like to invite you to join us through your prayers and by coming along to our Mission Showcase on Thursday, 14th December from 5pm at St Anthony's Church, Fulwood. *'Lord, we pray that we can follow in your footsteps.'*

'Canticles' Advent Series continues Thursday, 14th December, with the talk 'Magnificat: The Song of Mary' by Sr Maria Natella OP who is a Dominican Sister founding a new community in Wigan. Sr Maria has a great preaching ministry and a great heart for young people. **Understand God's plan of salvation more fully and allow your heart to be opened to welcome Jesus in a deeper way this Christmas.** 7.30 – 9.30 pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston. ALL WELCOME! For more information please contact Joe/Ruth on 07957 566 741; www.metanoiaproject.co.uk.

Garstang Parish Draw – Congratulations go to Richard Harrison and Tom Rigby Who are our November winners. Last chance to buy an extra number for our big Christmas Draw. All enquiries contact Trish and Kev O'Hanlon on 01995 604 292.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mgr Paddy O'Dea who died last Wednesday. ***May he rest in peace.***

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Grace Lillian Salles, Bridie O'Connor, May Ball, James Aloysius Horn, William Morrison, Robert Bilsborrow, Mary Bilsborrow, Lucy Walmsley, Richard Noel Bamber, William Norman Nixon, Winifred Storey, John Skillen, Marie McGrath, Thomas Moxham, Catherine Mary Andrews and Aidan Fleming. ***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: 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 Copple, 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

Christmas Flower Arrangement Demonstration – Andrew Thompson (from The Barn at Scorton) and Liz Billington will be making simple flower arrangements (including Christmas Wreath) that we can replicate in our own homes. This event will take place on **Tuesday, 5th December, 7.30 pm, at Kirkland & Catterall Memorial Hall, in aid of the North West Children's Support Group.** Tickets are £5, including refreshments, and will be on sale at the back of church after Mass.

Clothing Appeal – The SVP will be collecting warm clothing over the next few weeks. There will be the usual box at the back of church for any items. Thank you all for your support with this appeal in the past.

Apostleship of the Sea – There is a campaign whereby people can send a Christmas card (or greeting cards/Mass cards at any time) to be forwarded to seafarers in various ports whom they feel are isolated and lonely and who will be comforted by people's thoughts and prayers. A selection of blank Christmas cards will be provided at the back of the church, for people to add a message and sign (first name only, no contact details), and a box for their collection. Appropriate messages might be: "You are in our prayers," or "Thank you for the work you do for us at sea," etc. The Apostleship has asked that these be returned to them in **blank, unsealed envelopes** for forwarding on.

SPUC – Carols for the Unborn – On Saturday, 16th December, there will be an outdoor Christmas Carol Singing event from 2 – 4 pm at Market Square, Lancaster (on the plinth near the museum). Everyone is welcome. See poster at back of church for further information.

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 10th December at the back of church; if you would like one, please help yourself.

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 2nd – Sunday 10th December 2017

Sat	2 nd	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Bill and Nellie Bateson
Sun	3 rd	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Anne Gelderd Maureen Ingleby (Birthday Anniversary)
Mon	4 th	No Mass	
Tue	5 th	12 noon (Scorton)	Birthday Gift
Wed	6 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Tess Harrison
Thurs	7 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Canon Charles Canning
Fri	8 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	John Cahill and Family
Sat	9 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	LISCF
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Peter Ibson
Sun	10 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	The Duckworth Family Cathie Cadden (Birthday Memories)

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	6 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Fri	8 th	10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Exposition
Sat	9 th	9.00 am (Scorton) 10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Saturday Liturgy Service Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	3 rd	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)
Wed	6 th	St Nicholas (Bishop)
Fri	8 th	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sat	9 th	St John Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Sun	10 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Meetings this Week:

Wed	6 th	10 am – 12 noon	Monthly Coffee Morning
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	7 th	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	26 th	(Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 127	Children: 6	Total: 133
			10.30 am	Adults: 103	Children: 27	Total: 130
			3.00 pm			Total: 67
		(Scorton)	8.30 am	Total: 46		Total: 330

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,169.50; Crib Raffle: £141.30; Votive Lights: £35; Shop: £65; Youth Sunday Collection: £194.50. **Many thanks to you all.**

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £334.60; Votive lights: £4; Youth Services Collection: £36.80. **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.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent.
Kyrie:
G.A.:
Off:
Sanctus:
Amen:
Com:
Rec:

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent: 64 Maranatha
Kyrie: 519 Russian Chant
G.A.: Triple + Missal
Off: 605 Take our bread
S,M,D: 576, 577a, 578 – German Mass
A.D.: 592 Mass of Hope
Com: 1) 941 There is a longing in our hearts
2) 989 Word made Flesh
Rec: 72 Stay Awake vs 1, 2a/b, 2c, 3b