

New items and information

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)



“...if the salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again?.....No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house.”

(Matthew 5:13-16)

Times of Masses – As you are by now aware, Father Tom is Priest-in-Charge at Scorton, as well as being Parish Priest here. Please note that next Sunday morning, Mass is at 9.45 – *not* 10 am. This week, weekday Mass times will remain as they are. Further information on which Masses will be celebrated here or at Scorton will be in next week’s newsletter.

First Confessions and First Holy Communions – There will be a preliminary meeting for parents only at 7.00 pm next **Thursday, 9th February, 7.00 pm, in the Plessington Chapel**. The children’s sessions start on 21st February, all beginning at 6.30 pm.

Journey in Faith – The next meeting will be held next Thursday, 9th February, 7.15 pm.

Liturgy & Spirituality Group – the next meeting is Thursday, 9th February, at 4.00 pm.

Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our Diocese and of the sick. **At 6.30 pm on Friday, 10th February 2017**, Bishop Michael will celebrate Mass in her honour **at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool**. During the Mass, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell.

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Did you know....CAFOD’s campaigning tackles the causes of poverty and hunger, not just the symptoms? Speaking out for justice goes hand in hand with our work overseas to help vulnerable families and communities to flourish. It enables us to help thousands more communities than we could through fundraising alone, by advocating for changes in policy and practice to reduce poverty overseas. We are currently campaigning in solidarity with refugees, for access to energy for poor communities and for action on climate change. Join our latest campaign and find new ways to put your faith into action.

www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns

The Catholic Voice – These have been collected from the Cathedral. Please take one as you leave church.

Lancaster University Catholic Chaplaincy – We have received a letter from Father Philip Conner, informing us/inviting us to a Piano Concert at the University of Lancaster Chaplaincy Centre in the Catholic Chapel on **Wednesday, 15th February, at 7.00 pm**. Fr Manny Gribben will be playing a range of music from the great composers: Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin and Rachmaninov. Many of the pieces will be played in duet. The event will form part of a fundraising campaign for the Fresco Project. All welcome; tickets £5 per person; wine and refreshments in the interval. See poster at back of church. Website: www.lancs-catholic-chaplaincy.uk.

SPUC collection: This collection raised £277.25 which is greatly appreciated. A big thank you to all who donated.

CAFOD – We have received a letter of thanks from CAFOD for the £717.58 raised for the Yemen Crisis Appeal. The letter is on display on the notice board at the back of church; it explains why the money needs to be raised, and how it is spent. Anyone wanting more information on CAFOD’s emergency work can find it on their website – cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

Previously Published Items

A Big Thank You to Nathan Whiteside for six years’ service as Altar Server. God bless him and his family. *Bill Bateson*

Society of St Columban – We have received a letter of thanks from the Missionary Society of St Columban for the money we sent them (a total of £882 altogether). They are remembering all our parishioners in the Masses and prayers of the community in Solihull.

Caritas – There is a collection box at the back of church. We are again appealing for winter clothing for Caritas who support ex-offenders. We were grateful last winter for the generous support from our Parish. If items need collecting from your home, please ring Pat and Jim Costain on 605793. *Thank you.*

Syrian Refugee Appeal – Update – The containers of goods left Lancaster in mid-December (see photographs in the narthex) and arrived in Lebanon on 30th December. The donations of clothing, toiletries, medical aids, soft toys etc, is being distributed by a local charity, Rahma Relief Foundation, to the refugees who arrive at the transition camp in great need. Once again, *thank you* for your generous donations and support. It has been a lifeline to many. *Anne and Frank Miller.*

Office for the New Evangelisation – Upcoming events: 1) **Formation Day for Readers**, 18th February at 11 am in Our Lady & St Edwards, Preston. 2) **Rite of Election**, 4th March at 2 pm in Lancaster Cathedral. 3) **Novena to St Joseph, Guardian of Christian Families**, 11th – 19th March at 7 pm each night in St Joseph’s, Skeffington Road, Preston. If anyone is interested and wants to know more, there are copies of the letter advertising these events at the back of church, and see posters on the notice board.

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 12th February can be found on yellow paper at the back of church.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: James Carter, Bill Jennings, Mary Whiteside, Ernie Bayman, Elizabeth Swarbrick, Martha Horn, Stephen Turton, Winifride Swarbrick, Ted Lydiate, John Bailey, Harry McNamara, Mary Bilborrow and Joseph Rossall. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Patricia Randall, Kathleen Murphy, Ros Drake, Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Allan Whipp, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy (5 years old), Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Craig Smith, Anne Walmsley, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, Rod Pearson, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Ewan (he has responded well to brain tumour treatment, even able to move up to secondary school this year. The family appreciates your prayers and asks that they continue as he is not out of the woods yet), 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 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.)*

Response to the psalm at the 10.00 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 4th – Sunday 12th February 2017

Sat	4 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Jack Checken
Sun	5 th	10.00 am	Thomas Finnegan (Lately Dead)
Mon	6 th	No Mass	
Tue	7 th	12 noon	Charles and Evelyn Langley
Wed	8 th	7.00 pm	Leo Rabbett
Thurs	9 th	9.30 am	Robert and Elsie Tomlinson
Fri	10 th	9.30 am	Dorothy West
Sat	11 th	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Tony Hall (3 rd Anniversary)
Sun	12 th	9.45 am (note time)	Repose of the Souls of the Ashworth Family

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	8 th	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	10 th	10 – 10.30 am	Exposition
Sat	11 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	5 th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	6 th	Sts Paul Miki and Companions (Martyrs)
Wed	8 th	St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita (Virgin)
Fri	10 th	St Scholastica (Virgin)
Sat	11 th	OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Sun	12 th	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Racial Justice Day)

Meetings next Week:

Wed	8 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	9 th	4.00 pm	Liturgy & Spirituality
		7.00 pm	Parents of 1 st Holy Communion Children
		7.15 pm	Journey in Faith

Last Week’s Attendance:

Sun	22 nd	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 125	Children: 5
		10.00 am	Adults: 127	Children: 27 Total: 284

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,053.89; Funeral: £200; Votive Lights: £49.20; Shop: £10. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in February at Garstang Methodist Church.

Hymns at 6 pm Mass:

Ent.
Gloria
G.A.
Off.
Sanctus
Rec.

Hymns at 10.00 am Mass:

Ent.	854 – Bring forth the kingdom
Gloria	524 – Pershore
G.A.	Triple + Missal
Off.	603 – Blest are you, Lord
S, M, D	559, 560 (v 1), 562 – Mass of Hope
A.D.	595 - Foster
Com.	820 – Seek ye first the kingdom of God
	756 – When I survey
Rec.	883 – Christ be our light