

**St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church
Garstang and Calder Vale
and
Sts Mary & James, Scorton**

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)



“A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.’”

New items and information

Advance Notice

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

Saturday 23 rd December	6.00 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

SVP meeting – The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th December from 7.30 p.m. at 3 Castle Lane Cottages. We will be preparing gifts and cards for Christmas.

Journey in Faith (Garstang) – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 14th December, 7.15 for 7.30 pm start, in the Plessington Chapel.

Service of Reconciliation – This will be held **next Saturday, 16th December**, at SS Mary & Michael's.

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 the Friday morning? *Thank you.*

Our Lady's Catholic High School – This week is Mission Week at Our Lady's, from 11th – 15th December. The theme for the week is “Travelling Together in Faith” and we are invited to join them through our prayers and by coming along to their Mission Showcase next Thursday, 14th December from 5pm at Our Lady's Catholic High School. *‘Lord, we pray that we can follow in your footsteps.’*

Puen Club Draw (Scorton) – Congratulations go to David Pickering who is the winner of the December draw, and the prize was £40.50.

Christmas Cards for Seafarers far from home – This is the last weekend to write a Christmas card (available at the back of Church) and place it in the box provided, sending greetings to lonely and isolated seafarers. These will be forwarded during next week to Apostleship of the Sea at the port of Hull Seafarers' Centre. Many thanks for your support.

Give for nothing! – If you make online purchases, register with "Give As You Live" (there is an app), and any purchases made with a wide list of retailers generate a percentage for your chosen charity, at no extra cost to you, when you visit their website via Give As You Live. There are many charities to choose from e.g. HCPT, Aid to the Church in Need, Apostleship of the Sea, Christian Aid etc. Also if you are changing your car, and don't wish to trade the old one in, don't forget GiveaCar which donate the proceeds of scrappage/sale to your chosen charity.

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 – 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>.

Monsignor Paddy O'Dea's Requiem Mass is on Thursday, 14th December, at 11.30 am in Lancaster Cathedral.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Lucy Madeleine Price-Jones, John Gavin Nixon, George Cowburn, Annie Gregson, Monica Carr, Vincent

Swarbrick, Grace Ross Darling, Ethel Carroll, Dennis Regan, Arthur J Nickson, Charles Taylor, Joe Brown and Lucy Cahill. *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: 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 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

Stars at Christmas – 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 hand 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

'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.metanoiaoproject.co.uk.

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.

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 24th 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 9th – Sunday 17th December 2017

Sat	9 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Peter Ibson
Sun	10 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	The Duckworth Family
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Cathie Cadden (Birthday Memories)
Mon	11 th	No Mass	
Tue	12 th	12 noon (Scorton)	Canon Charles Canning
Wed	13 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Shauna Spedding
Thurs	14 th	11.30 am (Cathedral)	Requiem Mass for Mgr O'Dea
Fri	15 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Rev F. Hickey
Sat	16 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Eve Graham (Anniversary)
Sun	17 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Winifred Doyle (RIP)
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Olive Flannery

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	13 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Fri	15 th	10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Exposition
Sat	16 th	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service
		10.15 am (Garstang)	Service of Reconciliation

Special Days this week:

Sun	10 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Mon	11 th	St Damasus I (Pope)
Tue	12 th	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wed	13 th	St Lucy (Virgin & Martyr)
Thurs	14 th	St John of the Cross (Priest & Doctor)
Sun	17 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Meetings this Week:

Tues	12 th	7.30 pm	St Vincent de Paul Society (3 Castle Lane Cottages)
Wed	13 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	14 th	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	26 th	(Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 119	Children: 6	Total: 125
			10.30 am	Adults: 193	Children: 84	Total: 277
		(Scorton)	8.30 am	Total: 58		Total: 402

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,151; Votive Lights and Shop Total: £113.50; Poor Missions Fund: £170. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £327; Votive lights: £6.90; Poor Missions Fund: £31.70.

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.	112	O come Emmanuel
Kyrie:		
G.A.:		Easter Alleluia
Off:	92	Hark, a herald voice
Sanctus:	576	Schubert
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	680	Sweet Saviour bless us

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	94	On Jordan's Bank
Kyrie:	517	Taizé (Jacques Berthier)
G.A.:		Triple + Missal
Off:		Prepare ye the way of the Lord
S,M,D:	576, 577b, 578	– German Mass
A.D.:	611a	Verses 1, 6, 7, 8.
Com: 1)	111	For you O Lord, my soul....
2)	88	Wait for the Lord
Rec:	983	Hills of the North