

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Education Sunday



"I tell you solemnly.....if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."

New items and information

This Sunday is Education Day – There will be a collection for Catholic Education Services after each Mass.

Welcome back to the staff and pupils at St Mary & St Michael's school. They are always in our prayers, and we wish them a happy and fruitful year.

Noddfa Retreat 2017 – A number of us from the parish will be at Noddfa in north Wales this coming week, from 11-15 September. We would appreciate your prayers for us as we join together in prayer and reflection in this tranquil place. We will also keep you and your special intentions in our prayers. *Thank you*

Youth Group – The next meeting of the Youth Group will be on Friday, 15th September, in the Castle Lane Community Centre, from 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm for Years 7 and 8, and from 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm for Year 9+. *All welcome.*

Next Saturday, 16th September (Garstang) the 6 pm Vigil Mass is a Healing Mass for all parishioners. After Mass there will be an opportunity to chat with friends over a cup of tea in the Plessington Chapel. If you would like to attend the Mass and need transport to and from church, please contact **Helen Forshaw on 01995 603944** beforehand. It would be appreciated if Eucharistic Ministers could take invitations to parishioners they visit. Invitations are available on the altar rails and from the back of church.

The Catholic Voice – If you have not already picked up your copy of the Catholic Voice, they are at the back of church ready for collection – please take one.

A big "thank you" from the St Vincent de Paul Society – the last collection raised a wonderful **£357.80**. *Thank you to everyone.*

Next Sunday is Home Mission Day – there will be a special collection.

'ACN Open Day at Gresgarth Hall Gardens' – Say good bye to summer in the stunning gardens of Gresgarth Hall, Nr Lancaster and support Christian families in Syria at the same time! Aid to the Church in Need gifts and cards available, along with refreshments. Gresgarth Hall Gardens, Caton, Nr Lancaster (LA2 9NB). Sunday 17 Sept (11am-5pm). Suggested donation of £5 (accompanied children are free).

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day meeting – Monday, 18th September, 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm at St Mary's church parish of Blessed John Henry Newman Parish, Mathias Street, Morecambe LA4 5JR. All are welcome to hear about CAFOD's work and share fundraising ideas and prayers in support of CAFOD's work this Harvest Fast Day. Refreshments from 6.45 pm.

Date for your diary – On Friday, 6th October, at 7.00 pm there will be the annual Education Mass at St Peter's Cathedral in Lancaster. All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Michael Campbell OSA in this celebration. This invitation extends in a special way to all those involved in education and faith formation: priests, deacons, teachers, catechists, youth ministry, children's liturgy, those in seminary and teachers outside of the Catholic sector. The celebration gives us the opportunity to express our thanks and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the Diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith. Together we ask for God's blessing on the mission of education and formation in our diocese.

"The Old Testament Prophets" – A series of talks will be delivered by Canon Luiz Ruscillo at the Education Centre on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8 pm; the first is on 3rd October, followed by 10th, 17th October and 7th and 14th November. All welcome. Please bring your Bibles. See poster at the back of church.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Bob Horn, Harvey Snaith, Helen Mary Brennan, Eve Porteous, Julie Beatty, Teresa Swarbrick, Winnie Taylor, Michael Dias and Henry (Harry) Heyes. *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: Anne Miller, Wayne Martin, Alan Lowe, Christine Cobane, Florence Burgess, Phoebe, Simon Crossley, Matthew Pearson, Martina Copple, Simone and Nigel Lord, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, Kathleen Murphy, Ros Drake, Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, 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, 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

Red Mission Boxes (Garstang) – If you have not already brought your Mission Boxes to church, please would you please bring them as soon as possible to be emptied. Bearing in mind that they might contain old pound coins, it is essential that they be emptied this time. *Thank you.*

Lancaster Diocesan Faith and Justice Commission – A service to celebrate creation will be held at St Monica's, Blackpool, on 20th September, organised by the Faith & Justice Commission. Pope Francis designated 1st September annually as a world day of prayer for creation. Helpful resources are available at <http://columbans.co.uk/creation-time/>. See poster at the back of church.

Brass Cleaning (Garstang) – *Please* would you consider giving up a couple of hours, once a fortnight, to help the brass-cleaning team? We are a group that is not getting any younger, dwindling in numbers. *Because we are a non-sexist organisation, men as well as women can join.* Brasso and gloves are provided! If you are able to help, please contact Brenda Richardson, telephone 01995 605 526. *Thank you.*

Traidcraft – There are copies of the new Traidcraft catalogues at the back of Church if you would like to take one. If you are able, please support some of the world's poorest producers with your purchases, whilst raising money for Chivuna clinic. If you would like to place an order, this can be done through Helen Spencer.

Another date for your Diary – An invitation has been received from St Thomas' Mothers' Union to join them at their October meeting. This will be held on Monday, 9th October, at 7 pm in St Thomas' Church. There will be short service, followed by a talk by Mrs Ann Greenland who has been involved with the development of a Nurse Training School in Kenya; she will share her experiences. If you would like to attend, please let Mrs Jean Sawyer know by 2nd October (telephone 01995 606962).

Wednesday Word – Copies of The Wednesday Word on salmon-pink paper, for the Mass of 10th September are at the back of church; if you would like one, please help yourself.

Response to the psalm at the 10.30 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 9th – Sunday 17th September 2017

Sat	9 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Arnold and Monica Hargreaves
Sun	10 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Anne Gelderd
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Frank Purkis (RoS)
Mon	11 th	No Mass	
Tue	12 th	12 noon (Scorton)	Rev J Woodcock
Wed	13 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Charles and Evelyn Langley
Thurs	14 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Sister Aiden Mary
Fri	15 th	7.00 pm (Garstang) (note time)	Allan Whipp (Lately Dead)
Sat	16 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Private Intention
Sun	17 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Anne Gelderd
		10.30 am (Garstang)	RoS Thomas Joseph Carroll

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	13 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Sat	16 th	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service
		10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	10 th	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Tues	12 th	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wed	13 th	St John Chrysostom (Bishop & Doctor)
Thurs	14 th	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Fri	15 th	Our Lady of Sorrows
Sat	16 th	St Cornelius (Pope) & St Cyprian (Bishop) – Martyrs
Sun	17 th	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

None

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	3 rd	(Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 140	Children: 7	Total: 147
			10.30 am	Adults: 96	Children: 19	Total: 115
		(Scorton)	8.30 am	Total: 60		Total: 262

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,059.30; Votive Lights: £40.50; Shop: Cemetery: £400; Funerals: £400. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £292.07; Votive lights: £5.10; CAFOD: £21; Holy Souls: £3.90; Piety Stall: £10; Special Collection £10. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in September at St Thomas' Church.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	924	Brother, sister let me
Gloria:	998	Salazar
G.A.:		
Off:	820	Seek ye first
Sanctus:		
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	365	Immaculate Mary

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	475	Gather us in
Gloria:	527	Duffy
G.A.		Triple Alleluia + missal
Off:	600	All that I am
S, M, D	565, 567, 569	
A.D.	595	Foster
Com: 1)	924	Servant Song
2)	221	God is forgiveness
Rec:	820	Seek ye first the kingdom of God