

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

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**10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

**Day of Prayer for the Unemployed, and World Day for the Sick**



*Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him....  
And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured."*

**New items and information**

**This Weekend**, 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a special collection for the **St Vincent de Paul Society**. Please be as generous as you are able. *Thank you.*

**First Reconciliation Preparation 2018** – There is no Preparation Meeting for the children this coming week as it is half-term.

**Next Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February**, is **Ash Wednesday**, a Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Masses with Distribution of Ashes will be held at 9.30 am and 7 pm, both at Garstang.

**Thank you** to all who supported our cake stall last weekend, either with generous donations or purchases. We are able to give £97.50 to the Friends of Chivuna, and the same amount will be forwarded to CAFOD.

**PUEN Club Draw** – Congratulations to Harold Jepson who won £40.50 in the monthly PUEN draw.

**CAFOLD Lent Fast Day** falls on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, and donations to the Lent appeal will be doubled by the UK Government (up to £5 million). Lent Fast Day envelopes will be distributed next weekend, 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> February.

**Easter Bingo** (St Mary & St Michael's School) – The School Association's next event will be an Easter Chocolate Bingo – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 6.45 pm for a 7 pm start. Entry is free, just the cost of the bingo cards, and there will be a bar and snacks available on the night. See poster at back of church.

**Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2018** will take place from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018, led by the Bishop of Lancaster. The closing date for bookings is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018, at which time a non-refundable deposit of £80 will be required. For further information see poster at the back of church, telephone Paul Briers, Pilgrimage Organiser, 01946 834 834, 07773 848 819 or email [guildshop@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:guildshop@yahoo.co.uk).

**Did you know....**this Lent, **Family Fast Day** focuses on the work our partners are doing to fight hunger and malnutrition in Zimbabwe? By fasting, we can focus on what really matters – our relationship with God and love for our brothers and sisters. Money raised towards CAFOD's Lent Appeal between Shrove Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, and Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, will be doubled by the UK Government (up to £5 million). Your gift will make double the difference this Lent. Thank you for your support and prayers, it enables us to transform the lives of families and communities overseas.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of** John Joseph Hall who died recently. His Funeral service will take place here next Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 pm. *May he rest in peace.*

**Please pray also for the soul of** Edmund Wallbank who died recently. His funeral will take place at Scorton; details to follow.

**Please also pray for the repose of the soul of** Mary Muller, mother of the Rev. Anton Müller, Vicar of Scorton, who died recently. *May she rest in peace.*

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton:**

Mary Bilsborrow, William Roland Price-Jones, Joseph Rossall, Walter Donovan, Joan Webster, James Richardson, Veronica Woodruff, Stephen Fox, Margaret Silworth, Mary Pedder, May Sheridan, Horn/Brown Families, Agnes Smith, Thomas Dilworth, Jane Molloy, Henry Davis, Tony Hall, Lilian Williams, Bill Ainsworth, Dennis Bolger, Ann Horn, Ann Cookson and Elsie Tomlinson. *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:** Stephen Cottam, Maureen Clark, Craig Smith, Jacqui Elliot, John Coote, Bernie Murphy, Pat Nickson, A Sick Parishioner, Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, Pat Hill, Winifred McNulty, Joyce Bilsborrow, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Ros Drake, Tony McManmon, Vin Cahill, Alan Lowe, Joan Place, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Philomena Morgan, Sheila Murphy, Florence Burgess, Ian Moran, David Winstanley, Pat Hickey, Simone & Nigel Lord, Marie Corrigan, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Wayne Martin, Michael Hendry, 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**

**Sacrament of Confirmation** – On Pentecost Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 2.30 pm at the Cathedral, the Bishop will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. Would all

those who are eligible for Confirmation please let Alison Dodd (at SSMM School) know whether or not they would like to join the Confirmation Preparation Programme.

**Journey in Faith 2017-2018** – We continue to meet weekly on Thursday evenings, ready to welcome anyone who may come forward as an enquirer. We have prepared a leaflet giving more information - copies are available at the back of church and from our parish school. If you know of anyone who may be interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, perhaps with a view to being received into the Church at a future date, you may like to take a leaflet to pass on to them. We will also be putting the leaflet on the parish website shortly. Please continue as a parish to pray for all those who may be considering such a step, and for the JiF core group also. *Thank you*

**Thank you** to our parish for all the kindnesses and support you have given us over the past few months. We were overwhelmed with good wishes, flowers, cards and prayers which helped us tremendously. I have now (just) finished my treatment and am well on the way to recovery! Also, many thanks from our son-in-law, Simon Crossley, who has benefitted from your prayers too. He has now returned to work full-time. *Anne and Frank Miller.*

**Ladies of the Parish** – Please try to attend the **Women’s World Day of Prayer** service to be held at **St Helen’s, Churchtown, on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, at 2 pm.** It would be great if some of you could offer to read a very short passage – or, if not, to help demonstrate our rubbish problem by unwrapping an item (provided for you) during the service. A meeting is to be held at St Thomas’ Meeting Room on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, at 11 am, with a rehearsal on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at St Helen’s at 2 pm. If you would help, please contact Philippa Catterall on 07743 034 870, or just turn up on any of the dates. *Thanks you.*

**You are warmly invited to CAFOD Preston Deanery Lent meeting (Key note speaker: Livison Chipatiso, CAFOD’s Programme Officer in Zimbabwe)** next Wednesday, 14th February (Ash Wednesday), 2 pm – 3.30 pm (tea and coffee served) at Our Lady & St Edward’s Parish Centre, 4 Marlborough Drive, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9UE. This will be interesting for anyone interested in the work CAFOD do.

**Lent Lunches 2018** – These lunches are ecumenical, and take place on Wednesdays. Each church takes a turn to serve lunch at the United Reformed Church. As usual, when it is our turn, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, we will be asking for volunteers to help by making soup, and with serving and tidying up afterwards. If you are able to help, please contact Pat Costain on 01995 605 793.

**Wednesday Word** – There are copies of The Wednesday Word, on green paper, for the Mass of 18<sup>th</sup> February 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 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Tony Hall (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Mary Greaves Gerald Whittaker
Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am (Garstang)	LISCF
Tue	13 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon (Scorton)	Livesey & Duckworth Families
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am (Garstang) 7.00 pm (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners Birthday Blessings
Thurs	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am (Scorton)	The Wilding Family
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am (Garstang)	Denning Brown
Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am (Garstang) 6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	The McLister Family Ted Richardson’s Birthday
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Lily Butler (Anniversary) Ted McMahon (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Devotions and Celebrations this week:**

Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am (Scorton) 10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Saturday Liturgy Service Confessions

**Special Days this week:**

Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	ASH WEDNESDAY – Day of Fasting and Abstinence
Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	Seven Holy Founders, also called Seven Servite Founders, (flourished 13 <sup>th</sup> century, Compartimento of Tuscany, Italy; canonized 1888) – Sts Bonfilius, Alexis Falconieri, John Bonagiunta, Benedict Dell’ Antella, Bartholomew Amidei, Gerard Sostegni & Ricoverus Ugoccioni.
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (distribution of Lent Fast Envelopes)

**Meetings this Week:**

Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	After Mass	Choir Practice
Thurs	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)
Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	Wedding Preparation Course (Plessington Chapel)

**Last Week’s Attendance**

Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 169	Children: 15	Total: 184
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 50
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 122	Children: 36	Total: 158

**Monies Received last week**

**Garstang:** Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,222.20; Shop: £20; Votive Lights: £45.50; Cake Sale for CAFOD & Chivuna: £195. *Many thanks to you all.*

**Scorton:** Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £278.75; Piety Stall: £3; Votive Lights: £8.85; Holy Souls: £2.50. *Many thanks to you all.*

**Churches Together in Garstang & District**

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

**Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):**

Ent.	807	Praise, my soul, the King
Gloria:	527	Duffy
G.A.:		Easter Alleluia
Off:	846	Amazing Grace
Sanctus:	576	Schubert
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	797	Jesu, lover of my Soul

**Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):**

Ent:	807	Praise, my soul, the King
Gloria:		Back of hymn book
G.A.:		Triple + Missal
Off:	603	Blest are you, Lord
S,M,D	565, 568, 569	– St Andrew
Com: 1)	620	Lord, how can I repay
2)	432	Lay your hands
Rec:	849	God forgave my sin