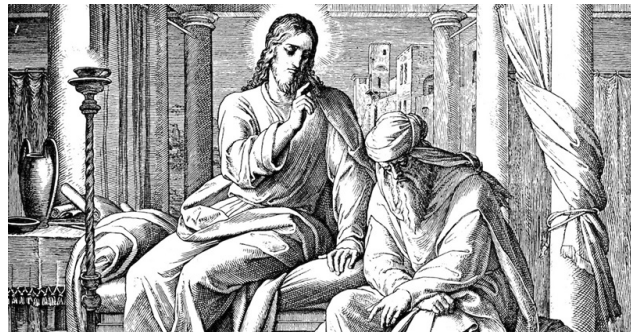


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**10th / 11th March 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR B)**



*"...the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God."*

New items and information

Next Saturday, 17th March, (Garstang) there is a Service of Reconciliation at 10.15 am. **We have been asked** what D'arcy received as a retirement gift from the Parish. Nothing less than a trip on the Orient Express for himself and Catherine! This includes all meals, (was something mentioned about champagne?), a taxi from home to the station and from the station home again. The balance was given him as a cheque.

The OLCC Sixth Form Uganda Group would like to extend a big thank you to all of the parishioners in Scorton and Garstang who so generously contributed to our project - the total raised was just over **£1500** - which is wonderful! The students felt really supported and encouraged by your interest in the project. You will all be invited to a presentation evening at OLCC on our return. This will be delivered in early September and we hope that some of you will be able to join us.

Next Sunday, 18th March after Mass, our Youth Group will be providing a Lenten Lunch in the Castle Lane Community Centre for parishioners. Please support them. There will be no tea or coffee in the Plessington Chapel after Mass. To get a rough idea of numbers, there will be a "sign-up" sheet at the back of church this weekend. Please sign it if you are going to attend. *Thank you.*

Also on 18th March, we are invited to make a voluntary contribution towards a gift for Bishop Michael on the occasion of his retirement.

First Eucharist Preparation 2018 – The next meeting is this coming Tuesday, 13th March, 6.30 pm in the Plessington Chapel.

Journey in Faith – the next meeting is on Thursday, 15th March, 7.15 pm, in the Plessington Chapel.

Next Friday, 16th March, (Garstang) our Youth Group will be leading the Stations of the Cross.

Women's World Day of Prayer – Service postponed from 2nd March because of THE SNOW will now be held on **Friday, 16th March,** at St Helens, Churchtown, at 2 pm.

Next Saturday, 17th March, (Garstang) there is a Service of Reconciliation at 10.15 am.

Friends of Chivuna – The minutes of the meeting on 2nd March are now available.

Novena to St Joseph – A novena will be held from 10th to 18th March by St Joseph's Missionary Society for all who support their work through the red mission boxes or donations.

Did you know....CAFOD works in more than 40 countries worldwide; supporting over 300 partners who work with local communities in the global South? We work on behalf of the Catholic community in England and Wales who commit to building a more just and equitable world through prayer, action, giving and reflection. We are a member of Caritas Internationalis; a group of over 160 Catholic sister agencies across the world, known as 'the helping hand of the Church'. Together we strive to eradicate poverty, to address and challenge its root causes and to empower people to bring about change for themselves.

Advance Notice of the closure of part of Gubberford Lane for roadworks – No motor vehicles over the length of Gubberford Lane from 20 metres either side of the railway bridge near the property "Brookfield", from **8 am – 4 pm on Sunday 15th April 2018**. An alternative route for vehicular traffic is via Gubberford Lane – Lancaster New Road – Lancaster Road – Main Road – Hampson Lane – Stoney Lane – Five Ends Lane – Chipping Lane – Oakenclough Road – Long Lane – Factory Brow – The Square – Gubberford Lane and vice versa. See notice from Lancashire County Council on notice board at back of church.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Alice Rustidge, Jane Fleming, Sue Tomlinson, Ellen Ryan, John Smith, Alice Wright, Winifrede Ainsworth, John Grayston, James Thomas Slater, Agnes Horn, Eddie Walmsley, John Hindle Law, Thomas Gornall, Ellen Wells, John James Dewhurst, Celia Lamoury, Agnes Rossall, John Kirkman, Barbara Nelmes, Winifred Moran and Tom Horn. *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: Val Lowing, 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

Garstang Parish Draw – It's that time of year! Annual subscriptions to the Parish Draw are due. The cost is a very reasonable £20 per number for the year. Trish & Kev O'Hanlon will be at the back of church after Mass on both Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th March. You can pay this year's subscription by standing order, cash or cheque (Cheques made payable to 'Parish of SS Mary & Michael, Garstang'). Please could you bring your payment along to either Mass and check your details are up to date. Any issues please contact Trish on 01995 604292.

“Light from Light” Piano Concert with Fr Manny Gribben, Cameron Dickason and Will Melling, will take place at Lancaster University Roman Catholic Chaplaincy Centre, on Wednesday, 21st March, at 7 pm. Music from Chopin, Bach, Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn & Mussorgsky. All welcome. Entry free; donations to Mary's Meals. Refreshments available.

Cardinal Newman College has issued an invitation to their Lenten Vigil, a service of prayer, reflection, and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, on **Tuesday, 20th March, at 6.30 pm**, in the College Chapel, Lark Hill, Preston, followed by light refreshment and Fairtrade Gift Stall. *Everyone is welcome.*

Concert for Uganda – Students from Our Lady's Catholic College, Lancaster, invite you to a Concert for Uganda at the college on Friday 20th April from 7pm It is an evening with musical performers of all ages and musical variety from classical to popular to Irish jig music. Admission is £5 (£3 concessions). Tickets include a glass of wine/ fruit punch (non-alcoholic) and nibbles. All proceeds from this evening will go towards supporting schools in Uganda (which we visited in 2016). This is always a fun event and we would appreciate your support. To reserve tickets please contact Rachel at r.cortes@olcc.lancs.sch.uk, or turn up on the night. Hope to see you there!

Castlerigg Notices:

- **Our Easter Retreat** (Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, 29th March to 1st April is open to year 9 upwards. See poster at the back of church.

- **The Family Weekend** (25th – 27th May) is an opportunity for families to come together for the weekend. There will be activities for all age groups. Open to all families.

- **Our Sponsored Walk**, a new venture to raise the funds to support our work. We are looking to recruit a small group for a challenging 15 mile walk in the Lake District, with a target to raise a £1,000 each. If you or a parishioner would be enthusiastic to take part please get in touch; if people aren't able to join us walking they can still support us through collecting sponsorship, and we'd be grateful for your support in any way.

- And finally, we are looking to recruit **Gap-Year Volunteers** for the new academic year. We are blessed to have four volunteers from the diocese on the team this year, and hope to continue this in the future. If you are aged 18+ please consider applying – this is a great way to foster faith and build confidence, discover adventure, friendship and inspiration! See poster at the back of church.

For further information on any of these items, please contact Fr John Moriarty, Director of Youth, Castlerigg Manor, Manor Brow, Keswick, CA12 4AR; tel: 01768 772711; email team@castleriggmanor.co.uk or visit www.castleriggmanor.co.uk.

Wednesday Word – There are copies of The Wednesday Word, on green paper, for the Mass of 18th March at the back of church; if you would like one, please help yourself.

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 10th – Sunday 18th March 2018

Sat	10 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Rev John Horn
Sun	11 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart Jane Fleming (Anniversary)
Mon	12 th	}	
Tue	13 th	}	
Wed	14 th	}	No Mass
Thurs	15 th	}	
Fri	16 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Mary Bevins
Sat	17 th	9.30 am (Garstang) 6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners Sue Tomlinson (Anniversary)
Sun	18 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Thomas Gornall (Anniversary) & all other deceased relatives & friends of the Gornall family. Thomas & Eleanor Bolton

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Fri	16 th	10 - 10.30 am (Garstang) 6.30 pm (Garstang)	Exposition Stations of the Cross (Youth Group)
Sat	17 th	9.00 am (Scorton) 10.15 am (Garstang)	Saturday Liturgy Service Service of Reconciliation

Special Days this week:

Sun	11 th	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Laetare Sunday)
Sat	17 th	ST PATRICK
Sun	18 th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Meetings this Week:

Tues	13 th	6.30 pm	1 st Eucharist Preparation (Plessington Chapel)
Wed	14 th	7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	15 th	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)

Last Week's Attendance

Sun	4 th	6 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 154	Children: 14	Total: 168
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 64
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 141	Children: 49	Total: 190

Monies Received last week

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,122.95; Books & Ties (1st Communion): £20; Votive Lights: £40. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £320.39; Piety Stall: £5.40; Votive Lights: £20.90; Holy Souls: £2.37. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in March at the United Reformed Church.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	801	Love Divine
Kyrie:		
G.A.:	Praise to you, O Christ, King.....	
Off:	747	The Light of Christ
Sanctus:	576	Schubert
Amen:	578	
Com:		
Rec:	846	Amazing Grace

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	801	Love Divine
Kyrie:	516	Kyrie 1 (Taizé)
Psalm:	216	By the waters of Babylon
G.A.	Praise to you O Christ + Missal	
Off:	600	All that I am
S, M, D:	565, 566, 569	
A.D.	611a	Communion Song 3 v 14, 15, 16
Com. 1)	883	O God, you search me
2)		
Rec:	883	Christ be our light