

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

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**11th / 12th March 2017
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)**



New items and information

Mass Times Next weekend at the 9.45 am Mass at Garstang we will be taking a vote regarding reverting to the previous 10.30 am Mass time, to facilitate the change at Scorton from 11.15 am to 8.45 am.

Stations of the Cross – Garstang These will take place at 6.30 pm on Friday evenings during Lent.

Flower Group – Scorton If anyone (male or female) would like to join in with the arranging of the church flowers, please contact Pat Jepson on 01524 792909 for further information.

Plant Appeal Anyone with large clumps of herbaceous plants that need dividing, or are encroaching onto lawns or paths: we would be grateful for a few for the Presbytery garden at Garstang. *Thank you*

Thank you very much to all of you for the cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers while I have been in hospital. I am now home, but not yet at work. God bless you all, *Liz*
Offertory Envelopes (gift aided) 2017-2018 The Gift Aided Offertory Envelopes for next year are now ready for collection at the back of Church. If you are a taxpayer and donate to your parish then you can support your parish at no extra cost to you. Please consider donating by Gift Aid and you will increase your donation by 25%. There are Gift Aid declaration forms at the back of church. Simply fill in the form and give it to your parish priest or hand it into the Presbytery. **Thank you for the support you give to the church. Without it we could not achieve or provide what we do.**

Lent Fast Day Envelopes. These will be collected after all the masses this weekend. For more information on what our donations help towards please see poster at back of church.

North West Children's Support Group Annual Bric-a-Brac Sale will take place on Saturday 1st April in SS Mary & Michael's School Hall (viewing from 10am, bidding starts at noon). As always, your donations of suitable goods (china & glassware, jewellery, household goods, small items of furniture etc) will be gratefully received. These can be brought to the school hall from 5pm on Friday 31st March, or to arrange collection please call 600254 (Helen & Barry), 601354 (Debbie & Paul) or 01524 751373 (Angela & Paul). Unfortunately we are unable to accept any donations on the Saturday morning. All proceeds will be used to provide holidays for local children with additional needs. For more information see our website www.nwmsg.co.uk. *Thank you*

CAFOD Did you know...? Life was a daily struggle for Mulenga, who lives in Zambia, and has physical, mental and communication disabilities. His only means of getting about was either to roll his body where he needed to go or for someone to carry him. With CAFOD's support he has become mobile through the use of a wheelchair and has trained as a farmer. He now employs other workers. Although severely disabled, Mulenga attracts the attention of others around and they listen to what he has to say. Just as Jesus' face was shining like the sun, Mulenga's light shines in Chushi village.

Previously Published Items

Lent Lunches at Scorton – We have been asked to take part in the 'Lent Lunches' again this year for Christian Aid, on 18th and 25th March. If you are willing to help, please put your name on the list, stating which date you can help with. See list for items required.

Lent Lunches for Christian Aid – URC, Garstang – Can our church provide volunteers to help with serving and tidying up afterwards, to make these lunches a joint Churches Together in Garstang event? The remaining date is Wednesday 5th April.

Luncheon Club – Scorton Every 3rd Tuesday in the month at the Methodist Church, Scorton. Cost £7.50 per head. Please telephone Ruth Yates on 01524 792581, by the previous Sunday, to book in. All welcome.

St Mary & St James Church, Scorton

The Church is open daily from 9am until 4pm for private prayer.

Join us for tea, coffee and biscuits served in the Meeting Room after Mass every Sunday.

St Mary & St James Parish Council The revised date of the meetings will be announced later. As always, parishioners are welcome to attend. There are one or two vacancies and anyone who is prepared to help in the running and management of the parish will be welcomed with open arms!

Traidcraft Spring Catalogues Please consider supporting Traidcraft (Spring Catalogues at the back of church in Garstang) who work with some of the world's poorest producers, to help them trade their way out of poverty.

Parish Draw, Garstang It's that time of year! Annual subscriptions to the Parish Draw are due. The cost is a very reasonable £20 per number. Trish & Kev O'Hanlon will be at the back of church on Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th March. You can pay by standing order, cash or cheque (made payable to 'SS Mary & Michael Church – Parish Draw'). Please bring your payment to either Mass and check your details are up to date. Any queries please contact Trish on 01995 604292.

Caretaker of Community Centre, Garstang As you know, D'Arcy has now retired as caretaker. *If anybody is interested in taking on this position, please have a word with Father Tom. Thank you*

Times of Masses – Please continue to take special note of times and locations of weekday Masses on the back page of the bulletin. We will be feeling our way over the next few weeks, so please have patience and understanding while we try to get things right.

Traidcraft – Spring catalogues are available from the back of church in Garstang. Please take this opportunity to support some of the world's poorest producers to improve their lives, whilst raising funds for Chivuna clinic (we have a Fair Trader account, giving us a discount which we donate to Friends of Chivuna). Thank you. *Helen Spencer.*

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 19th March can be found on yellow paper at the back of church in Garstang.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Len Pursey and Tony Martin, who died recently.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Alice Wright, Winifrede Ainsworth, Thomas Gornall, Winifred Moran, John Grayston, James Thomas Slater, Agnes Horn, Eddie Walmsley, John Hindle Law, Ellen Wells, John James Dewhurst, Celia Lamoury, Agnes Rossall, John Kirkman and Barbara Nelmes. *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: Sean Jepson, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, 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, 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 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.)*

Response to the psalm at the 9.45 am Mass:

Please remember the persecuted Christians of the world in your prayers
(The Holy Father's prayer intention for March 2017)

If you have an item you wish to add to the newsletter please phone 01995 602 164 (Garstang) on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings, or email ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com.
The deadline for items for the newsletter is Thursday afternoons.

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 11th March – Sunday 19th March 2017

Sat	11 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Dennis Vincent Wilkes
Sun	12 th	09.45 am (Garstang)	Joseph Rossall
		11.15 am (Scorton)	All Our Parishioners
Mon	13 th	No Mass	
Tue	14 th	12 noon (Scorton)	Anthony Ingleby
Wed	15 th	10.00 am (Garstang)	Kathleen Richardson funeral
		7.00 pm (Garstang)	Fr James Hawes (1 st Anniversary)
Thurs	16 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	A Special Intention
Fri	17 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Teresa Langley
Sat	18 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Sue Tomlinson
Sun	19 th	9.45 am (Garstang)	Gerald Whittaker
		11.15 am (Scorton)	Betty Gornall

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	15 th Mar	6.45pm	Rosary (Garstang)
Fri	17 th	10 – 10.30am	Exposition (Garstang)
		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross (Garstang)
Sat	18 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions (Garstang)

Special Days this week:

Sun	12 th	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (<i>Collection of Fast Day Envelopes</i>)
Fri	17 th	ST PATRICK, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland

Meetings next Week:

Tue	14 th	6.30 pm	1 st Holy Communion (Session 1) (Garstang)
Wed	15 th	2 pm – 4 pm	St Teresa of Calcutta Film (Part 1 of 2) (Garstang)
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	16 th	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	5 th (Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 162	Children: 8	
	(Garstang)	10.00 am	Adults: 116	Children: 31	Total: 317
	(Scorton)				Total: 53

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,068.80 (Garstang) / £308.89 (Scorton);
Funerals/Cemetery: £600; Books: £75.00; Votive Lights: £56; 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 March at the United Reformed Church.

Hymns at 6 pm Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	315 – Lead us heavenly Father
Gloria	-
G.A.	178 – Glory & praise
Off.	206 – Forty days
Sanctus	576

Hymns at 9.45 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	970 – Be Thou my vision
Kyrie	517
G.A.	Praise to you, Oh Christ....
Off.	603 – Blest are you, Lord
S, M, D	553, 554c, 555
A.D.	611a, verses 14, 15, 16
Com.	215 – Transfigure us / 720 Be still...
Rec.	664 – O praise our great & gracious Lord