

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR C)



“...while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’”

St Vincent de Paul Society – The next meeting of the SVP will take place on Tuesday, 15th January, at 7.30 pm, in the Castle Lane Community Centre.

This Year's First Holy Communions will take place on 12th May; First Reconciliations on Saturday, 9th March. If you have a child who does not come to SS Mary & Michael's School but who would like to make their First Holy Communion this year, please write their name, parent's name and contact details on a piece of paper and give it either to Father Tom or to D'arcy so they can be included in the programme. The initial meeting for parents will be held on **Tuesday, 22nd January at 7 pm in the Plessington Chapel**. The first meeting with the children will be held on **Tuesday, 5th February at 6.30 pm, also in the Plessington Chapel**.

Stars at Christmas – This year, donations resulting from the hanging of stars in memory of our deceased loved ones amounted to £225.00. This substantial sum is a valuable resource for the health centre in Chivuna which depends so much for its running and development on our help.

This month, the display boards in the crèche area relate to our work in helping the poor people of Chivuna. Please spend a moment to view them. *Frank Carter - GFOC*

Children's Liturgy – You are aware from their enthusiasm and responses to questions from Father Tom what our children are gaining through Children's Liturgy. We do urgently need some more volunteers to help with the group. Please don't be shy, you work in pairs and not more than once a month. If willing, please give your name to Father or talk it over with me, Robyn, or one of the other Children's Liturgists. *Thank you.*

Washing of Altar Linen (Garstang) – We are looking for volunteers to join the twelve-monthly rota for washing the purificators once a week. If you would like to join the rota, please let Father Tom know. *Thank you.*

Puen Club (Scorton) – The winner of the January Puen Club draw is Paul Winstanley, and his winnings are £37.

Road Closure (Garstang) – We have received a letter from Lancashire County Council informing us “A **temporary road closure** will be in place on **Lancaster Road, High Street, Bridge Street, Bonds Lane and Garstang Road, from Fell View through to Calder House Lane** for the duration of the carriageway patching works.” That is from **23rd – 28th January 2019**, operating hours from 08:00 to 17:00. A copy of the letter in full is displayed on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Date for your diary – On Thursday, 31st January, from 7 – 9 pm, at the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre, there will be an evening with Professor Keith Ward to explore how church and faith groups can best respond to the growing crisis in climate and other environmental changes. This is a Churches Together in Lancashire event. To book a place please visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stewardship-or-dominion-safeguarding-the-integrity-of-creation-tickets-54238226997

Found in Church – A tweed cap has been found in Sts Mary & Michael's Church near the candle money box. Could this be yours? If so, it is in the presbytery office. See D'arcy or Liz.

Did you know? ... CAFOD campaigners have contributed in making the world a better place. *Share the Journey*: in 2018 we wanted to walk once around the world (24,900 miles) showing our support for people forced to flee their homes, so far, you have walked an incredible 115,000 miles. *We've got the power*: In 2018, over 30,000 of you spoke up loud and clear to the World Bank and to the UK government emphasising the importance of focusing energy spending that benefits the world's poorest people. **The World Bank** announced in December that they will no longer finance oil and gas exploration and production after 2019. Thank you for your support. Interested in volunteering with CAFOD? Visit www.cafod.org.uk

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

Scorton: James Wilson, Rosemary Austin, Monica Jepson, Winifred Kavanagh, Paul Haslehurst, John Tully, Leonard Sinar, Jack Rawlinson, Frederick W. Garvey, Greg Eastham, Elizabeth Ellen Pedder, Renee Williams, David Trevor Orr, Tom Thompson, Thomas Henry (Harry) Horn, Eileen Darby, Ann Swarbrick and John Joseph 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: Paul Cain, Joyce Bilsborrow, Simon Ryan, Ben Kelsall, Jim Costain, Frances Dickinson, Jean Dunne, Alison Dodd, Tony McManmon, Louise Williams, A Very Sick Brother, Teresa Smith, John Cookson, Reverend Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Louise Gornall, Bernie Murphy, Jim Cowburn, Marie Swarbrick, Mary Winstanley, Jacqui Elliot, Pat Nickson, a Sick Parishioner, Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Ros Drake, Vin Cahill, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Matthew Pearson, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Sheila Murphy, Florence Burgess, Ian Moran, David Winstanley, Pat Hickey, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, 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.)

Garstang Parish Draw: Congratulations go to Ellis Preston and Fr Tom for being our Christmas winners. Thank you all for your support with our Parish draw during 2018. Trish & Kev (01995 604292).

Notice from Castlerigg – Preparations are well under way for the Lancaster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage next summer, and booking is now open for young people, ages Year 10+; the price this year has come down to £585. The coach journey starts on 25th July, arriving home Saturday 3rd August. For further information, or to book online, visit <https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/events-whats-on/>. See poster at the back of church.

Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage – Bishop Paul Swarbrick is leading the Diocese of Lancaster Lourdes Pilgrimage from 26th July – 2nd August, by air from Manchester. If you are interested in going, please see poster, brochures and booking forms at the back of church.

Wednesday Word – copies for the Sunday Masses of 20th January can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please help yourself.

Response to the psalm at the 10.30 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 12th – Sunday 20th January 2019

Sat	12 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Mary Agnes Ibison (Anniversary)
Sun	13 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	The Davis Family Eleanor and Thomas Bolton
Mon	14 th	}	
Tue	15 th	}	
Wed	16 th	}	No Mass
Thurs	17 th	}	
Fri	18 th	}	
Sat	19 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Michael O'Neill RIP
Sun	20 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Mary Dent (Lately Dead) Marina Poulton (Anniversary)

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Sat	19 th	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy of the Word Service
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Special Days this week:

Sun	13 th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Thurs	17 th	St Anthony (Abbot)
Sat	19 th	St Wulstan (Bishop)
Sun	20 th	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Day of Prayer for Peace

Meetings this Week:

Tue	15 th	7.30 pm	St Vincent de Paul Society (Castle Lane Community Centre)
Wed	16 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	6 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 141	Children: 12	Total: 153
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 54
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 131	Children: 24	Total: 155

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £1,154; Votive Lights: £62; Shop: £30. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory: £274.08 (Including £150 standing orders); Votive Lights: £12.70. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in January, at St Thomas's.

Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):

Ent:	On Jordan's bank	94
Gloria:	Salazar	998
G.A.	Celtic	
Off:	Spirit of the living God	306
Sanctus:	Celtic	553
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	Lord of Creation	869

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	On Jordan's bank	94
Gloria:	Mass of Hope	531
G.A.	Triple + Missal	
Off:	Baptized in water	407
S,M,D:	Mass of Creation	490, 491, 494
A.D:	Mass of Hope	592
Com: 1)	O living water	931
2)	Spirit of the living God	306
Rec:	The voice of God	108