

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

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)



*“The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
whoever finds this seed will remain for ever.”*

New items and information

Hummingbirds – Thank you to all those who helped us to celebrate our 20th Anniversary (educating more than 450 children!). The Celebration Ball, Mass and Open Day were all very enjoyable occasions, with plenty of opportunities for meeting up with old friends and the exchange of many fond memories! The display boards in the crèche show some fun times and news of past pupils – do stop and have a look! For any information about our thriving nursery, please call 01995 602 012.

Whist & Domino Drive (Garstang) – Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a couple of hours playing whist, or dominos, or both, in the Plessington Chapel, this coming Monday, 17th July, from 2 – 4 pm. Even if you have never played before, but fancy having a go, you will be made most welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Society – the next meeting is on Monday, 17th July, from 7.30 pm, at 3 Castle Lane Cottages.

Next Tuesday, 18th July, The Scorton Parochial Church Council will be meeting at 7 pm.
Next Friday, 21st July (Garstang) we will celebrate the School Leavers' Mass at 9.30 am in Church. School closes that day, and re-opens on Monday, 4th September. We wish the staff and children – **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** And to the children who are leaving this year, our very best wishes for them at their new schools!

Next Sunday, 23rd July, (Garstang) we will be having our annual commemoration of St John Plessington, St John Wall & Companions, by serving bacon baps and other refreshments after 10.30 am Mass. There is a list at the back of church for anyone who has any special dietary requirements. If you are one of these people, please would you put your name on the list and tick the relevant box, and we will do our best to meet your needs. *Thank you.*

The Good Shepherd Fund is intended to provide the Bishop with a supplementary source of funds for addressing special needs, special projects, or extraordinary circumstances that are not covered by the diocesan budget and for which no other revenue source is available. As an unrestricted resource, The Good Shepherd Fund will give the Bishop the capacity to respond to emergency situations as they arise, and the flexibility to embrace opportunities that might otherwise be lost. ***There will be a special collection for The Good Shepherd Fund next Sunday, 23rd July.***

Catenians Welcome New Priest – The Catenian Association congratulates Father Daniel Etienne upon his recent ordination at Lancaster Cathedral and wishes him every success in his ministry. Father Etienne is currently awaiting an appointment. The Catenian Association has given financial support to the National Office for Vocations for a number of years, and will continue to offer this support on an annual basis for the foreseeable future. *Catenian Association.*

Did you know... your generosity has done some pretty amazing things? In June 2016 Herit and her family were struggling through the drought in Ethiopia. Because of your generous donations, she received new seeds from CAFOD and she now has enough cereal to last her for a year, and to sell at market. Herit says, "looking back when the crisis first broke we were very much worried, the future was very bleak for us. But thanks to the support given to us we now have a good harvest and a good future to look forward to."

Please pray for Jacob Hogarth who will be baptised this Sunday, 16th July, during the 10.30 am Mass.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton : Patricia Maguire, Margaret Mary Thompson, Agnes Imelda Taylor, Annie Morris, Phyllis Hull, Mary Walmsley, Wilfrid Keefe, Susan Conway, Margaret Heyes, William Dilworth, John Fleming, Marion Waddingham, Edna Reid and John Murphy. ***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: Florence Burgess, Phoebe, Simon Crossley, Matthew Pearson, Martina Copple, Simone and Nigel Lord, Michael O'Neill, Sean Jepson, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, Kathleen Murphy, Ros Drake, Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Allan Whipp, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy, 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, 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.*)

Previously Published Items

Luncheon Club – Scorton – This takes place every 3rd Tuesday in the month at the Methodist Church, Scorton, so the next one will be 18th July. Cost £7.50 per head. Please telephone Ruth Yates on 01524 792581, by today, 16th July, to book in. *All welcome.*

Noddfa Retreat 2017 – There are still some places left for the visit to Noddfa for anyone who would like to experience a retreat in the peace and tranquillity of this special place, from Monday 11th – Friday 15th September 2017 (it is some time off, but people have busy diaries!) Cost: £200, including full board. Special food requirements can be catered for. For those who haven't been to Noddfa, it is a spirituality centre on the outskirts of Penmaenmawr, near Llandudno, North Wales, run by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary. There is a chapel on site. We run our own retreat – usually prayers and reflections morning and evening, with the addition of some sessions by two of the Sisters, and afternoons free to 'do your own thing', visit the surrounding area etc. Travel is by private car, with lifts arranged between us. A letter will be sent out shortly to those interested, giving details, and to arrange a meeting in mid-August to discuss the programme etc. If interested, please put your name and contact details on the list at the back of church. For more information contact Jean Andrews on 01995 603802.

Date for your diary – As part of the Garstang & District Arts Festival, Brian Dickinson will give an Organ Recital here at St Mary & St Michael's on Tuesday, 22nd August at 7.30 pm. The programme will include a wide variety of much-loved music to suit all tastes. So come along and enjoy the sounds of our fine organ. There will be a retiring collection for Festival Proceeds.

“Applying for a Senior Leadership Post in a Catholic School” – This course will address the issues involved in the application process for Catholic school senior leadership positions in The Diocese of Lancaster. The course will be held at Castle Green Hotel, Castle Green Lane, Kendal, LA9 6RG on Thursday 9th November 2017 from 9.30 am – 3.30 pm. The cost is £52.00 per person. If you are interested, and want further information, please see the poster at the back of church.

Wednesday Word – Copies of The Wednesday Word on yellow paper, for the Mass of 23rd July are at the back of church; if you would like one, help yourself.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July

Lapsed Christians – That through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, our brothers and sisters who have distanced themselves from the faith, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of Christian life.

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 15th – Sunday 23rd July 2017

Sat	15 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Kathleen Richardson
Sun	16 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Canon Charles Canning
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Dennis Brown
Mon	17 th	No Mass	
Tue	18 th	12 noon (Scorton)	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
Wed	19 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	John Fleming (Anniversary)
Thurs	20 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	In Honour of Our Blessed Lady
Fri	21 st	9.30 am (Garstang)	School Leavers' Mass – The Carr Family
Sat	22 nd	9.30 am (Garstang)	LISCF
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	The Beesley Family
Sun	23 rd	8.30 am (Scorton)	Joan Burke RIP
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Agnes Evans (Anniversary)

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	19 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Fri	21 st	No Exposition	
Sat	22 nd	10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	16 th	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wed	19 th	St John Plessington, St John Wall & Companions, Martyrs of Lancashire
Thurs	20 th	St Apollinaris (Bishop & Martyr)
Sat	22 nd	ST MARY MAGDALENE
Sun	23 rd	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Mon	17 th	2 – 4 pm (Garstang)	Whist & Domino Drive
		7.30 pm	St Vincent de Paul Society
Tues	18 th	7.00 pm (Scorton)	Parochial Church Council
Wed	19 th	7.30 pm (Garstang)	Choir Practice
Sat	22 nd	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	9 th	(Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 141	Children: 7	Total: 148
			10.30 am	Adults: 164	Children: 37	Total: 201
		(Scorton)	8.30 am	Total: 56		Total: 349

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,194.80; Votive Lights: £44.50; Peter's Pence: £10.30; Apostleship of the Sea: £385.60. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £335.60; Votive Lights: £26.35; Holy Souls: £1; Piety Stall/Cards etc: £2; CAFOD: £0.50; Apostleship of the Sea: £50.40. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held 07.45 am each Tuesday in July at the United Reformed Church..

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	801	Love Divine
Gloria:		
G.A.:		
Off:	627	This is my body
Sanctus:		
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	735	We plough the fields

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	854	You are salt for the earth
Gloria:	998	Salazar
G.A.:	178	Halle, halle, halleluia
Off:	600	All that I am
S, D	576, 578	German Mass
A.D.		
Com: 1)	929	O Lord, hear my prayer
2)	408	Come to the Water
Rec:	637	Seed scattered and sown