

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

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



*“If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.”*

New items and information

This Weekend is Home Mission Sunday – In today's Gospel, Jesus presents us, as disciples, with a challenging question: “Who do you say I am?” For some the most challenging element of this question is about whether we talk about him at all. Today on Home Mission Sunday, we have been praying for the spread of the Gospel, and in the second collection will have the opportunity to support it financially by giving what we can. The money given to this collection does not go abroad, but is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith. For more information about the Home Mission Office, please visit www.homemission.org.uk.

Whist & Dominos – Here we are again! Summer holidays are over, and we need something to remind us that there is still fun to be had before we become mired in preparations for Christmas! **Monday, 16th September, 2 pm – 4 pm, Plessington Chapel.** Come and have a laugh; everyone is welcome, experienced or beginner!

St Vincent de Paul Society – the next SVP meeting will be on Tuesday 18th September, 7.30pm in Castle Lane Community Centre.

Next Weekend we have Thanksgiving for the Harvest and there will be a special collection for the Bishop's Administration Fund.

Ladies of the Parish – A date for you diary – Tuesday, 9th October at the United Reformed Church. Ladies' Fellowship, devotions address (by author Sarah Dodd) and refreshments. Details of Sarah's work nearer the time.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning – This will take place next **Friday, 21st September at Scorton Methodist Church, 10 am – 12 noon.** Everyone is welcome.

Xaverian Open Day, Tabor – On Sunday, 23rd September, the Xaverians are having an Open Day at Tabor, 169 Sharoe Green Lane, Preston, PR2 8HE, from 12 noon – 4 pm. Everyone is invited to visit them and see what is on offer at the Centre. (See poster at the back of church.)

Lancaster Diocesan Faith & Justice Commission have organised an evening of prayer, reflection and sharing ideas: “*Faith and our Common Home - how do we heal the world?*” on Thursday Sept 27th 7.15pm - 8.30pm at St. Bernadette's Church, Lancaster LA1 4HT. The start of a week of prayer for creation ending on the Feast of St. Francis. See poster at back of church.

Aid to the Church in Need-ACN – ACN is a Pontifical Foundation of the Roman Catholic Church supporting the Catholic faithful, and other Christians, where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. ACN presents a talk on the Suffering Church on Thursday 4th October at 7.30pm-9pm at Lancaster University Chaplaincy LA1 4YW. Featuring guest speakers from the persecuted Church. Entry is free; there will be a collection for ACN's work.

Day of Renewal – The next Day of Renewal will be held on **Saturday 13th October from 10 am – 4.00 pm** at St Clare's, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9HH. Everyone is welcome. See poster at the back of Church.

Brave of Heart - A Weekend Journey for Men – This has been arranged for Saturday and Sunday, 22nd and 23rd September 2018, at Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU - **DONATION ONLY EVENT.**

Please pray for Henry (Harry) Richardson who died on Tuesday, 4th September. His Funeral Service is at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 18th September, at Sts Mary & Michael, followed by burial in the churchyard. ***May he rest in peace.***

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Michael Dias, Henry (Harry) Heyes, Mary McKeivitt, Edward Brennan, Norman Turton, William Eastham, Anne Birchall, Brian Campbell, James Coyne, John Billington, Arnold Hargreaves and William (Bill) Acton. ***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: A Very Sick Brother, Teresa Smith, John Cookson, A Very Sick Person, Reverend Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Charlie Robinson (2 years old), Louise Gornall, Bernie Murphy, Jim Cowburn, Marie Swarbrick, Mary Winstanley, Craig Smith, Jacqui Elliot, Pat Nickson, a Sick Parishioner, Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, Pat Hill, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Ros Drake, Vin Cahill, Bob Cross, Martina Copple,

Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, 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.)

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day Briefing – Learn about CAFOD's work around the world funded by your generous donations. St Joseph's Parish House, St Joseph's Church Slyne Road Skerton LA1 2HU on **Wednesday 3rd October 7 – 8pm. All are welcome.**

Date for your diary – Education Mass, St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster LA1 3BT – Friday 12th October 2018 at 7:00 pm – All parishioners are invited to join Bishop Paul Swarbrick at the annual Diocese of Lancaster Education Mass. The celebration gives us the opportunity to express our thanks and acknowledge the contribution made by all those in the Diocese involved in the work of education and formation in the faith. Together we ask for God's blessing on the mission of education and formation in our diocese.

Safeguarding – There have been queries recently about the legal position regarding the taking and displaying of photographs of children and young people on parish noticeboards and in bulletins. The Diocese provides some excellent guidance which is now displayed on the Safeguarding noticeboard at the back of church. Copies available from Ted (01995) 604714.

Gift Aid – I would like to stress the importance of GIFT AID. If you donate to the parish and you are a taxpayer, and you haven't already signed up for Gift Aid, please think seriously about doing so. **You will increase the income of your parish at no extra cost to yourself.** The Church is a charity, and like all charities the parish can reclaim tax on every donation from a taxpayer. At the basic rate of tax of 20%, for every £1 you donate the parish can reclaim tax on 25p. You simply need to complete a Gift Aid declaration with your name and address, sign and date it. Tax can be reclaimed on whatever you donate, however large of small, regular or one-off, provided that you have paid sufficient tax to cover the reclaim. Even on a one-off donation of £20, the parish will benefit from an additional £5. This year the parish has received £10,365.66 from HMRC. All we ask is that you think about it and, most importantly, if you are a taxpayer please consider signing a Gift Aid declaration form which can be found at the back of church. If you require more information or have any questions, please ring me, Helena Rigby, on 01995 605311.
Thank you.

Wednesday Word – copies of the Wednesday Word for the Sunday Masses of 23rd September 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 10.30 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 15th – Sunday 23rd September 2018

Sat	15 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Tom & Mary Ibison (Diamond Wedding)
Sun	16 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Celia Grogan John Bisby (RIP)
Mon	17 th	No Mass	
Tue	18 th	12 noon (Scorton) 2.00 pm	The Bullen Family Funeral Service for Henry (Harry) Richardson
Wed	19 th	7.00 pm	A Bereaved Family
Thurs	20 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	The Carr Family
Fri	21 st	9.30 am (Garstang)	Fr Anthony Barrett
Sat	22 nd	9.30 am (Garstang) 6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners Charlotte McAleer (Wedding Anniversary)
Sun	23 rd	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Teresa and Eddie Smith & Family Kathleen Bolger

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Fri	21 st	10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	22 nd	9.00 am (Scorton) 10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Saturday Liturgy of the Word Service Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	16 th	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Home Mission Sunday)	
Thurs	20 th	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon (Priest), Paul Chong Ha-sang (Layman), & Companions – Martyrs of Korea	
Fri	21 st	ST MATTHEW (Apostle)	
Sun	23 rd	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	

Meetings this Week:

Mon	17 th	2 – 4 pm	Whist & Dominos (Plessington Chapel)
Tue	18 th	7.30 pm	St Vincent de Paul (Castle Lane Community Centre)
Wed	19 th	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Churches Together in Garstang (St Thomas' Parish Centre) Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)
Fri	21 st	7.30 pm	Friends of Chivuna (Preceded by Mass at 7 pm)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	9 th	6.00 pm (Garstang) 8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 138 Children: 8 Total: 146	Adults: 124 Children: 32 Total: 156
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Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £1,044.65; CAFOD: £40; Catholic Education Services: £153.65. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory: £ (+ standing orders); Piety Stall: £; Votive Lights: £. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

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

Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):

Ent.	All people that on earth	466
Gloria:	Duffy	527
G.A.	Easter Plain Song	
Off:	The Church's one foundation	830
Sanctus:	Schubert	576

Com:	Jesus my Lord	913
Rec:	The day thou gavest Lord	679

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	From heaven you came	749
Gloria:	Missa de Angelis	498
G.A.	Triple + Missal	
Off:	Blest are you, Lord	603
S,M,D:	A Parish Mass:	482, 483, 486

A.D.	St Jeanne Jugan	593
Com:	1) Unless a grain of wheat 2)	748
Rec:	Will you come and follow me	877