

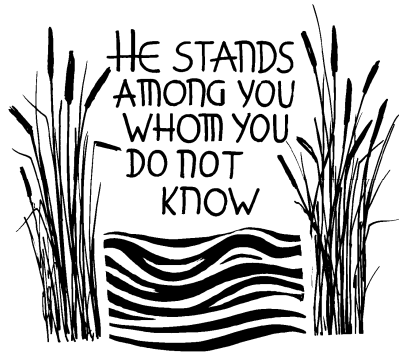
**St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church
Garstang and Calder Vale**

and

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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16th / 17th DECEMBER 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)



*John said, "I am, as Isaiah prophesied:
a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord."*

New items and information

Booklets for the Administration of Holy Communion to the Sick – If you are an Extraordinary Minister who takes Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, and you would like one of these leaflets, they are in the Sacristy – ask Father Tom or D'arcy.

Whist & Dominoes – What a lovely way to spend a cold and dreary Monday afternoon! Take your mind off wrapping presents, or whether you've remembered to send a card to the next-door-neighbour! From 2 – 4 pm on Monday, 18th December, in the Plessington Chapel. *All welcome.*

Flower Arranging for Christmas – Friday 22nd December, 1.30 pm. All help welcome. Also, if you have any greenery to spare, please could you bring it to church on the Friday morning? *Thank you.*

Decorating the Church for Christmas – We would welcome the help of any strong people on Friday 22nd December at 2 pm to prepare the decorations etc. in advance. **Decorating** can then take place on **Christmas Eve** from 1.30 pm, and should only take an hour or so because the decorations will be ready to hang up. All help is welcome!

A reminder of the times of Christmas Masses for Garstang and Scorton:

Saturday 23 rd December	6.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday	Garstang
Christmas Eve (Sunday)	8.30 am	Scorton
	10.30 am	Garstang
	6.30 pm Vigil for Christmas	Garstang
Christmas Day (Monday)	8.30 am	Scorton
	10.30 am	Garstang

'Canticles' Advent Series concludes Thursday, 21st December, with the talk 'Nunc Dimittis: The Song of Simon' by Fr Mark Harold who is a priest of the Diocese of Salford. Before taking up his current post as Parish Priest of St Mary's, Bamber Bridge, he was the Vice Rector of the English College in Rome. Understand God's plan of salvation more fully and allow your heart to be opened to welcome Jesus in a deeper way this Christmas. 7.30 – 9.30 pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston. **ALL WELCOME!** More info at back of church or please contact Joe/Ruth on 07957 566 741; www.metanoiaproject.co.uk.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Stephen Cottam, Charles Taylor, Joe Brown, Lucy Cahill, Sally Foley, Joan Norcross, Josephine Black, Helena Holland, Rev Patrick Flynn, Ann Nugent, Jack Singleton, Ada Rawlinson, Annie Cusack, Mary Grayston, Margaret Nixon, John Francis Green, Jas. G Hall, Thomas Leo Horn and Doris Mary Wilson. *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: Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, Pat Hill, Winifred McNulty, Joyce Bilborrow, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Ros Drake, Margaret Hibberdine, Tony McManmon, Vin Cahill, Anne Miller, Simon Crossley, Alan Lowe, Father Jerome Ainsworth, Joan Place, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, John Fairey, Rod Pearson, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Philomena Morgan, Sheila Murphy, Florence Burgess, Ian Moran, David Winstanley, Pat Hickey, Simone & Nigel Lord, Pat Nickson, Marie Corrigan, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Wayne Martin, Michael Hendry, Fiona Catterall, 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

Stars at Christmas – We are well aware that Christmas is a time when the people we have loved but sadly lost are foremost in our thoughts. For some years it has been the custom in our parish to hand stars in church, marked individually with the name or names of those dear to us, so that they can be the focus of our prayers at this special time. There is no charge for the stars but should you care to make a charitable donation – say 50p – it would, as always, help to support the poor people of Chivuna in Zambia. Stars will be available on the weekends commencing 9th & 16th

Give for nothing! – If you make online purchases, register with "Give As You Live" (there is an app), and any purchases made with a wide list of retailers generate a percentage for your chosen charity, at no extra cost to you, when you visit their website via Give As You Live. There are many charities to choose from e.g. HCPT, Aid to the Church in Need, Apostleship of the Sea, Christian Aid etc. Also if you are changing your car, and don't wish to trade the old one in, don't forget GiveaCar which donate the proceeds of scrappage/sale to your chosen charity.

The Catholic Teaching Alliance School Direct Programme – Are you thinking of applying to train to become a primary or secondary school teacher in September 2018? If you are (or will be) a graduate you could train with the Catholic Teaching Alliance in schools in the Preston/Blackpool/Lancaster area. The Catholic Teaching Alliance School Direct Programme is a partnership between 70 Catholic schools and the University of Cumbria working together to provide first class initial teacher training within the Catholic community. PGCE and QTS are awarded upon successful completion of the course. Applications are now open; see our website for more details: www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org. **Any questions?** Mr Gormally will be in the Training Centre every Monday from 4 – 5 pm to answer your queries about the Catholic Teaching Alliance and our School Direct training programme. Please email ctaschooldirect@olhs.lancs.sch.uk or phone 01772 326 931 to book an appointment. You may also telephone this number for general enquiries about our teacher training programme.

Lancaster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage – Preparations are well under way for next summer, and booking is now open for Young People. Travelling with the Youth Service is a great way for young people to get to know the story of Lourdes and grow in faith through service, prayer, catechesis and time spent with other young Catholics. Many young adults tell me that a pilgrimage to Lourdes was a turning point in their faith life. Our coach journey starts on 19th July, travelling directly to Lourdes where we will be staying in the 4-star hotel Eliseo. We will arrive home on the Saturday, 29th July. Open to ages Year 10+, we are delighted to announce that the price has come down this year to £595. For more information, to book online or download the poster or booking form, please see <http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/new-events/2017/9/19/lourdes-2018>.

Clothing Appeal – The SVP will be collecting warm clothing over the next few weeks. There will be the usual box at the back of church for any items. Thank you all for your support with this appeal in the past.

St Paul's Sunday Missals for 2018 – These are now available from the Church Shop, price £5 each.

Wednesday Word – There are copies of The Wednesday Word, on green paper, for the Mass of 31st December at the back of church; if you would like one, please help yourself.

Praying for a new Bishop of Lancaster: *Almighty God, Eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 16th – Sunday 24th December 2017

Sat	16 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Eve Graham (Anniversary)
Sun	17 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Winifred Doyle (RIP)
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Olive Flannery
Mon	18 th	No Mass	
Tue	19 th	12 noon (Scorton)	Johann Zmuda
Wed	20 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	André Ferguson (Birthday Anniversary)
Thurs	21 st	9.30 am (Garstang – School)	The Dalton Family
Fri	22 nd	9.30 am (Garstang)	Mick O'Neill
		11.00 am (Garstang)	Requiem Mass for Peter Horn
Sat	23 rd	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Mary & George Grayston (50 th Anniversary)
Sun	24 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Golden Wedding Anniversary
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Ann Nugent (Anniversary)
		6.30 pm (Christmas Vigil)	Rev John Horn RIP

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	20 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Fri	22 nd	10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Exposition
Sat	23 rd	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service
		10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	17 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sun	24 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Meetings this Week:

Mon	18 th	2 – 4 pm	Whist & Dominoes
Wed	20 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	21 st	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	10 th	(Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 127	Children: 4	Total: 131
			10.30 am	Adults: 115	Children: 26	Total: 141
		(Scorton)	8.30 am	Total: 42		Total: 272

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,066.50; Votive Lights: £37.10; Shop: £80; Poor Missions Fund: £24. **Many thanks to you all.**

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £290.70; Votive lights: £1.76. **Many thanks to you all.**

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in December at St Mary & St Michael's Church.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	768	Our God Reigns
Kyrie:		
G.A.:		
Off:	747	The light of Christ
Sanctus:	576	Schubert
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	880	Tell out my soul

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	883	Christ be our Light
Kyrie:	936	Look around you
G.A.:	72	Stay awake, be ready (verse 1)
Off:	600	All that I am
Sanctus:	576	German Mass
Amen:	578	
Com: 1)	929	O Lord, hear my prayer
2)	112	O come, O come Emmanuel
Rec:	107	The King of glory comes