

**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 A)

Home Mission Sunday



*“Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.”*

New items and information

This Sunday is Home Mission Day – there will be a special collection.

St Vincent de Paul Society (Garstang) – The next meeting is on Monday, 18th September, from 7.00 pm at 3, Castle Lane Cottages.

Whist and Dominos – The next session is on Monday, 18th September from 2 – 4 pm in the Plessington Chapel. Come along and enjoy the fun!

A Message from Bishop Michael: “Praying for a new Bishop of Lancaster – Mindful that the time for my own retirement will be approaching, please join me in praying for a new Bishop for this Diocese. Let us ask God our Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit to guide Pope Francis as he discerns who will serve as the next Bishop of the Diocese of Lancaster. Please conclude the Prayers of the Faithful at each and all public Sunday Masses in the Diocese, until the announcement of the new Bishop is made, with the following prayer. Please also include this prayer on your parish newsletters and websites: *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*”

Puen Club Winner for September (Scorton) is Mel Collinson, and the prize amounted to £44.50.

Liturgy & Spirituality Group – The next meeting is on Thursday, 21st September, 4 pm, in the Plessington Chapel.

‘ACN Open Day at Gresgarth Hall Gardens’ – If you missed Aid to the Church in Need’s exhibition about Christians in Syria at the Cathedral, here is another chance to see parts of it in the stunning gardens at Gresgarth Hall. ACN gifts and cards available, along with refreshments. Gresgarth Hall Gardens, Caton, Nr Lancaster (LA2 9NB). **THIS SUNDAY** 17th September (11am-5pm). Suggested donation of £5 (accompanied under-16s are free). Most of the gardens are wheelchair-accessible. No dogs, please.

The September Issue of the Faith & Justice bulletin is available to view at www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk. Upcoming events (as well as the open garden at Gresgarth Hall this Sunday for ACN), include "Let's Celebrate Creation in the Fylde" on Wednesday 20th September at St Monica's Church, Blackpool, 7pm (see poster).

“Let’s Change Lives with Every Slice” (Scorton) – On **Friday 22nd September** there will be a Macmillan Coffee Morning in Scorton Methodist Chapel from 10 am – 12.30 pm. Donations to Joan Drinkall, Cart House, Scorton tel. 01524 791368.

Romero: Journey to Justice Retreat – Archbishop Oscar Romero’s legacy of radical love lives on 100 years after his birth. You are invited to a CAFOD 'Journey to Justice' retreat at **Wardley Hall, Salford on Saturday 18 November**, to explore how Romero’s life and faith can inspire and challenge us and transform our world. You don't have to be a CAFOD volunteer to take part, and the retreat is free but please book in advance : email lancaster@cafod.org.uk or phone 01772 733310.

Please pray for Milena Sose who is being baptised at SS Mary & Michael’s next Saturday

Please keep in your prayers Father Jerome Ainsworth who is in hospital in Newcastle, recovering from heart surgery.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Eric (Tex) Wardle and Pearl Mary Pegg, who both died recently. Eric Wardle’s Requiem Mass will be held at SS Mary & Michael’s next Thursday, 21st September, at 1.00 pm. Pearl Pegg’s Requiem Mass will be held on Friday, 29th September at 11.00 am, also at SS Mary & Michael’s. ***May they rest in peace***

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Rose Thistlethwaite who died on 14th September. Her Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 3rd October at 12 noon. *May she rest in peace.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Mary McKeivitt, Edward Brennan, Norman Turton, William Eastham, Anne Birchall, John Billington, Brian Campbell, James Coyne, Bill Acton and Arnold Hargreaves. *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: Anne Miller, Wayne Martin, Alan Lowe, Christine Cobane, Florence Burgess, Phoebe, Simon Crossley, Matthew Pearson, Martina Copple, Simone and Nigel Lord, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, Kathleen Murphy, Ros Drake, Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, Rod Pearson, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Ewan, Phillip, John Fairrey, 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, 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

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day meeting – Monday, 18th September, 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm at St Mary's church parish of Blessed John Henry Newman Parish, Mathias Street, Morecambe LA4 5JR. All are welcome to hear about CAFOD's work and share fundraising ideas and prayers in support of CAFOD's work this Harvest Fast Day. Refreshments from 6.45 pm.

Date for your diary – On Friday, 6th October, at 7.00 pm there will be the annual Education Mass at St Peter's Cathedral in Lancaster. This invitation extends in a special way to all those involved in education and faith formation: priests, deacons, teachers, catechists, youth ministry, children's liturgy, those in seminary and teachers outside of the Catholic sector, as well as all parishioners. Together we ask for God's blessing on the mission of education and formation in our diocese.

"The Old Testament Prophets" – A series of talks will be delivered by Canon Luiz Ruscillo at the Education Centre on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8 pm; the first is on 3rd October, followed by 10th, 17th October and 7th and 14th November. All welcome. Please bring your Bibles. See poster at the back of church.

Another date for your Diary – An invitation has been received from St Thomas' Mothers' Union to join them at their October meeting. This will be held on Monday, 9th October, at 7 pm in St Thomas' Church. There will be short service, followed by a talk by Mrs Ann Greenland who has been involved with the development of a Nurse Training School in Kenya; she will share her experiences. If you would like to attend, please let Mrs Jean Sawyer know by 2nd October (telephone 01995 606962).

Wednesday Word – Copies of The Wednesday Word on green paper, for the Mass of 24th September are at the back of church; if you would like one, please help yourself.

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

Sat	16 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Healing Mass – Private Intention
Sun	17 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Anne Gelderd
		10.30 am (Garstang)	RoS Thomas Joseph Carroll
Mon	18 th	No Mass	
Tue	19 th	12 noon (Scorton)	Antonie Biermann
Wed	20 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Teresa Blake
Thurs	21 st	1.00 pm (Garstang)	Requiem Mass for Eric (Tex) Wardle
Fri	22 nd	9.30 am (Garstang)	Canon O'Dwyer
Sat	23 rd	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Pearl Pegg
Sun	24 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Betty Gornall
		10.30 am (Garstang)	80 th Birthday

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 (Garstang)	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	17 th	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Wed	20 th	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, layman, & Companions (Martyrs of Korea)	
Thurs	21 st	ST MATTHEW (Apostle & Evangelist)	
Sat	23 rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Priest)	
Sun	24 th	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	

Meetings this Week:

Mon	18 th	2 – 4 pm (Garstang)	Whist & Dominos – Plessington Chapel
		7.30 pm (Garstang)	SVP at 3 Castle Lane Cottages
Wed	20 th	7.30 pm (Garstang)	Choir Practice
Thurs	21 st	4 pm (Garstang)	Liturgy & Spirituality
Fri	22 nd	10 am – 12.30 pm (Scorton)	Macmillan Coffee Morning – Scorton Chapel

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	10 th	(Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 126	Children: 5	Total: 131
			10.30 am	Adults: 128	Children: 28	Total: 136
		(Scorton)	8.30 am			Total: 267

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,169.30; Votive Lights: £33.50; Shop: £35; Wedding: £350; Photocopying: £5; Catholic Education Services: £203.10. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £; Votive lights: £; Catholic Education Services: £; Holy Souls: £; Piety Stall: £. *Many thanks to you all.* (No information yet.)

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in September at St Thomas' Church.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	924	Brother, sister let me
Gloria:	527	Duffy
G.A.:	Easter Alleluia	
Off:	806	The Lord's my shepherd
Sanctus:	576	Schubert
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	784	Praise we our God with joy

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	
Gloria:	
G.A.	
Off:	
S, M, D	
A.D.	
Com: 1)	
Rec:	