

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR B)

Garstang provides the diocese with a new Bishop.



Pope Francis has appointed Canon Paul Swarbrick, a priest from Garstang, as the new Bishop of Lancaster.

The bishop-elect was born and raised in Garstang before training for the priesthood at Ushaw College, Durham. He was ordained in this church in 1982 and went on to serve in various parishes across the diocese.

“I must confess to being in a state of surprise and shock at my appointment, and to a feeling of great inadequacy when faced with what lies ahead,” bishop-elect Paul said.

“Since my ordination to the Priesthood at Garstang in July 1982 this was never something I expected or feel prepared for. I have given my acceptance in a spirit of profound humility, deeply conscious of my unworthiness and sinfulness.

“It is a call to follow Jesus with greater trust and more generous love, ever mindful of what He has done for me and, ultimately, the fullness of Life He calls me to share.”

We wish bishop-elect Paul our warmest congratulations and will keep him in our prayers as he undertakes his new role. May the Lord give him every grace and blessing. We will be inviting him to celebrate Mass in his home parish after his episcopal ordination on Monday, 9th April 2018, at 11.30 am in the Cathedral.

New items and information

Some members of Our Youth Group (Garstang) are holding a cake sale after Masses this weekend, in the Plessington Chapel, in support of Chivuna, as part of their “Parable of the Talents” project. Please be generous with your support.

A big “Thank You” to you all from the St Vincent de Paul Society. An amazing £370 was collected last weekend! God bless you all.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is next Friday, 23rd February, and donations to the Lent appeal will be doubled by the UK Government (up to £5 million). Lent Fast Day envelopes will be distributed this weekend, and collected next weekend.

First Reconciliation Preparation 2018 – The next meeting is this coming Tuesday, 20th February, 6.30 pm in the Plessington Chapel. First Confessions will take place **next Saturday, 24th February, at 10.15 am.**

SVP Conference: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 20th February from 7.30 p.m. at 3 Castle Lane Cottages.

Garstang Parish Draw – February Winners – Congratulations go to Tony Richardson for being one of our February winners. We have also had an anonymous winner who has kindly donated the winnings back to the church. We are coming up to the end of this year’s draw and would like to thank you all for your support. Subs are now due for the 2018/19 year ahead watch out for further announcements.

Lent Lunches 2018 – These lunches are ecumenical, and take place on Wednesdays in Lent; donations will go to Christian Aid. Each church takes a turn to serve lunch at the United Reformed Church. As usual, when it is our turn, Wednesday, 28th February, we will be asking for volunteers to help by making soup, and with serving and tidying up afterwards. If you are able to help, please contact Pat Costain on 01995 605 793.

Thinking of going to Lourdes as a volunteer? In Year 10 and under 25? The Catenian Association Bursary Fund will give you £75 towards your costs, no strings attached. To apply, just go to www.thecatenians.com and click on Bursary.

Catenian President’s Charity Evening to be held at the Garstang Country Hotel on Friday, 23rd March 2018, at 7.30 pm. An evening of music provided by the Pilling Jubilee Silver Band in aid of St John’s Hospice, Lancaster. Admission £10, including tea, coffee, biscuits. Raffle. To reserve tickets contact 01995 605 311 or RgPa3@aol.com.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Edmund Wallbank who died recently and whose Funeral Service will take place at Scorton next Wednesday, 21st February, at 12.30 pm. *May he rest in peace.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Ann Horn, Ann Cookson, Elsie Tomlinson, Mary Miller, Winifred Carr, John Horn, Thomas Ibison, Marjorie Edge, Henry Gornall, John Silworth, Mary Gillett, Margaret McKeivitt, Marjorie Kirkman, John McHale, James Houlihan, Robert Winder, Samuel Smith, Robert Hull, Grace Barton, Frank Richardson, Catherine Eastham, Agnes St John Firth, Frank Richardson, Dorothea Agnes Mary Rafferty and Neil Brady. *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: Val Lowing, Stephen Cottam, Maureen Clark, Craig Smith, Jacqui Elliot, John Coote, Bernie Murphy, Pat Nickson, A Sick Parishioner, Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, Pat Hill, Winifred McNulty, Joyce Bilsborrow, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Ros Drake, Tony McManmon, Vin Cahill, Alan Lowe, Joan Place, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Philomena Morgan, 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.)*

Previously Published Items

Ladies of the Parish – Please try to attend the **Women's World Day of Prayer** service to be held at **St Helen's, Churchtown, on Friday, 2nd March, at 2 pm**. It would be great if some of you could offer to read a very short passage – or, if not, to help demonstrate our rubbish problem by unwrapping an item (provided for you) during the service. A meeting is to be held at St Thomas' Meeting Room on Thursday, 22nd February, at 11 am, with a rehearsal on Thursday, 1st March at St Helen's at 2 pm. If you would help, please contact Philippa Catterall on 07743 034 870, or just turn up on any of the dates. *Thanks you.*

Easter Bingo (St Mary & St Michael's School) – The School Association's next event will be an Easter Chocolate Bingo – Friday 16th March – 6.45 pm for a 7 pm start. Entry is free, just the cost of the bingo cards, and there will be a bar and snacks available on the night. See poster at back of church.

Sacrament of Confirmation – On Pentecost Sunday, 20th May 2018 at 2.30 pm at the Cathedral, the Bishop will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. Would all those who are eligible for Confirmation please let Alison Dodd (at SSMM School) know whether or not they would like to join the Confirmation Preparation Programme.

Journey in Faith 2017-2018 – We continue to meet weekly on Thursday evenings, ready to welcome anyone who may come forward as an enquirer. We have prepared a leaflet giving more information - copies are available at the back of church and from our parish school. If you know of anyone who may be interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, perhaps with a view to being received into the Church at a future date, you may like to take a leaflet to pass on to them. We will also be putting the leaflet on the parish website shortly. Please continue as a parish to pray for all those who may be considering such a step, and for the JiF core group also. *Thank you*

Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2018 will take place from Tuesday 25th September to Friday 28th September 2018, led by the Bishop of Lancaster. The closing date for bookings is Monday 25th June 2018, at which time a non-refundable deposit of £80 will be required. For further information see poster at the back of church, telephone Paul Briers, Pilgrimage Organiser, 01946 834 834, 07773 848 819 or email guildshop@yahoo.co.uk.

Wednesday Word – There are copies of The Wednesday Word, on green paper, for the Mass of 25th February at the back of church; if you would like one, please help yourself.

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 10th – Sunday 18th February 2018

Sat	17 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Ted Richardson's Birthday
Sun	18 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Lily Butler (Anniversary) Ted McMahon (1 st Anniversary)
Mon	19 th	No Mass	
Tue	20 th	7.00 pm (Scorton) (note time)	Antonie Bierman
Wed	21 st	12.30 pm (Scorton) 7.00 pm (Garstang)	Funeral Service for Thomas Edmund Wallbank Marjorie Kirkman
Thurs	22 nd	9.30 am (Scorton)	Matt Pedder
Fri	23 rd	9.30 am (Garstang)	LISCF
Sat	24 th	9.30 am (Garstang) 6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners Thomas Ibson
Sun	25 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Alice Wells Birthday Blessings

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	21 st	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Fri	23 rd	10 – 10.30 am (Garstang) 6.30 pm (Garstang)	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross
Sat	24 th	9.00 am (Scorton) 10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Saturday Liturgy Service Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	18 th	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (distribution of Lent Fast Envelopes)
Thurs	22 nd	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE
Fri	23 rd	Lent Fast Day
Sun	25 th	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (Lent Fast Day envelopes are collected today)

Meetings this Week:

Tues	20 th	6.30 pm 7.30 pm	1 st Confessions Preparation (Plessington Chapel) SVP Meeting (3, Castle Lane Cottages)
Wed	21 st	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	22 nd	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)

Last Week's Attendance

Sun	11 th	6 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 135	Children: 3	Total: 138
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 44
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 110	Children: 16	Total: 136

Monies Received last week

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,105.90; Votive Lights: £65. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £329.35; Piety Stall: £3.50; Votive Lights: £9.06. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in February at Garstang Methodist Church.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	206	Forty days and forty nights
Kyrie:		
G.A.:		Praise to you, O Christ, King
Off:	315	Lead us, Heavenly Father
Sanctus:	576	Schubert
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	960	Guide me O

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	964	Be not afraid
Kyrie:	936	Look around you
G.A.:		Praise to you, O Christ
Off:	627	This is my body
S,D:	576, 578	German Mass
Com: 1)	779	O God, you search me
2)		
Rec:	785	Though the mountains may fall