

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

**Sts Mary & James, Scorton**

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**17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

**World Day of the Poor**



*“But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.”*

**New items and information**

**This Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November** marks the second annual World Day of the Poor. Last year, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can “reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.” He designated this day as the World Day of the Poor, and it will be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time each year. In this year’s **World Day of the Poor message**, Pope Francis reflects on Psalm 34:7, “This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him.” He challenges us to use the World Day of the Poor as an opportunity to make an examination of conscience and consider whether we truly do hear the cry of the poor.

**Cake stall for CAFOD/Chivuna (Garstang)** – This will be held this weekend, **17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> November**, after Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10.30am Masses.

**Guild of St Stephen**

This weekend, the following Altar Servers will be presented with The Guild of St Stephen Certificates and Medals:

Michael Bishop

Henry Ibison

Abbey Brooks

Cian Gorst

Larissa Earnshaw

Joel Backhouse

Freddie Backhouse

Eleanor Billingsley

Ewan Taylor

Brendan McCann

*Thank you for your service, and  
Congratulations to you all!*

**Next Year's First Holy Communions** will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> May. If you have a child who does not come to SS Mary & Michael's School but who is in Year 3 and would like to make their First Holy Communion next year, please write their name, parent's name and contact details on a piece of paper and give it either to Father Tom or to D'arcy so they can be included in the programme.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** – The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, in the Castle Lane Community Centre.

**Journey in Faith (RCIA) 2018-2019 (Garstang)** – The next meeting is on **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November** in the Plessington Chapel at St Mary & St Michael's, starting at **7.15pm** for 7.30pm. We are here to welcome anyone from Garstang, Scorton and the wider area, who may be interested in becoming a Catholic and who wants to find out more about the Catholic faith. We ask for your prayers for those who may be thinking about taking such a step, and for the core group.

**Next Sunday** is Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and also Youth Sunday. There will be a second collection for Youth Services. The Youth Group will lead us at the Saturday Vigil Mass, and School will lead us at the Sunday 10.30 am Mass.

**Aid to the Church in Need** has nominated 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as Red Wednesday to stand up for faith and freedom and call for tolerance and respect for people of faith and between faith traditions. For more information see the poster at the back of church or [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday).

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of** Siobhan Turner who died recently. *May she rest in peace.*  
**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton:** Madge Holliday, Stephanie McDonald, Tony Hickey, John Francis Rigby, Bernard Watson, William Haydock Barton, Frank Blessing, Cuthbert Billington, Brian Hargreaves, Edward Storey, Marjorie Addison and Rev Austin William Splain. *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:** Frances Dickinson, Jean Dunne, Alison Dodd, Tony McManmon, Louise Williams, Noreen Hargreaves, A Very Sick Brother, Teresa Smith, John Cookson, Reverend Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Louise Gornall, Bernie Murphy, Jim Cowburn, Marie Swarbrick, Mary Winstanley,

Jacqui Elliot, Pat Nickson, a Sick Parishioner, Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, 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, Nigel Lord, 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.)*

**Notice board by the Crèche** – Father Tom is inviting Parish Groups to take over the free-standing notice board by the crèche for a month at a time, starting with our Youth Group who will be using it from the Feast of Christ the King, and for the whole month of December. It would be a good way of letting the congregation know the activities of the various groups in our parish.

**Christmas Cards and gifts** are now on sale in the church shop.

**Traidcraft catalogues**, featuring the Christmas range are now available - there are a small number in the Church porch. As you may have heard in the media, Traidcraft are struggling financially and this may be the last season of trading (Traidcraft Exchange charity will continue to operate). Also, please feel free to add any items from the website to the order form. ([www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk)). As usual, proceeds from orders will go to Chivuna clinic. Thankyou. *Helen Spencer*

**Expressions of interest** are invited for a Parish pilgrimage to Rome in 2019. The dates are the 16th- 23rd September 2019. The cost will be in the region of £850 per person for the week including flights and full board. Insurance is not included. We will be staying at the Domus Romana Sacerdotalis (<http://www.domusromana.org/>) which is within a short walk of the Vatican. It has single and twin rooms. If you are interested, please will you let Fr. Tom or Liz know at [ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com](mailto:ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com) or by telephone at 01995 602164.

**Women Together in the Diocese of Lancaster** – Advent Day of Prayer on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018, at the Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre (formerly Tabor), Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, from 10.30 am – 3.30 pm. Day to be led by Father Nyagasaza Bideri. Cost: £5; bring your own packed lunch. For further information see poster at back of church, or phone 01772 715 495 or 01253 733 985.

**Canon Dunstan Cooper of St Mary's, Morecambe, with the assistance of their parish**

**Polish Sisters**, is arranging a Parish Trip to Poland from 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. The trip will include Krakow, the Market Square, Wawel Castle, Barbikan, St Florian's Gate, St Mary's Basilica and the Sanctuary of Our Lord's Mercy, a trip to Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope John Paul II, and also a visit to Czestochowa, Jasna Gora – the famous shrine to the Black Madonna, and another excursion will include a walk through the Jewish District. Cost is approx. £630 per person, sharing (if single room there will be a £146 supplement). All in all it should be a fascinating visit. If you would like to go, please let Canon Cooper know by the end of October. Telephone 01524 410501.

**Lancaster & District Homeless Action Service** is preparing for their Annual Christmas Shelter, offering 24/7 shelter to the street homeless of Lancaster between 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December, and they are asking for volunteers, and for financial help. There are a couple of letters and forms at the back of church if you are interested in helping.

**Wednesday Word** – copies of the Wednesday Word for the Sunday Masses of 25<sup>th</sup> November can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please help yourself.

**Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>– Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	William (Bill) Sharples (Lately Dead)
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	John & Winifred McNulty Michael O'Neill
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Tue	20 <sup>th</sup>	}	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	}	
Thurs	22 <sup>nd</sup>	}	
Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am (Garstang)	Alice Graham
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am (Garstang) 6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners John Sweeney (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Betty Gornall Peter Cole

**Devotions and Celebrations this week:**

Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10 – 10.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am (Scorton) 10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Saturday Liturgy of the Word Service Confessions

**Special Days this week:**

Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thurs	22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Cecilia (Virgin & Martyr)
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions (Martyrs)
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**Meetings this Week:**

Tue	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	St Vincent de Paul Society (Castle Lane Community Centre)
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)
Thurs	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith (Plessington Chapel)

**Last Week's Attendance:**

Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 142	Children: 11	Total: 153
		8.30 am (Scorton)			
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 100	Children: 14	Total: 114

**Monies Received last week:**

**Garstang:** Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £1,120.90; Votive Lights: £47.80, Shop: £55; Cemetery: £50; Funeral: £200. *Many thanks to you all.*

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

**Churches Together in Garstang & District**

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in November at Garstang United Reformed Church.

**Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):**

Ent  
Gloria:  
G.A.  
Off:  
Sanctus:  
Com:  
Rec:

**Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):**

Ent: Christ be our Light 883  
Gloria: Salazar 998  
G.A. Halle, halle, halle 178  
Off: Blest are you, Lord 603  
S,D: Celtic Mass 553, 555  
A.D.  
Com: 1) Wait for the Lord 88  
2) Be Still, for the presence 720  
Rec: Our God reigns 768