

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



*“As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.”*

New items and information

St Vincent de Paul Society – Thank you all for your contributions to the collection last weekend – a wonderful £359.20 was raised! God bless you all.

SVP Food Collection: Thank you very much for the recent donations made at Garstang and Scorton. A number of bags have been delivered to the Share IT Food Bank in Ingol by a Conference member. We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items for the food bank. Donations are particularly important at this time of the year because families have to feed children who get free school meals when they are at school.

Church Shop – Please note: Unless we get more volunteers on Sunday mornings to run the church shop after the 10.30 am Mass it will no longer be open at this time. The shop will continue to be open after the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday evenings. Thank you to Freda Gidlow for holding the fort for so long.

Christians Together in Garstang A reminder that as part of Garstang Arts and Music Festival, there will be an open-air Songs of Praise on Cherestanc Square **this Sunday 19th August at 3.00pm**. All welcome. Please see poster on noticeboard at the back of church for further details.

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales. This is to support the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in order to promote the Catholic religion (principally, but not exclusively) in England and Wales.

Catholic Women's League – Past and present Members of the Catholic Women's League are invited to Afternoon Tea on **Wednesday 29th August, from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm**, at 118 Dorchester Road. Please see poster at the back of church.

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 or 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. The work of the Church is greatly helped by your regular financial support. Make your offering to the Church grow. Without your support the parish could not achieve or provide what it does. 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 602311. *Thank you.*

Annual Pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator – Sunday, 2nd September. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul Swarbrick. **“Big Walk”** – Young people aged 16+ are invited to walk in pilgrimage from Honister across Haystacks into Ennerdale and then on to Cleator. Their journey begins at Castlerigg Manor on Friday 31st August. The youth can register their interest in joining the walk by contacting Father John at Castlerigg – tel. 017687 72711. See poster at the back of church.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – A celebration of the Birthday of Our Lady is being held at **St Mary's, Fernyhalgh/Ladyewell Shrine**, on Saturday 8th September from 11 am – 1 pm. Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 11 am will be followed by Benediction, then Mass at the Shrine at 12 noon. There will be refreshments served immediately after Mass. All are welcome. See poster at back of church.

Please pray for Joshua James Lamoury, who is being baptised this Sunday after 10.30 am Mass.

Please pray for Joyce Stopforth who died last Monday. Her Funeral Service will be next Friday, 24th August, at 11.30 am, followed by interment in our cemetery. ***May she rest in peace.***

Please also pray for John Bisby who died last Wednesday. ***May he rest in peace.***

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Agnes Pyke, William Hall, Jeanette Mears, Sean Jepson, Les Dunn, Dorothy Richardson, Michael O'Neill, Robert Woodruff, Dennis Wilkes, Lilian Barnes, Maria

Bowker, Robert Horn, Wilfred Garstang, John N Bamber, Stephen Copple, Alan Bradley, George Armer, Margaret Barton, Brian Eydmann and Allan Bury. *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: John Cookson, A Very Sick Person, Reverend Andrew Shaw, Maria Madej, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Charlie Robinson (2 years old), Louise Gornall, Bernie Murphy, Jim Cowburn, Jules Flanagan, 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, Tony McManmon, 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.)

Previously Published Items

Noddfa Retreat 2018 for anyone who would like to experience a retreat in the peace and tranquillity of this special place. Date: Monday 10th to Friday 14th September 2018. Cost: stays the same at £200, including full board. Special food requirements can be catered for. There is a list at the back of church for your names and contact details if interested, and a poster on the noticeboard. For any queries please contact Jean Andrews on 01995 603802.

Catenians – With so much inequality and poverty in the world, why not give your time to help those in need? Each year the **Catenian Bursary Fund** makes awards totalling over £150,000 to young Catholics aged between 18 and 24 who volunteer to work on development projects and as helpers on HCPT and Diocesan pilgrimages. Give your time and help to those less fortunate than you. Let us help you to achieve your aims. Do something really wonderful for others and...make a difference! Want to know more? Please visit the Catenian website: www.catenianbursary.com.

Lancaster Faith and Justice Commission – Upcoming events include:

24-27th August Greenbelt Festival www.greenbelt.org.uk.

1st September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation www.ourcommonhome.

29th Sept - 5th Oct Good Money Week www.goodmoneyweek.com.

14th October Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome.

For newsletter see <http://www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk>.

Wednesday Word – copies of the Wednesday Word for the Sunday Masses of 26th August 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 the 10.30am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 18th – Sunday 26th August 2018

Sat	18 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Elizabeth Brickley
Sun	19 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Sean Jepson (1 st Anniversary)
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Golden Wedding Blessing
Mon	20 th	No Mass	
Tue	21 st	12 noon (Scorton)	Jennifer Robinson
Wed	22 nd	7.00 pm (Garstang)	The Grayston Family
Thurs	23 rd	9.30 am (Scorton)	Fr Anthony Barrett
Fri	24 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Andrew Thomson
		11.30 am (Garstang)	Funeral Service for Mrs Joyce Stopforth
Sat	25 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Dennis Vincent Wilkes
Sun	26 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Rev Francis Carr
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Margaret Barton

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	22 nd	6.45 pm	Rosary
Sat	25 th	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service
		10 - 10.30am (Garstang)	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	19 th	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)
Mon	20 th	St Bernard
Tue	21 st	St Pius X
Wed	22 nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri	24 th	ST BARTHOLOMEW (Apostle)
Sun	26 th	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Wed	22 nd	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)
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Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	12 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 123	Children: 5	Total: 128
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 64
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 116	Children: 10	Total: 126
		Feast of the Assumption (Garstang)	Adults: 122	Children: 2	Total: 124

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £1,073; Donation in memory of Dr Martin Thomson: £250; Wedding: £350. **Feast of the Assumption:** Offertory: £250. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £351.46; Piety Stall: £7; Votive Lights: £23.13; Holy Souls: £1; SVP: £34.90. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in August at SS Mary & Michael's.

Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):

Ent.	O purest of creatures	347
Gloria:	Salazar	998
G.A.	Celtic	
Off:	This is my body	627
Sanctus:	Celtic	553
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	Lord Jesus Christ	772

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	Lord Jesus Christ	772
Gloria:	Mass of Hope	531
G.A.	Triple + Missal	
Off:	In bread we bring you	609
S,M,D:	Schubert	576, 577b, 578
A.D:	Mass of Hope	592
Com 1)	Soul of my Saviour	938
2)	Gifts of bread and wine	643
Rec:	Love is his word	803 vv 1,2,3,4,7