

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

St Mary & St James, Scorton

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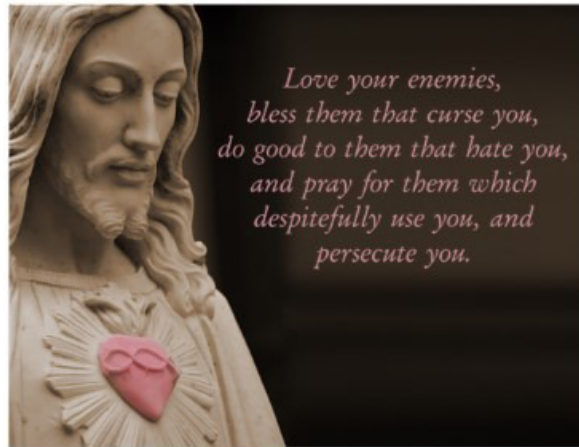
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18th / 19th February 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)



New items and information

After 13 years of exceptional voluntary service, D'Arcy is retiring from the position of caretaker of the community centre at the end of this month. Many thanks, D'Arcy, for all your hard work. *If anybody is interested in taking on this position, please have a word with Father Tom.*

A Big "Thank You" to you all for the very generous collection for the SVP last weekend – a wonderful £306.22 was raised!

St Vincent de Paul Society – the next meeting will be on **Monday 20th February** at 7.30 pm at **2 Brooklands Drive**. *Please note change of day from Tuesday to Monday.*

Journey in Faith – The next meeting will be held next Thursday, 23rd February, 7.15 pm.

Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – This will take place from Tuesday 26th September to Friday 29th September led by Bishop Michael Campbell OSA. The cost is £265 and will be full board for three nights based on people sharing. As there are renovations at the RC accommodation, we will be staying at the Anglican accommodation for this pilgrimage. There will be four pick-up points – Workington, Penrith, Lancaster and Preston. Further details nearer the time. Closing date for booking is Sunday 22nd June. For booking form and details, please contact Paul Briers, 01946 834 834, or email guildshop@yahoo.co.uk See poster at back of church.

The Catholic Teaching Alliance School Direct Programme – Are you thinking of applying to train to become a primary or secondary school teacher in September 2017? The Catholic Teaching Alliance School Direct Programme is a partnership between 65 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.

Women's World Day of Prayer will be held this year at Garstang United Reformed Church at 2 pm on Friday 3rd March 2017. This year, the service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines. For anyone not sure of what Women's World Day of Prayer is, on the day of the service, the prayers and hymns will be taking place during every hour of the day, somewhere in the world. A wonderful thought!

Did you know...as your link to Parliament, your local MP influences decisions which affect the future of the world's poorest people? By becoming a CAFOD MP correspondent (MPC), you can help ensure that the voices of many of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people are heard in the corridors of power. Through letters and meetings with MPs, CAFOD has already helped change government policy. We helped secure tough laws to tackle climate change, and ensure the UK are world-leading in their overseas aid contribution. Sign up to become an MPC and make a real difference.

If you have an item you wish to add to the newsletter please phone 01995 602 164 (Garstang) on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings, or email ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com. The deadline for items for the newsletter is Thursday afternoons.

Previously Published Items

Times of Masses – Please continue to take special note of times and locations of weekday Masses on the back page of the bulletin. Some will be celebrated at Scorton, and some at Garstang. These times and the Mass Intentions are not necessarily set in stone. We will be feeling our way over the next few weeks, so please have patience and understanding while we try to get things right.

Traidcraft – Spring catalogues are now available from the back of church in Garstang. If you are able, please take this opportunity to support some of the world's poorest producers to improve their lives, whilst raising funds for Chivuna clinic. (We have a Fair Trader account, which means we receive a discount which we donate to Friends of Chivuna.) Thank you. *Helen Spencer.*

Caritas – There is a collection box at the back of church in Garstang. We are again appealing for winter clothing for Caritas who support ex-offenders. We were grateful last winter for the generous support from our Parish. If items need collecting from your home, please ring Pat and Jim Costain on 605793. *Thank you.*

Cor et Lumen Christi – Their next event *Called to Glory IV* will be held on 18th – 19th March 2017 at St Cuthbert's, Wigton. This is an opportunity to dig deep into the treasures of the Catholic faith, and be enriched, inspired and encouraged. If you are interested, there are booking forms at the back of church. Help yourself. Or visit www.coretlumenchristi.org or email stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 26th February can be found on yellow paper at the back of church in Garstang.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edward McMahon who died recently. His Funeral Mass will be held at SS Mary & Michael at 9.30 am on Friday, 3rd March 2017.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Mary Miller, Winifred Carr, John Horn, Thomas Ibison, Marjorie Edge, Henry Gornall, John Silworth, Mary Gillett, Margaret McKeivitt, Marjorie Kirkman, James Houlihan, Robert Winder, Samuel Smith, Grace Barton, Frank Richardson, Catherine Eastham and Tom Rawlinson. ***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: Jim Winstanley, Sean Jepson, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, Len Pursey, Patricia Randall, Kathleen Murphy, Ros Drake, Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Allan Whip, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy (5 years old), Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Craig Smith, Anne Walmsley, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, Rod Pearson, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Ewan (he has responded well to brain tumour treatment, even able to move up to secondary school this year. The family appreciates your prayers and asks that they continue as he is not out of the woods yet), Phillip, John Fairey, 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, Margaret Shepherd, Christine, Peter Holland, Ian Moran, Tony 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.)***

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

Comfort for the afflicted – That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and marginalised, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 11th – Sunday 19th February 2017

Sat	18 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Ted Richardson's Birthday
Sun	19 th	09.45 am (Garstang)	Maurice Iddon
		11.15 am (Scorton)	The Layburn Family
Mon	20 th	No Mass	
Tue	21 st	12 noon (Scorton)	A Young Granddaughter
		2.00 pm (Garstang)	Funeral Service for Kathleen Myerscough
Wed	22 nd	No Mass	
Thurs	23 rd	No Mass	
Fri	24 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Funeral Mass for Maureen Davis
Sat	25 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Vivencio and Randy Batula
Sun	26 th	9.45 am (Garstang)	Gerald Whittaker
		11.15 am (Scorton)	Father John Thompson (LISCF)

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	22 nd	No Rosary (Garstang)
Fri	24 th	No Exposition (Garstang)
Sat	25 th	10 – 10.30 am Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	19 th	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)
Tue	21 st	St Peter Damian (Bishop & Doctor)
Wed	22 nd	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE
Thurs	23 rd	St Polycarp (Bishop & Martyr)
Sun	26 th	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) <i>(Day of Prayer for the Unemployed)</i>

Meetings next Week:

Mon	20 th	7.30 pm	SVP (at 2, Brooklands Drive)
Tue	21 st	6.30 am	1 st Reconciliation (Session 1) (Garstang)
Wed	22 nd	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	23 rd	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)

Last Week's Attendance (Garstang):

Sun	12 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 156	Children: 6
		10.00 am	Adults: 106	Children: 20
			Total: 288	

Monies Received (Garstang):

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,166.30; Cemetery: £170; Postcards: £5; Votive Lights: £39; Shop: £15; First Communion Books & Ties: £54.40. ***Many thanks to you all.***

Churches Together in Garstang & District

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

Hymns at 6 pm Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	807 – Praise, my soul
Gloria	527 – Duffy
G.A.	Alleluia Plainsong
Off.	971 – Make me a channel
Sanctus	576 – Schubert
Rec.	680 – Sweet Saviour bless us

Hymns at 9.45 am Mass (Garstang):

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