

**St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church
Garstang and Calder Vale
and
St Mary & St James, Scorton**

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)



New items and information

East Africa Crisis Appeal There will be somebody at the back of church **this weekend and next** after Mass to give you an opportunity if you wish to donate to this appeal organised through CAFOD. The United Nations is warning that the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis in more than 70 years. Severe drought, lack of food, and civil war mean that now over 16 million people across East Africa are facing starvation. CAFOD are already working with their local Church partners on the ground, who are providing vital aid to communities affected by hunger and drought. Your donation will get food, clean water and healthcare to people in desperate need. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/eastafrica and see poster at back of church. Please support our parish collection for CAFOD's appeal and pray for those affected. *Thank you*

Mass Times This weekend at the 9.45 am Mass at Garstang we will take a vote regarding the Sunday morning Mass time. Please complete the voting slip provided, either to retain 9.45 am, or to revert to 10.30 am.

SVP Monthly Meeting The SVP monthly meeting will take place this Monday 20th March at 7.30pm at Marie Pearson's home, 3 Castle Lane Cottages. This is an important meeting when Ted Delaney will attend so that our DBS clearances can be renewed. A necessary requirement for our work. Please bring along your documents. *Thank you, Pat*
Cake Stall (Garstang) There will be a cake & craft stall in the Plessington Chapel after the Masses next weekend 25th & 26th March – all profits in aid of Chivuna. We would be grateful to anyone prepared to bake buns, cakes etc. Please leave them at the back of church (please mark your tins etc with your names so they can be returned afterwards). *Thank you*

Newsletter in Scorton Urgently needed! Someone willing to take on the collating of items required for the newsletter, sending information to Garstang, and delivering copies to the other churches in Scorton. If you are willing to take this on please ring Wendy on 01524 792298. *Thank you*

Mother's Day School-led Mass (Garstang) The School will be leading our Mass next Sunday morning, 26th March – Mother's Day

PUEN Club Winner (Scorton) March draw winner was Sam Nelson, the prize money was £45, and the total raised for Puencitos is £2,774.

Brexit Campaign Postcards Traidcraft is calling on the government to put in place measures to safeguard people who trade with us from the poorest countries. These could include duty-free access for products from the poorest countries, and trade rules that make it easier for producers there to export more valuable products – enabling them to trade their way out of poverty. Traidcraft are working with the Fairtrade Foundation and other organisations, and have launched a petition to International Trade Minister Liam Fox. Postcards are available in the church porch to send to your MP and join the campaign for a Brexit that is fair for everyone.

Previously Published Items

Stations of the Cross – Garstang These will take place at 6.30 pm on Friday evenings during Lent.

Flower Group – Scorton If anyone (male or female) would like to join in with the arranging of the church flowers, please contact Pat Jepson on 01524 792909 for further information.

St Mary & St James Church, Scorton

The Church is open daily from 9am until 4pm for private prayer.

Join us for tea, coffee and biscuits served in the Meeting Room after Mass every Sunday.

Plant Appeal Anyone with large clumps of herbaceous plants that need dividing, or are encroaching onto lawns or paths: we would be grateful for a few for the Presbytery garden at Garstang. *Thank you*

Offertory Envelopes (gift aided) 2017-2018 (Garstang) The Gift Aided Offertory Envelopes for next year are ready for collection at the back of Church.

North West Children's Support Group Annual Bric-a-Brac Sale will take place on Saturday 1st April in SS Mary & Michael's School Hall (viewing from 10am, bidding starts at noon). As always, your donations of suitable goods (china & glassware, jewellery, household goods, small items of furniture etc) will be gratefully received. These can be brought to the school hall from 5pm on Friday 31st March, or to arrange collection please call 600254 (Helen & Barry), 601354 (Debbie & Paul) or 01524 751373 (Angela & Paul). Unfortunately we are unable to accept any donations on the Saturday

morning. All proceeds will be used to provide holidays for local children with additional needs. For more information see our website www.nwscg.co.uk. *Thank you*

Lent Lunches at Scorton – We have been asked to take part in the ‘Lent Lunches’ again this year for Christian Aid – the remaining date is 25th March. If you are willing to help on that date, please put your name on the list. See list for items required.

Lent Lunches for Christian Aid – URC, Garstang – Can our church provide volunteers to help with serving and tidying up afterwards, to make these lunches a joint Churches Together in Garstang event? The remaining date is Wednesday 5th April.

Luncheon Club – Scorton Every 3rd Tuesday in the month at the Methodist Church, Scorton. Cost £7.50 per head. Please telephone Ruth Yates on 01524 792581, by the previous Sunday, to book in. All welcome.

St Mary & St James Parish Council The revised date of the meeting will be announced later. As always, parishioners are welcome to attend. There are one or two vacancies and anyone who is prepared to help in the running and management of the parish will be welcomed with open arms!

Traidcraft Spring Catalogues Please consider supporting Traidcraft (Spring Catalogues at the back of church in Garstang) who work with some of the world’s poorest producers, to help them trade their way out of poverty.

Times of Masses – Please continue to take special note of times and locations of weekday Masses on the back page of the bulletin. We will be feeling our way over the next few weeks, so please have patience and understanding while we try to get things right.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Rev Bernard Whiteside, Betty Gornall, Francis Bryan, Josephine Seed, John Swift, George Bernard Clarey, André Ferguson, Ann Rigg, Austin Walmsley, Harry Swarbrick, Kate Simkin, John Gillett, Brian Richardson and Frank Walmsley. *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: Sean Jepson, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, Patricia Randall, Kathleen Murphy, Ros Drake, Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Allan Whipp, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy (5 years old), Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, 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 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.)*

Please remember the persecuted Christians of the world in your prayers
(*The Holy Father’s prayer intention for March 2017*)

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.

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 18th March – Sunday 26th March 2017

Sat	18 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Sue Tomlinson
Sun	19 th	09.45 am (Garstang)	Gerald Whittaker
		11.15 am (Scorton)	Betty Gornall
Mon	20 th	No Mass	
Tue	21 st	12 noon (Scorton)	Patrick Blackman
Wed	22 nd	7.00pm (Garstang)	André Ferguson
Thurs	23 rd	12 noon (Scorton)	Tony Martin – Funeral Mass
Fri	24 th	9.30 am in church (Garstang)	School Mass In thanksgiving
		7.00pm	Augustinian Sisters, Paderborn
Sat	25 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	A young Granddaughter
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Dorothy Kelsall
Sun	26 th	9.45 am (Garstang)	Brian & Stella McVey
		11.15 am (Scorton)	Agnes Cook

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	22 nd	6.45pm	Rosary (Garstang)
Fri	24 th	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross (Garstang)
Sat	25 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions (Garstang)

Special Days this week:

Sun	19 th	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (<i>Collection of Fast Day Envelopes</i>)
Mon	20 th	ST JOSEPH

Meetings next Week:

Mon	20 th	7.30 pm	SVP meeting – 3 Castle Lane Cottages
Tue	21 st	6.30 pm	1 st Holy Communion (Session 2) (Garstang)
Wed	22 nd	2 pm – 4 pm	St Teresa of Calcutta film (Part 2 of 2) (Garstang)
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	23 rd	4.00 pm	Liturgy & Spirituality meeting
		7.15 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)
Fri	24 th	7.30 pm	Chivuna Meeting (Garstang)

Last Week’s Attendance:

Sun	12 th (Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 126	Children: 10	
	(Garstang)	10.00 am	Adults: 108	Children: 12	Total: 256
	(Scorton)				Total: 58

Monies Received:

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,072.00 (Garstang); Votive Lights: £52.10;
Shop: £15. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in March at the United Reformed Church.

Hymns at 6 pm Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	205 – Lord, who throughout...
Gloria	-
G.A.	Praise to you O Christ.....
Off.	609 – In bread we bring you Lord
Sanctus	553

Rec. 652 – Go, the Mass is ended

Hymns at 9.45 am Mass (Garstang):

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