

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)



“...he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’”

New items and information

Our 9.45 am Mass is being led by Bradford Junior Choir – Please make them very welcome.

Monthly Coffee Morning – “Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the coffee is?” Well wonder no more! It’s in the Plessington Chapel next Wednesday from 10 am – 12 noon. There is also tea, delicious cakes, tempting biscuits, and friends to chat with. Be it sunny or raining outside, it’s always warm and friendly at the coffee morning!

Did you know...Lebanon is a small country, half the size of Wales, struggling to host well over a million Syrian refugees on top of more than 400,000 Palestinian refugees already

living in the country? With no official refugee camps for Syrians, most of the new arrivals are living in makeshift tented settlements, in cramped apartment blocks, or in abandoned or half-built buildings. CAFOD partner, Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre, is providing food, shelter, healthcare and medical supplies to thousands of refugees and host communities – but, with the war continuing in Syria, there is no end in sight to the crisis. **Raising Funds for Chivuna** – We have been given some cable which we are going to weigh-in, and the proceeds given to Chivuna. However, the cable needs stripping first to remove the PVC insulation. This cannot be burned off, but must be stripped with the suitable tools. If anyone is willing to offer to do this, would they please contact Tony McCall on Garstang 01995 604 077. *Thank you.*

Previously Published Items

From the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales – Your Voice Matters – Mega Youth Poll – In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God’s call. If you are aged between 13 and 29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you; we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you, we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>. If you’re not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.

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

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.

Mass Times – The vote in Garstang was overwhelmingly in favour of changing Sunday Mass time to 10.30 am. This enables the congregation in Scorton to have Mass at 8.30 am. The Bishop has given his approval to the new times which will begin on Easter Sunday. Many thanks to you all for your understanding.

Red Mission Boxes (Garstang) have now been emptied and can be collected from the church porch, along with a Mission book. A total of £350.35 has been banked. *Thank you.*

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

Lent Lunches supporting Christian Aid – Scorton – Saturday, 9th April 12 noon – 2 pm. Please come and join us for lunch in the Methodist Chapel, Scorton, and support the Christian Aid Collection. You will be made very welcome if you come along.

Date for your diary: Scorton Spring Fair – Will be held at Scorton Village Hall on **Saturday 29th April**. We hope to sell a variety of items, including books, plants, cakes, crafts, bric-a-brac, games and toys etc; there will be a tombola and a raffle. Could you please help by donating articles that are in good condition, or, if you’re able to bake cakes, scones, or make confectionary, that would be wonderful! Please leave all items at the

back of Scorton church; if you'd like something collecting, just call Kevin on 07907 433 391, or bring your baking to the village hall for 9.30 am on the day. All funds raised go to Bikes & Barrows, then apportioned to parish funds. **Thanks very much!**

Scorton Parish Council Meeting – The next meeting is on Tuesday, 25th April at 7 pm in the Presbytery. As ever, there is an open invitation for any parishioner to attend. There are one or two vacancies on the parish council, and anyone who is prepared to help in the running and the management of the parish, will be welcomed with open arms! If you are interested in joining, please contact John Spencer on 01524 791 634. *Thank you.*

Good Friday Morning – Scorton – Following the normal tradition, on Good Friday morning, there will be Stations of the Cross (time to be announced). We will then link with members of both the Anglican and Methodist communities and partake in a short procession of witness within the village. The procession will be headed by a life-sized cross, carried by a parishioner, and then erected in a prominent position overlooking the village, where it will remain during the Easter period. Following the erection there will be a very short united service lasting around 10 minutes. Garstang parishioners are most welcome to join us.

Easter Day at Scorton – Another tradition, to which parishioners at Garstang are cordially invited to join: parishioners of the three Christian traditions in the village have for a number of years got out of bed rather early (time to be notified) and have assembled at the junction of Snowhill Lane and Higher Lane, Scorton, by the stile leading towards Nicky Nook. The assembled group then climbs Nicky Nook, arriving at the summit in time to see the rising sun peep above the Bowland Hills (being symbolic of the Risen Christ). A short service with a couple of hymns takes place, before those in attendance make their way back to the Methodist Chapel, Scorton, for bacon baps and tea/coffee. (Donations to cover costs are most welcome.) Suitable clothing and footwear should be worn and a torch for use during the ascent is always a good idea. Help in catering would also be very much appreciated. For additional information, contact John Spencer (Parish Chairman – 01524 791 634

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits served in the meeting room (Scorton) after Mass every Sunday. Please come and join us.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Tom Horn, Alice Helme, Marie Calvert, Mary Horn, Frank Gornall, Shirley Hawes, Aileen Dearn, George Swarbrick, Mary Rowles, Canon Alban Cochrane and Joe Walmsley

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends in Scorton and Garstang, including: Alison Dodd, Sean Jepson, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, 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.)**

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 1st – Sunday 9th April 2017

Sat	1 st	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Peter Ibson
Sun	2 nd	09.45 am (Garstang)	RoS Jim Parry
		11.15 am (Scorton)	All Our Parishioners
Mon	3 rd	No Mass	
Tue	4 th	12 noon (Scorton)	John Bevins
Wed	5 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Cor et Lumen Christi Community
Thurs	6 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Agnes Robinson
Fri	7 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	The Snape Family
Sat	8 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Kathleen Richardson
Sun	9 th	9.45 am (Garstang)	Birthday Remembrance Ruth Fairey RIP
		11.15 am (Scorton)	Betty Gornall

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	5 th	6.45 pm	Rosary (Garstang)
Fri	7 th	10 – 10.30 am	Exposition (Garstang)
		6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross (Garstang)
Sat	8 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions (Garstang)

Special Days this week:

Sun	2 nd	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Tue	4 th	St Isidore
Wed	5 th	St Vincent Ferrer
Fri	7 th	St John Baptist de la Salle
Sun	9 th	PALM SUNDAY

Meetings next Week:

Wed	5 th	10 am – 12 noon	Monthly Coffee Morning, Plessington Chapel, Garstang
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	6 th	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	26 th	(Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 147	Children: 5	
		(Garstang)	10.00 am	Adults: 152	Children: 48	Total: 352
		(Scorton)				Total: 39

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,172.35; Votive Lights: £37.50; Shop: £20; Photocopying: £5. **Many thanks to you all.**

Scorton: Offertory (including Standing Orders): £280.60; CAFOD East Africa Appeal: £119.70. **Many thanks to you all.**

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in April here at St Mary & St Michael's.

Hymns at 6 pm Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	302	Breathe on me
G.A.	186	Glory & praise
Off.	846	Amazing Grace
Rec.	801	Love divine

Hymns at 9.45 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	466	All people that on earth
Kyrie		
Off.		
S, M, D		
A.D.		
Com.	749	From heaven you came
Rec.	955	O God our help