

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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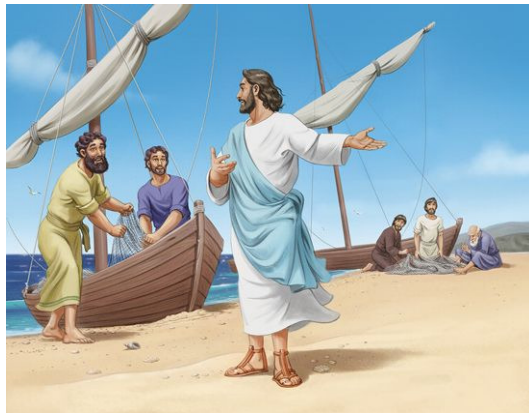
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20th / 21st January 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



*“Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’
And at once they left their nets and followed him.”*

New items and information

First Holy Communions 2018 – There is to be an introductory meeting for parents of children making their First Holy Communion this year, this coming Tuesday, 23rd January, at 6.30 pm in the Plessington Chapel.

Parish Church Council (Scorton) will be held this coming Tuesday, 23rd January, at 7.00 pm.

Liturgy & Spirituality Group – The next meeting is next Thursday, 25th January, beginning at 4 pm in the Plessington Chapel.

Journey in Faith – The next meeting of Journey in Faith is next Thursday, 25th January, 7.15pm for 7.30 pm start, in the Plessington Chapel.

Counters – Two of our counters are retiring after many years of faithful service. We are looking for volunteers to help count the collections after the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays; this would involve counting once every six or seven weeks only. If you are willing to help, please speak to Father Tom or to D'arcy. *Thank you.*

A Cake Stall for CAFOD/Chivuna will be held after the Masses on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th February. Any donations of cakes, pies, scones, biscuits etc. will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Our Lady of Lourdes 9 day Novena is to be held daily at St Cuthbert's Church, Lytham Road, Blackpool, from 3rd – 11th Feb 2018. To conclude the Novena there will be **THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES MASS** held at **St John Vianney's Church, Glastonbury Ave, Blackpool**, on Monday 12th February 2018 at 6.30pm where there will be Anointing of the Sick and Marian Procession. Refreshments afterwards. Please see poster at the back of church for times and schedule. *N.B. This replaces the annual Feast Mass normally held at Sacred Heart, Blackpool.*

A Marriage Preparation Course is being held here at SS Mary & Michael's, in the Plessington Chapel, on Saturday, 17th February, beginning after Saturday morning Mass. It is being run by the Marriage Care Centre in Preston. We have been asked if anyone would be willing to help with serving refreshments on the day – welcome drinks at 10.30 am, then again at lunch time. (A buffet lunch is being provided by the Marriage Care people.) If you would like to help, please let Father Tom know. *Thank you.*

Leonard Cheshire Disability, Oaklands is Garstang's local Leonard Cheshire Disability Residential Home and has been a part of our community for 49 years! Leonard Cheshire Disability is celebrating 70 years of service since Group Captain Leonard Cheshire opened the first home. Oaklands currently has 29 residents, all disabled adults, with a variety of complex needs. Their basic care needs are looked after by a dedicated team of some 70 staff and, in addition, we have a team of volunteers who help to improve the quality of life by undertaking a number of activities. We are of course always on the lookout for anyone who can help us with our aim to keep our residents as healthy and as happy as possible. We would welcome anyone who could give any amount of time; be it reading to an individual or groups, befriending, taking part in crafts activities and games or helping out with a variety of outings. Any hobby or interest you may have can be turned into an activity for one or more of our lovely residents. Additionally there are a number of ways we could use additional help; in the garden, decorating or administration tasks such as fundraising and public relations. If you are willing to become involved please contact Martin Wintermeyer, the Volunteer Coordinator, on 01995 602290 or Oaklands@leonardcheshire.org. Many thanks for your time reading this and may God bless you.

Did you know.....for a fourth time, the UK Government has chosen CAFOD to receive UK aid funding? Money raised for our Family Fast Day Appeal in the three months from **Shrove Tuesday, 13th February to Saturday 12th May** will be match funded by the UK Government therefore doubling the impact of your donations. The money from the UK Government will fund a three-year project to improve the nutrition of Zimbabwe, Eritrea and Zambia. Receiving this grant is a testament to the incredible generosity of the Catholic communities across England and Wales. Thank you!

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Elizabeth McGolderick, Thomas F McNicholas, Jim Bamber, Belle Metcalf, Thomas Bamber, Hugh Grimbaldston, John Thomas Graham, Teresa Rogerson, Richard Hargreaves, John McArdle, Edwin Curwen and Jeanie Richmond. *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: Jacqui Elliot, John Coote, Bernie Murphy, Pat

Nickson, A Sick Parishioner, Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, Pat Hill, Winifred McNulty, Joyce Bilsborrow, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Ros Drake, Tony McManmon, Vin Cahill, Anne Miller, Simon Crossley, Alan Lowe, Father Jerome Ainsworth, Joan Place, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, John Fairey, Rod Pearson, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Philomena Morgan, 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

Deanery Retreat Days – 1) For Readers: led by Fr David Elder, next Saturday, 27th January 10.45 am – 2.30 pm; 2) For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: led by Canon Luiz Ruscillo, Saturday 3rd February, 10.45 am – 2.30 pm. Both are to be held at Lancaster Cathedral Day Chapel (access between Cathedral House and Pastoral Centre. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided. (See poster at back of church.)

Sacrament of Confirmation – On Pentecost Sunday, 20th May 2018 at 2.30 pm at the Cathedral, the Bishop will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. To all those in years 10 and 11 who wish to be confirmed, please contact either Father Tom or Alison Dodd for a letter inviting you to enrol for the course of preparation. You will need to show commitment to the programme and attendance is essential. The sessions will commence on Tuesday 20th March at 6.30 pm. There will be a total of 8 sessions and an away day. The last session, a shorter session, will be on Tuesday, 15th May, the Tuesday before Confirmation.

North West Children's Support Group are holding their **Annual Beer Festival** at Cockerham Village Hall on 2nd & 3rd February from 7 pm – midnight. Tickets are £6, available from www.jumblebee.co.uk/cockerhambeerfest or via our website www.nwscg.co.uk. Beer, gin, whiskey and cocktails available. There will be live music from the Flatlanders and other great bands. There will also be pies available. For more information, contact Paul on 07711 631 984.

Lent Lunches 2018 – These lunches are ecumenical, and take place on Wednesdays. Each church takes a turn to serve lunch at the United Reformed Church. As usual, when it is our turn, Wednesday, 28th February, we will be asking for volunteers to help by making soup, and with serving and tidying up afterwards. If you are able to help, please contact Pat Costain on 01995 605 793.

St Paul's Sunday Missals for 2018 – These are still available from the Church Shop, price £5 each.

Wednesday Word – There are copies of The Wednesday Word, on green paper, for the Mass of 28th January at the back of church; if you would like one, please help yourself.

Praying for a new Bishop of Lancaster: *Almighty God, Eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 20th – Sunday 28th January 2018

Sat	20 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Oliver Flannery (Lately Dead)
Sun	21 st	8.30 am (Scorton)	John McArdle (Anniversary)
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Marina Poulton (9 th Anniversary)
Mon	22 nd	No Mass	
Tue	23 rd	12 noon (Scorton)	All Our Parishioners
Wed	24 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Monica Elder-Woodward (6 th Anniversary)
Thurs	25 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Thomas Holden
Fri	26 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Ashworth Family
Sat	27 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	LISCF
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Tess Harrison
Sun	28 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Watson & Knowles Families
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Gerald Whittaker

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	24 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Sat	27 th	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service
		10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	21 st	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	22 nd	St Vincent (Deacon & Martyr)
Wed	24 th	St Francis de Sales (Bishop & Doctor)
Thurs	25 th	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
Fri	26 th	Sts Timothy & Titus (Bishops)
Sun	28 th	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Day of Prayer for Racial Justice

Meetings this Week:

Tues	23 rd	6.30 pm	1 st Holy Communion – Parents' only Introductory Meeting
		7.00 pm	Parochial Church Council (Scorton)
Wed	24 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	25 th	4.00 pm	Liturgy & Spirituality (Plessington Chapel)
		7.15 for 7.30 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)
Sat	27 th	11 am – 3.30 pm	Readers' Day at Cathedral

Last Week's Attendance

Sun	14 th	6 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 125	Children: 8	Total: 133
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 50
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 121	Children: 27	Total: 148

Monies Received last week

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,195.65; Shop: £20; Votive Lights: £48.20. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £334.46; Votive Lights: £10.10; Piety Stall: £3.01; CAFOD: £13.30; Holy Souls: £4.50. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in January at St Thomas' Church.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	862	He who would valiant be
Gloria:	527	Duffy
G.A.:	Easter Alleluia	
Off:	598	O King of might and splendour
Sanctus:	576	Schubert
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	907	Abide with me

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	863	Follow me, follow me
Gloria:	sheet	Westering Home version
G.A.:	178	Halle, halle, halle
Off:	600	All that I am
Sanctus	sheet	Rowan Tree version
Doxology	578	German Mass
Com 1)	866	I will be with you
2)	956	I watch the sunrise
Rec.	820	Seek ye first the Kingdom