

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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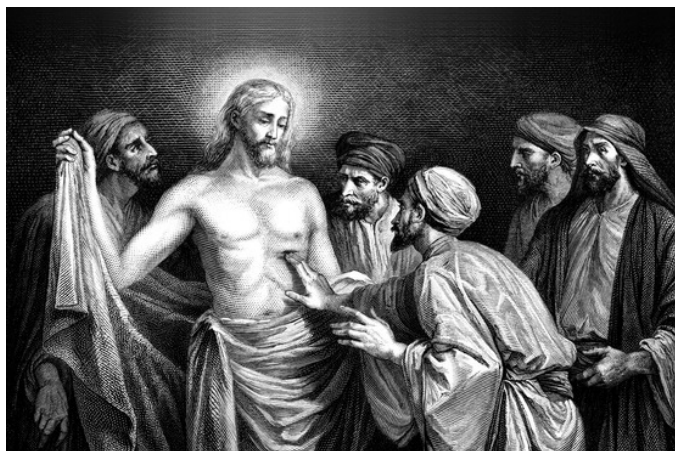
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



*"You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."*

New items and information

Garstang and District Ladies N.F.U. – This Sunday, 23rd April, at 6.00 pm, there will be a Church Service at SS Mary & Michael's Church. There will be refreshments afterwards at Garstang Country Hotel and Golf Club, PR3 1YE. All are welcome. Any funds raised will be given in aid of Fibromyalgia Research and Parkinson's Disease.

SVP Conference (Garstang) – The next meeting will be on Monday, 24th April from 7.30 p.m. at 14 Hazelhurst Drive.

Many thanks (Scorton) – Many thanks to Margaret Spencer who has been parish treasurer for almost three and a half years. Margaret has decided to retire as treasurer from the end of May. If anybody is interested in taking on this job to serve the parish, please have a word with Father Tom.

Parish Council Meeting – Scorton – A reminder of the meeting to be held at 7.00 pm this coming Tuesday, 25th April. It will take place in the presbytery at Scorton. The agenda has been published and a copy attached to the notice board. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend. *John Spencer – Chairman.*

Scorton Spring Fair – Will be held at Scorton Village Hall next 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!*

Parish Draw – Congratulations go to John Towers and Mr & Mrs Luke for being our March winners. We would like to thank all our members who have now paid their subscription for 2017/18 season. Our agents have been busy collecting subs there last few weeks. If you have now yet paid and would like to pay by Standing Order, or would like to discuss paying, please give Trish O'Hanlon a call on 01995 604 292. *Thanks to everyone for supporting the Church again this year.*

Hummingbirds 20th Anniversary Ball – Yes, it is 20 years since all the work done by the parish in setting up Hummingbirds in 1997! As part of the celebrations, there will be a Ball at The Wyrebank on Saturday, 24th June. Tickets cost £30 per person and will include a meal, entertainment, and a free raffle! If you would like to reserve tickets, please contact Frank or Anne Miller as soon as possible on 01995 604 030.

Gift Aid Tax (Garstang) – A gift aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify me if you are no longer a tax payer or if you paid insufficient tax during 2016/17 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year, at the present standard rate of tax of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated. *Helena – 01995 605 311.*

Stamps for the Jesuit Missions – We have had a letter from the Jesuit Missions thanking parishioners for the beautiful stamps that were sent to them. These will be auctioned, and the money raised will enable the Jesuit Missions to continue working alongside some of the most marginalised people around the world. They greatly appreciate your support without which they would not be able to exist.

Previously Published Items

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – Next Saturday 29th April, SPUC as part of a national network of pro-life chains are once again holding their annual Preston chain, kerb-side, silent act of witness along London Road, Preston. This year is the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act; during this time, 8.7 million unborn babies have lost their lives. The chain starts near the Ribble Bridge from 11 am to 1.00 pm, and you are welcome to attend all or part of the time. For more information, please contact Maria Platt tel: 07895 813 952.

Red Boxes (Scorton) – May we say a big thank you to Margaret Gornall for all the years she has organised the collection of money from the Red Boxes for Sts Mary & James. As Margaret has already pointed out, if we wish to continue to donate to Missio (APF) then there is a form in the magazine she handed out recently. But you may like to continue to use your box; if so you can change it to a larger unity of currency and put it in the collection, which is always in October for World Missions Sunday, which is sent to the same place as the Red Box money. Once again, thank you to Margaret.

SVP clothing Collection – A huge thank you to all who contributed to the collection this winter. It was a great success and will benefit many who are less fortunate than ourselves. Caritas are the recipients who support ex offenders and their families in Preston. This is Gods work. Thank you - SVP Conference in Garstang.

Thank you – Many thanks to all who placed orders from the Traidcraft catalogue. Discount we receive from Traidcraft through our Fair Trader account, together with donations, mean we are able to send £80.90 to the Friends of Chivuna for the clinic.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elsie Helme who died recently. Her Funeral Service will be held here at SS Mary & Michael's, next Tuesday, 25th April at 2.00 pm, followed by burial in our churchyard.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and

Scorton: Edith Ellwood, Margaret Horn, Isabel Clarke, Monica Stansfield, Thomas Sheridan, Basil Hibbs, Fr Geoff Cunliffe, Ann Swift, Jack Swarbrick, Charles Bisby, Philip Flood, Richard Gornall, Richard Pickering, Fr Bernard Cochrane, Bert Wrennall and Maureen Mary Jennings. *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:

Simone and Nigel Lord, Michael O'Neill, 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.)*

Response to the psalm at the 10.30 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 22nd – Sunday 30th April 2017

Sat	22 nd	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Terry Murphy
Sun	23 rd	8.30 am (Scorton)	All Our Parishioners
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Agnes and Joseph Rossall
		6.00 pm (Garstang)	NFU Ladies' Social Section Service
Mon	24 th	No Mass	
Tue	25 th	12 noon (Scorton)	Most Forgotten Soul
		2.00 pm (Garstang)	Funeral Service for Elsie Helme
Wed	26 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Michael O'Neill (Sick)
Thurs	27 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Deceased Augustinian Sisters at Paderborn
Fri	28 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	James Walmsley (Anniversary)
Sat	29 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Tom Ibison and the Ibison Family
Sun	30 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Price-Jones, Hull & Ackers Families
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Maurice Iddon

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	26 th	6.45 pm	Rosary
Sat	29 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	23 rd	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mon	24 th	ST GEORGE
Tue	25 th	ST MARK
Fri	28 th	St Peter Chanel; St Louis de Montfort
Sat	29 th	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
Sun	30 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Meetings next Week:

Tues	25 th	6.30 pm	1 st Holy Communion Preparation (Session 4) (Garstang)
		7.00 pm	Scorton Parish Council (Scorton Presbytery)
Wed	26 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	16 th	(Garstang)	7.30 pm (Vigil)				Total: 159
		(Garstang)	10.30 am	Adults: 245	Children: 78		Total: 482
		(Scorton)	8.30 am				Total: 121

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Holy Places: £214.20; Standing Orders: £345; Votive Lights: £44.20; Cemetery: £30; Tea Money: £50. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Holy Places: £41; Standing Orders: £200. *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, and in May at St Thomas's.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	762	At the name of Jesus
G.A.	710	
Off:	967	O the love of my Lord
Rec::	451	Sing with all the saints

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	276	He is risen, tell the story
Gloria:	529	Celtic
G.A.	268	Fischel – Response 2
Off:	609	In bread we bring you, Lord
S,M,D:	565, 566, 569	– St Andrew's Mass
A.D.	611a	Easter Responses
Com: 1)	84	Like a sea without a shore
2)	761	He is Lord
Rec:	853	Forth in the peace of Christ