

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)



“*Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb...
blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.*”

Stars at Christmas (Garstang) – Our long-standing tradition of hanging stars in our church at Christmas has always been appreciated. This year we continue the tradition so that parishioners and friends of the parish can remember their deceased loved ones by writing their names on a star. There is no charge for this, but any donations will go towards helping the poor people of Chivuna. Stars will be available again this weekend.

Many thanks to the anonymous donor of £1,000 towards St Mary & St Michael's building fund.

We have received a letter from Father Satoru and Itsumi in Japan. If you would like to read it, it is on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Cards for Seafarers – Thankyou to everyone who wrote greetings on cards for forwarding to seafarers, and also to the kind donation to cover the cost of posting. These have been forwarded to one of the Chaplains based at North Shields who covers several ports for Apostleship of the Sea.

Friends of Chivuna (Garstang) – the next meeting will be held on **Friday, 4th January, at 7.30 pm in the Plessington Chapel**, preceded by Mass at 7.00 pm.

Monthly Coffee Morning (Garstang) – This will *not* take place on the first Wednesday of January; it has been moved to **Wednesday, 9th January, 10am – 12 noon**, in the Plessington Chapel.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gregory Place who died on Wednesday, 19th December. *May he rest in peace.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Mary Grayston, Margaret Nixon, John Francis Green, Thomas Leo Horn, Doris Mary Wilson, Jas. G Hall (Benefactor), Keith Barton, Kathleen Boden, John Kirby, Winifred Bracegirdle, Thomas Wilcock, Kathleen Collins, Anthony Ingleby, Rev John Michael Horn, Thomas Francis Horn, Louis Appleton Darbyshire, Mary Ibison, Elizabeth Quick, Katie McDonald, Agnes Cross, Leonard Lister, Celia Swarbrick, Mary Agnes Ibison, Alice Bernadette Swarbrick, Jim O'Brien, Margaret Walmsley, Frank Piela, Peggy Barton, Ellen Law, Marie Kendal, Robert Ibison, Alice Ibison, Michael Hoyle, Mary Ainsworth, Richard Swarbrick, Winifred McArdle, William Boden, Eleanor Bolton, Iain Watson, Florence Carter, Edwin Eydman, Peter Ellwood, Sheila Richardson, Thomas Cross, Tom Wallbank, Angela Margaret Beirley, Alfred Wheatley, Ann Eastham, John Edwards and Margaret Davis. *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: Joyce Bilborrow, Simon Ryan, Ben Kelsall, Jim Costain, Frances Dickinson, Jean Dunne, Alison Dodd, Tony McManmon, Louise Williams, Noreen Hargreaves, A Very Sick Brother, Teresa Smith, John Cookson, Reverend Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Louise Gornall, Bernie Murphy, Jim Cowburn, Marie Swarbrick, Mary Winstanley, Jacqui Elliot, Pat Nickson, a Sick Parishioner, Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Ros Drake, Vin Cahill, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Sheila Murphy, Florence Burgess, Ian Moran, David Winstanley, Pat Hickey, Nigel Lord, 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.)

Next Year's First Holy Communions will take place on 12th May. If you have a child who does not come to SS Mary & Michael's School but who is in Year 3 and would like to make their First Holy Communion next year, please write their name, parent's name and contact details on a piece of paper and give it either to Father Tom or to D'arcy so they can be included in the programme.

Garstang Parish Draw: Congratulations go to Joan Woodhead and Gerry Marley for being our December winners. Our extra Christmas winners will be drawn on Sunday 21 December. Thank you all for your support with our Parish draw, we'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Trish & Kev O'Hanlon (01995 604292).

A big "thank you" to those who support the Monthly Coffee Mornings and the Whist and Dominos afternoons. Between you, a wonderful £300 has been raised for good causes; £100 has gone to our SVP, and £200 has been sent to the Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service. *Thank you all very much.*

Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage – Bishop Paul Swarbrick is leading the Diocese of Lancaster Lourdes Pilgrimage from 26th July – 2nd August, by air from Manchester. If you are interested in going, please see poster, brochures and booking forms at the back of church.

Notice from Castlerigg – Preparations are well under way for the Lancaster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage next summer, and booking is now open for young people, ages Year 10+; the price this year has come down to £585. The coach journey starts on 25th July, arriving home Saturday 3rd August. For further information, or to book online, visit <https://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/events-whats-on/>. See poster at the back of church.

Expressions of interest are invited for a Parish pilgrimage to Rome in 2019. The dates are the 16th- 23rd September 2019. The cost will be in the region of £850 per person for the week including flights and full board. Insurance is not included. We will be staying at the Domus Romana Sacerdotalis (<http://www.domusromana.org/>) which is within a short walk of the Vatican. It has single and twin rooms. If you are interested, please will you let Fr. Tom or Liz know at ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com or by telephone at 01995 602164.

Wednesday Word – copies for the Sunday Masses of 30th December can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please help yourself.

Response to the psalm at the 10.30 am Mass:

Hymns at 6.00 pm 22nd December (Garstang):

Ent:	O come, O come, Emanuel	112
Kyrie:		
G.A.	Stay awake	72
Off:	All that I am	600
Sanctus:	Celtic Mass	553
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	O purest of creatures	347

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass 23rd December (Garstang):

Ent:	The Angel Gabriel	113
Kyrie:	Taizé 1	516
G.A.	Triple + Missal	
Off:	Holy Virgin, by God's decree	366
S,M,D:	German Mass	576, 577c, 578
A.D:	Communion Song	611a
Com: 1)	O come, O come, Emanuel	112
2)		
Rec:	Long ago, prophets knew	116

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 22nd December 2018 – Sunday 6th January 2019

Sat	22 nd	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Jack and Winifred Carr
Sun	23 rd	8.30 am (Scorton)	LISCF
		10.30 am (Garstang)	John Bisby (RIP)
Mon	24 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Angela Yates
		Midnight Mass (Garstang)	Rev John Horn
Tue	25 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	John and Winifred McNulty
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Frank Rogerson (RIP)
Wed	26 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Tony Ingleby (Anniversary)
Thurs	27 th	No Mass	
Fri	28 th	No Mass	
Sat	29 th	No Morning Mass	
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Mary Agnes Ibison
Sun	30 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Fr Anthony Barrett
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Gerald Whittaker
Mon	31 st	No Mass	
Tues	1 st Jan	No Mass	
Wed	2 nd	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Irene Booth
Thurs	3 rd	09.30 am (Scorton)	Thomas and May Wilding
Fri	4 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Chivuna Mass – Special Intention
Sat	5 th	9.30 am Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.30 pm (Garstang)	Sheila Richardson
Sun	6 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Alice Graham
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Dr Martin Thomson

Special Days this week:

Sun	23 rd	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers)
Mon	24 th	CHRISTMAS EVE
Tues	25 th	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Wed	26 th	ST STEPHEN
Thurs	27 th	ST JOHN
Fri	28 th	THE HOLY INNOCENTS
Sat	29 th	ST THOMAS BECKET
Sun	30 th	THE HOLY FAMILY
Tue	1 st Jan	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Sun	6 th	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Meetings in the next two weeks:

Fri	4 th Jan	7.30 pm	Friends of Chivuna (Plessington Chapel)
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Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	16 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 111	Children: 12	Total: 123
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 67
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 126	Children: 16	Total: 142

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £1,045.70; Votive Lights: £35.80; Shop: £20; A B Grace Trust: £1,900; Funeral: £250; Cemetery: £150; Donation: £50. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory: £337.32 (Including £150 standing orders); Diocesan Youth Services: £15; Diocesan Poor Missions: £6; Votive Lights: £6.06; Piety Stall: £1. *Many thanks to you all.*