

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)



New items and information

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Bishop's Administration Fund after all Masses.

Next Friday, 29th September, from 10 am – 12 noon there will be a coffee morning at Joan Fishwick's house, 2b Dimples Lane, Garstang, in aid of the Macmillan Nurses. There will be plenty of cake and drinks – do come along and spend your money for a very worthwhile cause! For further information, call 01995 604 107.

Walsingham Trust – The Walsingham Trust wishes to appoint a Development Officer who will be based in the newly-established Development Office. If you would like to know more, there is a poster at the back of church, listing the requirements of the post.

Rose Thistlethwaite – Please note that Rose's Requiem Mass is being held **this Thursday, 28th September at 12 noon**, not 3rd October as stated last week.

Churches Together – Churches Together and other faith groups in Lancashire, in partnership with Lancashire Mind, are holding a series of events to explore mental health, and specifically how churches and other faith groups can promote mental health and wellbeing in their local communities. "With Faith in Mind" starts on Tuesday, 10th October, from 12 noon – 3 pm in St Thomas Garstang Parish Room. This meeting will have a rural and farming focus. Lunch is provided. There are further events on Thursday 12th October, at Burnley & Pendle Faith Centre (urban, young people and community focus); Friday 13th October at St Paul, North Shore, Blackpool (problems of addiction, poverty and social deprivation); Thursday 19th October at Central United Reformed Church, Darwen (asylum seekers and refugees focus). Lunch is provided at all the events, and they all take place between 12 noon and 3 pm. To book or for more information, contact Paul at paulsmalley@lancashiremind.org.uk or call 07964 083340. See poster at back of church.

Copies of October's Catholic Voice are ready for collecting from the back of church. Please take one as you leave after Mass.

Red Mission Boxes have now been emptied, and can be collected from the church porch along with a copy of the Mission Magazine. A total of £260.65 has been banked. Thank you.

Garstang Parish Draw – Congratulations go to Joan Brown and Brenda Richardson for being our September winners. All enquiries about the Parish Draw please contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon, 01995 604292.

SS Mary and Michael's Primary School – A quiz night is being held to help raise money to buy a new PA system and stage lights for our school. Please would you put in your diary **Friday, 10th November 2017, 6.45 for 7 pm start**. There will be a bar and snacks, children's games, and cash prizes! £2 per adult (children free); maximum of 6 per team. *Please come and support them, while having fun!* See poster at the back of church.

Day of Renewal – The next Day of Renewal is being held on Saturday, 14th October, from 10 am – 4 pm at St Clare's, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, PR2 9HH. It will be led by Fr Frankie Mulgrew, entitled "What the Holy Spirit does in the life of a believer."

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Mary Watson, Doreen Cummins, Thomas Swarbrick, Anne Lister, Barbara Barton, Eric Fishwick, James Coyne, Mary Agnes Edwards, William Gerard Richmond, Bernard Joseph Swarbrick, Thomas Taylor, Jack Delaney, Richard Hall Gelderd, Eleanor Woodhams, Gerard Rigby and Joseph Speight. *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: Fr Jerome Ainsworth, Anne Miller, Wayne Martin, Alan Lowe, Christine Cobane, Florence Burgess, Phoebe, Simon Crossley, Matthew Pearson, Martina Copple, Simone and Nigel Lord, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, Kathleen Murphy, Ros Drake, Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, Rod Pearson, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Ewan, 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, 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.)

Previously Published Items

Romero: Journey to Justice Retreat – Archbishop Oscar Romero’s legacy of radical love lives on 100 years after his birth. You are invited to a CAFOD ‘Journey to Justice’ retreat at **Wardley Hall, Salford on Saturday 18 November**, to explore how Romero’s life and faith can inspire and challenge us and transform our world. You don’t have to be a CAFOD volunteer to take part, and the retreat is free but please book in advance. Email lancaster@cafod.org.uk or phone 01772 733310.

Date for your diary – On Friday, 6th October, at 7.00 pm there will be the annual Education Mass at St Peter’s Cathedral in Lancaster. This invitation extends in a special way to all those involved in education and faith formation: priests, deacons, teachers, catechists, youth ministry, children’s liturgy, those in seminary and teachers outside of the Catholic sector, as well as all parishioners. Together we ask for God’s blessing on the mission of education and formation in our diocese.

“The Old Testament Prophets” – A series of talks will be delivered by Canon Luiz Ruscillo at the Education Centre on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8 pm; the first is on 3rd October, followed by 10th, 17th October and 7th and 14th November. All welcome. Please bring your Bibles. See poster at the back of church.

Wednesday Word – Copies of The Wednesday Word on green paper, for the Mass of 1st October are at the back of church; if you would like one, please help yourself.

Response to the psalm at the 10.30 am Mass:

A Message from Bishop Michael:

“Praying for a new Bishop of Lancaster – Mindful that the time for my own retirement will be approaching, please join me in praying for a new Bishop for this Diocese. Let us ask God our Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit to guide Pope Francis as he discerns who will serve as the next Bishop of the Diocese of Lancaster. Please conclude the Prayers of the Faithful at each and all public Sunday Masses in the Diocese, until the announcement of the new Bishop is made, with the following prayer. Please also include this prayer on your parish newsletters and websites:
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 23rd September – Sunday 1st October 2017

Sat	23 rd	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Pearl Pegg
Sun	24 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Betty Gornall
		10.30 am (Garstang)	80 th Birthday
Mon	25 th	No Mass	
Tue	26 th	12 noon (Scorton)	For a Sick Friend
Wed	27 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Hugh Ferguson (Anniversary)
Thurs	28 th	12 noon (Garstang)	Requiem Mass for Rose Thistlethwaite
Fri	29 th	11.00 am (Garstang)	Requiem Mass for Pearl Pegg
Sat	30 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	William & Ellen Greenall
Sun	1 st Oct.	8.30 am (Scorton)	Helen & Edward Brennan
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Gerald Whittaker

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	27 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Sat	30 th	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service
		10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	24 th	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Tues	26 th	SS Cosmas & Damien (Martyrs)
Wed	27 th	St Vincent de Paul (Priest)
Thurs	28 th	St Wenceslaus (Martyr); SS Lawrence Ruiz & Companions (Martyrs)
Fri	29 th	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL (Archangels)
Sat	30 th	St Jerome
Sun	1 st Oct	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Wed	27 th	7.30 pm (Garstang)	Choir Practice
Fri	29 th	10 am – 12 noon (Garstang)	Macmillan Coffee Morning at 2b Dimples Lane

Last Week’s Attendance:

Sun	17 th	(Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 162	Children: 14	Total: 176
			10.30 am	Adults: 90	Children: 12	Total: 102
		(Scorton)	8.30 am	Total: 55		Total: 278

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,092; Votive Lights: £36; Shop: £20; Bluebell Teas: £100, Home Mission Sunday: £163. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £377.16; Votive lights: £7.70; Home Mission Sunday: £27.46; Catholic Education Service: £8; Holy Souls: £2.50; Piety Stall: £2; CAFOD: £1. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in September at St Thomas’ Church, and in October at Garstang Methodist Church.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	725	Immortal, invisible
Gloria:		
G.A.:	710	
Off:	609	In bread we bring you, Lord
Sanctus:	576	Schubert
Amen:	578	
Com:		
Rec:	788	Praise to the Holiest

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	821	The Kingdom of God
Gloria:	998	Salazar
G.A.:	268	Verse 3
Off:	609	In bread we bring you, Lord
S, M, D:	553, 554, 555	– Celtic
A.D.:	593	Mass of St Jeanne Jugan
Com: 1)	620	Lord, how can I repay
		2)
Rec:	880	Tell out, my soul